

We Are



# Central Baptist Herald

## December, 2018



Christmas Choral Concert  
Plus: A Holiday Sing-Along & Open Reception  
3 PM, Dec. 16th

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion~

6 PM



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

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## Sonny's Sayings...



Our staff has recently been talking with a communications director for another Baptist church. And our conversation told me about a book by Mark McDonald called, *Be Known for Something: Reconnect with Community by Revitalizing Your Church's Reputation*. I have only read the first little bit of the book so far but it has been impressive. McDonald is a Christian who built a career in marketing and public relations as a consultant for corporations. He gave examples like Apple, which is known obviously for the iPhone, Burger King which is known for hamburgers, Chick-fil-A which is known for chicken sandwiches, and many others. McDonald contends that when looking at the lifespan of many corporations, they often get in trouble when the corporation loses sight of what they are known for. Conversely, when they focus on strengthening what they are known for, they regain or increase their market share. In his opinion, which I agree with, many churches have lost their sense of "what they are known for." Or, if it is not lost, it is something that sits way back in their past, during a golden era. To help churches realize this, he asks a series of important questions: What is your church known for now? He does not ask the question what was your church known for, nor does he ask the question, what do you know your church for. He is trying to get people to think beyond the walls of the church, and think about what other people think about the church. Then he goes on to ask other important questions, like: what does your church do that connects what it is known for with the community? And, how much resources does your church currently put into what it is known for as opposed to other things that is not known for?

These are important questions for a church to consider, particularly a church in our situation. Many people around our community would say that our church is known for its involvement in Alcoholics Anonymous and helping families of alcoholics. And we still have several groups that meet in our church facility. But our church's involvement in AA is not nearly as active as it was in the past. McDonald's argument is that a church should be known for something that its church members are not only involved in, not only connected to, but also something that members are informed about and consider an integral part of the practice of their faith.

And so the task of the Church Council, which will be meeting several times over the next few months, will be to help form a plan concerning what Central will be known for—what will excite, interest, and engage our church members. You may have some thoughts about this, and I would encourage you to find a member of the Church Council to share your thoughts. Some guidelines for what this focus area will be are important:

- It needs to be in line with how our church has historically interpreted the Bible.
- It needs to be something that feels natural for our church, almost like it was always present, just under our noses.
- It needs to come with a sense of discernment of the leadership of the Spirit.

The communications person we have been talking with gave an example of a church where she served that had always been known for having a pumpkin patch during

## Praising God!

### Year-to-Date (11/25/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 125

New Members: 10

Total Receipts: \$359,150.95\*

Total Spending: \$394,396.94\*\*

\*\$17,551.81 Interest from Camp Sale IS Included

\*\*\$102,712.96,769.00 spent to date for Hurricane Irma repairs. Source: Flood Insurance

\*\* \$39,613.03 Capital expenses not included in above total. Source: Camp Trust Account

### Special Gifts this Month

#### In Loving Memory of:

**Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi**

**For: Children's Ministries, Youth, MOPS, & Ministries of Central Baptist Church**

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

**Robert Millar**

From: Jim & Todd Smith

**Betty Turner**

From: Harry & Debra Moulis

**Betty Collins & Marvin Powers**

From: Shirley Hess

**Hazelle Fenty, Herman Mounts, Betty Russell,**

**Cody Swartzfager, & Aiden Tozer**

From: Bo & Peggy Lynn Gibson

**Jim Park**

From: Roy Thornley

**Christmas Offering Goal: \$20,000**

### You Can Give Now

Use this QR code to connect to your online bank. Your generosity means that Central can more easily shine a light for Christ in our neighborhood and around the world.



You may also contribute at

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Halloween. They embraced their identity as the pumpkin patch church and began to hold events in the "pumpkin patch." They hosted community movies, barbecue fundraisers, even revivals, all in the pumpkin patch. The things that they did helped to reinforce their pumpkin patch identity.

Central needs something like that. I hope that as we enter this time of discernment about our church's future, you will be praying for the Church Council, and you will be engaged in helping our church to think through these important steps.

Blessings to you; I hope that your advent season is full of anticipation of the coming of God.

*-Sonny*



Advent literally means "coming." During the season of Advent we again, with intention, turn toward Christ, who is coming to live among us. It is a time for remembering our hopes for life as we prepare for the "coming" of Jesus. The first Sunday in December marks the beginning of the Advent season. I'm excited because I love the anticipation part of any special event—sometimes as much as the event itself. Like many of you, I've started the home decorating and shopping. Everywhere pageants and community celebrations—both religious and secular, are being prepared and invitations sent or tickets sold. Dozens of traditions and "rituals" pave the way for the ultimate celebration of the birth of Jesus. Many of us have even included reading our daily selection from special "advent" devotional books as part of our routine.



The trouble is, today we have included lots of things in our seasonal activities that have little, if anything, to do with the true "coming" that Advent heralds. Commercialism and perpetual motion cloud our focus and usurp our time. We worry whether the gift we brought is adequate; we overeat and over spend. So this year, let's challenge each other to use the four weeks of advent to pause and realize again how blessed we are. Let's resolve to love the Christmas we actually have by re-reading the Bible stories ...by listening to each other's revelations and questions about God...by being open to new ways the Spirit may be moving within us, within our church, our faith and our families. Let's try to remember that everyone's life comes with both joy and annoyance, miracles and suffering, successes and failures. May we accept the challenge to hang in there and try again in a different way, sometimes with a new attitude—always with humor and grace.

I pray that this time of waiting for the "coming" of our Lord, will be a time of refreshment for each one—both physically and spiritually. May our presence be life-giving to those around us. I hope to see you in church each week so we can "look forward" together. Loving and caring, Linda

## Advent & Christmas Special Events

**Dec. 2 —Communication Meeting Re: 2019 Church Budget**  
**Dec. 2—Final Day to Donate to Provide Christmas Meals for Needy Families**  
**Dec. 2 —Angel Tree Choices Available**  
**Dec. 6—Prime Timers' Holiday Feast**  
**Dec. 9—Church Conference to Vote on 2019 Church Budget**  
**Dec. 9—Children's Christmas Cookie Bake/Party**  
**Dec. 16 —ALL Angel Tree Gifts due.**  
**Dec. 16—Christmas Musical Celebration/Cantata**  
**Dec. 24—Candlelight Communion Worship**

**Advent 1—Jesus is Coming: Peace**  
**Advent 2—Jesus is Coming: Hope**  
**Advent 3—Jesus is Coming: Joy**  
**Advent 4—Jesus is Coming: Love**  
**Christmas Eve**

## MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Through individual donations, our church is providing a twice monthly activity for mothers and their preschool children. Moms are served breakfast and enjoy a video, conversation and make a craft with other mothers and grandmothers who care about them. Their children are cared for in our church nursery by other MOPS team members.



One of the goals of a MOPS group is to reach out to mothers during a period when it's especially easy to become overwhelmed and isolated. The MOPS team loves these moms and seeks to encourage and affirm them. Pictured above are the moms who attended our most recent gathering. Please pray for these young women, their children and their families. God is blessing the prayers, preparation and persistence of Central's MOPS team!



The Stewardship Committee has set the goal for this year's special Christmas Offering at \$20,000. We will tithe a full 10% of this offering to CBF Global Missions, helping field personnel doing ministry around the world.

The first \$500 collected will be used to help Central Manor residents with their annual Christmas Dinner and any monies received above the \$20,000 goal will be used for ministry to senior adults. The major portion collected will be used to help cover the shortfall for our regular ministries. Your generous support will make a difference in Central's ability to do ministry.



Wednesday Dinner Fellowship



Homebound Ministry

**Regular Sunday Schedule:**  
 9:15 a.m. Faith Discussion Grp.  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
 9:30 a.m. LifeTree Café  
 10:45 a.m. Worship w/ Preschool  
 Nursery Provided

**Regular Tuesday Schedule**  
 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
 1:00 p.m. Women's Book Club  
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge  
 NO ACTIVITIES DEC. 25

**Regular Wednesday Night Schedule**  
 5:45 Family Dinner  
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!, Youth Gathering, Nursery Provided  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice - All Wednesdays  
 NO ACTIVITIES DEC. 26



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Marchman Bldg., Rm. 115</i>  <i>12/2 Sign Here:</i>  <i>12/9 My Son is Gay</i>  <i>12/16 Come Together</i>  <i>12/23 How to Sniff Out a Scam</i>  <i>12/30 Living a Lie</i></p>			<p><i>Family Dinner Menu:</i>  <i>12/5 Baked Ziti, Veggies, Salad, Garlic Bread</i>  <i>12/12 Ham, Baked Beans, Mac &amp; Cheese,</i>  <i>12/19 Lasagna, Baked Veggies</i>  <i>12/26 No Dinner</i>  <i>All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages &amp; Dessert.</i>  <i>Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids &lt;18 Eat FREE</i></p>			<p><b>1</b> Birthdays:        Ruth Bethea        Rebecca Richardson</p>
<p><b>2</b> 12:00 p.m. Communica-        tions Meeting - Budget        Angels available - gifts        needed by 12/17.        3:30 p.m. Bel Canto        Christmas Concert</p>	<p><b>3</b> Birthdays:        Melissa Gallman        John Penny</p>	<p><b>4</b> Birthday:        Danielle Carlson</p>	<p><b>5</b> Birthday:        Emily Burrows</p>	<p><b>6</b> 11:00 a.m. Prime        Timers Holiday Dinner        Adams Hall        Birthdays:        Markus Eldridge        Billie Griffiths        Landon Roessler</p>	<p><b>7</b> Birthdays:        Diane Lauxman        Skylar Weiskittel</p>	<p><b>8</b> Birthday:        Kim Schap</p>
<p><b>9</b> 1:00 p.m.        Cantata Practice        2:00 Children's Christmas        Party/Cookie Bake        Birthday:        David Redman</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.        MOPS-Topic: "Loving        My Actual Christmas"        Birthday:        Ray Smith</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> Birthdays:        John Lannon        Jeff Redfearn</p>	<p><b>13</b> Birthday:        Maxine Sinnett</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Birthdays:        Sabrina Owens</p>
<p><b>16</b> 10:45 a.m. Children's        Christmas Program        3:00 p.m. Community        Christmas Celebration -        Cantata &amp; Party        Birthdays:        Dot Moore        LuEllen Ransbottom        Mike Sapp</p>	<p><b>17</b> Birthdays:        Carolyn Garris        Patty Rippey</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Birthdays:        Art Giles        Shirley West</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b> Birthdays:        Todd Smith</p>	<p><b>24</b> 6:00 p.m. Christmas        Eve Candlelight Service        Birthday: David Smith</p>	<p><b>25</b> Merry Christmas        Christmas Day Holiday        Office Closed        Birthday:        Nick Burrows</p>	<p><b>26</b> Birthdays:        Dorothy Hoehn        Alice Nelson        Jill Richardson</p>	<p><b>27</b> Birthdays:        Emily DeVane        Noah DeVane</p>	<p><b>28</b> Birthdays:        Lucius Cuda        Jeff Murrell</p>	<p><b>29</b> Birthdays:        Alexis Deever</p>
<p><b>30</b>        Birthday:        Paul Jackson</p>	<p><b>31</b> Holiday - Office        Closed        Birthdays:        Dana Compton        Sandy Dunn</p>					





### Angel Tree Mission Project

The annual Angel Tree project benefits preschoolers from needy families at The Chiles Academy Day Care, a charter school for teen mothers, down the street from the church. Angels will be available for your selection in the sanctuary Dec. 2; you may choose an angel and sign the clipboard with your name, phone number

and number of the angel you selected. Wrapped gifts need to be returned to the church for distribution by Dec. 16. Please be sure to attach the angel to the outside of the wrapped package.



Jim capably moderating the annual meeting.

### Annual Ministry Planning (for 2019)

Recently the church gathered to elect 3 new deacons and other church officers. We especially welcome newly ordained deacons Peggy Griffis and Jerry Wolf, as well as previously ordained, but newly elected deacon Jim Shoopman. A complete list of officers and deacons for 2019 can be obtained from the church office.

On Dec. 2, a video presentation at the beginning of worship will help to illustrate the uses of our tithes and offerings. Much gratitude is owed the stewardship committee and June Swartzfager, treasurer, for the many hours of work required to produce the document that will be presented. Also, thanks to Andy Rawls for writing and producing the video, as well as for many of the lovely photos in our monthly newsletters.

The final vote of the 2019 ministry plan (AKA church budget) will be held on Sunday, Dec. 9. The communication meeting after worship on Dec. 2 will be an opportunity for questions and answers regarding this plan.

### Parent-Child Dedication: Family of Everly Mae Dent



### Youth News

Matt Layton and Ron Langley just returned from a Youth leader training event. They reportedly had a great experience of camaraderie and learning. A terrific serendipity was that Ron won a raffle and the prize was an acoustic guitar, which he generously donated to the developing 'Youth Worship Band'! See

Matt or Ron if you, too, have an instrument you might want to give..



### Cristival: The Arts as Worship



Sanctuary Choral Music



Actors



Story-teller



*Central's Servants:*  
Alton Sheffield

## THE THANKFUL DENTIST

By Joan Singley Schrysen



"I've had a good life. I give thanks daily to the Lord for the blessings He's given me." Like a refrain, gratitude permeated my interview with Alton Sheffield, Chair of the Personnel Committee for the past twelve years. It's hard to imagine anyone more involved at Central than Alton, a member since 1978. For three or four years he was Church Treasurer and still does the payroll. He is on the Church Council, a Trustee and sings in the choir. Although currently inactive, he has been a deacon for 40 years.

On alternating Tuesdays, Alton drives the church bus so a dozen or so seniors from Central Manor can shop. He added this task to his other duties after learning the ladies had to pay \$20 to shop via Votran and taxi. He takes them gratis, only asking a dollar towards gas.

Raised on a dairy farm near Panama City, Alton is a twin. Although he can't explain it, from the age of twelve, he knew he wanted to be a dentist. Early in his 45-year career, as the sole dentist in the small town of Bremen, Georgia, Alton tried to meet the townspeople's needs for specialized dentistry. He soon realized the need for additional training. Closing his practice he enrolled in orthodontia school in New Jersey. Following graduation and a few years practicing with another orthodontist, he moved his family to Daytona and opened his own office on South Ridgewood Avenue.

The most rewarding part of his lengthy career: seeing the finished product. Patients would come in with crooked teeth. By the time they finished treatment, their teeth were nice and straight and they had a pretty smile. He still encounters grateful patients from years gone by, now grown up but still with a pretty smile.

Asked about the role of prayer in his life Alton, the thankful dentist, responded quickly, "It's big in my life. I pray when I get up in the morning. I pray when I go to bed. I pray ALL day long. Every morning I just thank the Lord for another day."

Alton and his wife Mary have been married 50 years. They have two children, Glenn and Beth, and four grandchildren.

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**Holiday Feast!- \$5**  
**December 6, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.**  
**Adams Hall**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
**Reserve NOW!**



**"The Shenanigans" Musical Variety Show**  
**Sign-up in Church Office or Call Rosenell (386-253-1369)**  
**Questions? Call Tommie Lou (386-767-0123)**



### Servant Leadership

Ministers..... All Members  
Senior Pastor..... Rev. Sonny Gallman  
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach . . . Rev. Linda Pigott  
Music Leader..... Laurie Moran  
Youth Leader .....Matt Layton  
Organist..... Penny Redfearn  
Pianist.....Meg Pokorny  
Office Manager .....Gwen Bills  
Custodian.....Steve Lauxman

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