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Happy New Year

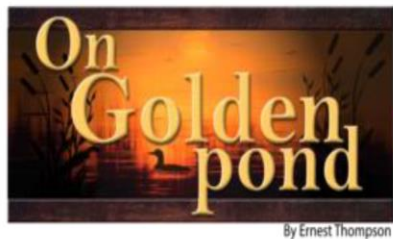


going to Daytona Playhouse

2 P.M. Matinee, Sunday, January 13, *On Golden Pond*

To purchase special discounted tickets (\$17), sign-up and pay cash in church office by Jan 6. Limited seating on church bus which departs from church parking lot at 1:30.

Questions? Call Tommie Lou at 386-767-0123.



By Ernest Thompson

An elderly couple enjoy their cottage on a Maine lake for the summer which involves coming to terms with Norman's advancing age and his ongoing estrangement from his newly engaged daughter. Touching and heartwarming classic....

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Christmas Eve 2018



Sonny's Sayings...

As we sit on the cusp of 2019, I have a feeling that this is going to be an important year for our church. There are struggles that we have to overcome: our budget is very tight this year, the number of volunteers we have is shrinking somewhat (but

we have new faces that are a part of our church, too), and our building is definitely showing its age.

But there are also a number of things for us to think positively about. We continue to have an active involvement in old, regular ministries of Central: Joan Rademacher continues to be a blessing to us in our counseling ministry; our AA groups continue, strong as always; our senior ministry continues to be vibrant and active. But we also have an involvement in new ministries as well. Our MOPS program is doing really well, with several different moms bringing their children for good fellowship and learning, as well as playtime for the kids. Our arts program, Arts Central, is doing marvelous, hosting a play in the fall, and a movie class in the spring. As one church consultant who is familiar with our church told me recently, "this is one of the most active older churches I have seen."

So the challenges are real, but so is the hope. That is why 2019 is going to be critical. After the calendar turns over, the Church Council will be addressing these challenges and these hopes. We will have as our goal for the first few months to hammer out a "stacking pole," or purpose, around which our ministries, decisions, and direction will be stacked.

This stacking pole will hold us accountable to our past and who we have been, but will also make room for who God is calling us to become. And from that stacking pole, we will develop a strategic plan that allows us to address the challenges and opportunities that are before us. Decisions like what to do with our extra space, which ministries to invest in, and ways for us to support what is already working in our church will all be seen in light of this stacking pole.

But two things in addition are attached to establishing this pole. First, having this purpose, this thing we will be 'known for,' will give us a basic measuring stick around which to test whether what we are doing is working or accomplishing what we wanted it to accomplish. Second, having this stacking pole or purpose will give us entrée into telling our story to the community, something we have been lacking for a long time.

Since I have been pastor here at Central, I have known that we have a story to tell, and a story that the rest of the community needs to hear. And I believe that it is a story with a good ending. So I urge you, as you pray for our church in the new year, to say a prayer for our church council as well. I hope that you have a great Christmas and a great New Year. Blessings to all of you.

Sonny

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (12/23/18)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 124

New Members: 11

Total Receipts: \$424,411.58*

Total Spending: \$423,807.80**

*\$17,551.81 from camp sale interest is Included

**\$103,889.38 paid to date for Hurricane

Irma repairs. Source: Flood Insurance

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

Christmas Offering Goal:

\$20,000

Received to date: \$7,677.43

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 www.centralbc.org.



Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Pete Kiefer

From: Thomas & Susana Haire

Anna Lou Bollinger

For the Music Ministry

From: Gary & Helen Broughman

Ricky & Theron Murphy

From: Donna Murphy

Harold Holmes & Joanne & Steve Reynolds

From Mae Holmes

In Honor of:

Burniece Miranda

From: Cacy Capel Miranda

Central Baptist's Faithful Congregation

From: Gwen Bills

MOPS Update

Wow! It's hard to believe we are in the last days of 2018! We'll be ready to kick off the new year with our January 14th meeting with another of the four remaining topics in the series, "Finding Your Wings":

1/14 - "3 A.M. Friends"; 1/28 - "First to Share Loss"; 2/11 - "Coming Clean", and 2/26 - "The Choice to Forgive".

A new series begins in March.

Even though a couple of our "regular" moms had to miss our

last November gathering, we had 4 new moms and 6 mopettes. Enthusiasm remains high. Please continue to pray for this ministry. We are seeing the results of prayers, preparations and publicity. Please continue to help us spread the word.

Blessings for a Happy, Healthy New Year!

- Mary Ellen & The Team



Central Arts Academy Film Course Beginning

Film Techniques and Secrets will be offered by the our Arts Central program beginning January 18 and 19 and running through the last weekend in March. The class will meet Fridays at 4 pm to watch one of 10 classic films, and then resume at 10 am Saturday to explore techniques used in the films regarding dialogue, lighting, camera angles, sound, etc. These techniques will later be used to create short films. Registration is \$75. Instructor: Tyler Tamborino. Call Gary Broughman, 386-690-9295 for more information.

Share the Bounty : Local Missions Success

This is the second year Central has participated in an inter-denominational effort (6 different churches) sponsored by Thrivent Financial and the Jerry Doliner Foundation to provide a bagged Christmas feast for 100 needy families in our community. Darla Petty, our mission team coordinator reported that our congregation contributed over \$950 toward the purchase of turkeys as well as 140 boxes of mac 'n cheese. Volunteers throughout the community helped pack and distribute these meals on Friday before Christmas.

Central's hands-on volunteers reported **extravagant joy** in being a part of this community effort!



Angel Tree for Chiles Academy



The **Chiles Academy**, down the street from our church is a charter school for teen moms. In addition to helping ensure that ALL students are able to finish their education and become productive contributors to our community, this school also provides quality day care for babies and preschoolers.

Once again, our church has devoted our Angel Tree giving to these families with young children who need a hand-UP. Thank you to Jim & Tommie Lou Hitson who coordinated this effort and others who helped prepare the angels and sort and pack the gifts for delivery! Because of this, 50 children received 100 gifts of clothing, shoes and toys their families would have been unable to provide. Thank you, Central family, for doing the loving work of Christ here in our neighborhood!



Annual Church Conference

The Church ministry plan (AKA "the budget") passed at the recent annual church conference. Copies of church financial plans may be obtained from the church office as well as lists of newly elected church officers and deacons. Your prayers and support are sincerely coveted as we embark on a new year and attempt to follow through with the plans that we believe God has for our church in 2019.

Linda's Log...

It is exciting to serve in a faith community like Central where there is much concern for "The" Other as well as "Each" Other. The many community events illustrated in this month's newsletter... ..and these are not, by any means, a full or complete list ..shows the outreach tradition of our church. From a community music celebration to angel trees and secret gifts for needy families, monthly food service at Halifax Urban Ministries, Share the Bounty and other "secret" service provided by our monthly benevolence offering, it is

clear that the LIVING of Christian faith is alive and well!

Please join me in praying that we will continue to listen as God speaks into our midst and that we respond with gracious generosity.

On a personal note, I'd like to publicly thank each of you who have reached out to me, as well as to so many others who might have been "alone" during this season of family celebration. This is another example of loving concern that means so much. Thank you for the privilege of growing alongside you!

Loving and caring, -Linda



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 -
 Restarts January 8
 10:30 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Women's Book Club
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge

Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
 Restarts January 9
 5:45 Family Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study,
 Shine!, Youth Gathering,
 Nursery Provided
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice -
 All Wednesdays

Regular Thursday Schedule
 Restarts January 17
 2:30 p.m. GriefShare

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Marchman Bldg., Rm. 115 1/6 Second Chances 1/13 Does God Have Favorites? 1/20 Kids Without a Country 1/27 Heart to Be Healthy</i>		1 Birthdays: Toni Jordan Lily Richardson	2	3	4 Birthday: Tom McCulley	5 Birthdays: Catherine Bloom Lavelle Dyeus Peggy Griffiths John Moore Camryn Thurman
6	7 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg. Birthday: Dot Williams	8 Birthdays: Ben DeVane Lisa Messersmith	9 Birthday: Ethan Goodwin	10	11 Birthdays: Chip Gallman Ann Jester Larence Meadows	12 Card Making With Diana Allen & Joan Williams Birthday: Tommy Lou Hitson
13 1:30 p.m.- Prime Timers go to "On Golden Pond" Daytona Playhouse	14 9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS Topic: "3 A.M. Friends"	15 Birthday: Harold Byrd	16	17 2:30—Griefshare (Session 1)	18 Birthdays: Dylan Adinolfi Sylvia Meincke 4 P.M.—Central Academy "Film Techniques & Secrets" Begins (& continues thru March)	19 Birthday: Jim Page 10 A.M.—Central Academy "Film Techniques & Secrets"
20	21 Birthday: Elaine Holt	22	23 Birthdays: Peggy Glatt Jon Jackson Carl Vasile	24 Birthdays: Carla Cribbs Gloria Wilson	25	26 8:30-12:00 p.m. Deacons' Training / Retreat
27 Birthday: Amanda Nixon	28 9:30-11:30 a.m. MOPS Topic: "First to Share Loss" Birthday: Javon Moore	29 Birthday: Matthew Glover B.J. Meyer	30 Birthday: Betty Gentry	31 Birthdays: Ruth Esther Compton Andy Rawls		
			Family Dinner Menu: 1/9 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Veggies 1/16 Fried Chicken, Tater Tots, Green Beans 1/23 Lasagna, Veggies, Garlic Toast 1/30 Tacos, Refried Beans All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert. Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults \$7, Kids <18 Eat FREE			



Mercy Manger

Central's Community Christmas Celebration was a joyous choral cantata performed by our worship choir, plus many additional vocalists from other churches and musical groups in the area. A broad range of ages, denominations and faith traditions came together to present *Mercy Manger* on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. The warmth and enthusiasm that Sunday afternoon was exciting and contagious.

You'll want to be involved in Central's future efforts to spread God's light wherever we find ourselves. Downtown Daytona Beach is an area of ripe opportunity for cooperation; we are so



blessed to already have resources available to do ministry in this location. Be alert for ways you can join as our church continues its rich tradition of community outreach and service.



Deacons & Other Groups Light Advent Candles in Worship

The season of Advent and Christmas brings many treasured traditions into our worship at Central—wreaths on the

doors and in the sanctuary, the bisque nativity scene, the beautiful 15- foot Chrismon tree, to name a few. These traditions aren't maintained by staff or a single individual, but by faithful volunteers who showed up on several different days to help decorate the sanctuary and Adams Hall in time for the Hanging of the Greens ceremony and other festivities. This year, our advent candles were lighted each week by a different service group within the church. The paid church staff served on the first Sunday of Advent, followed by deacons on the second Sunday, then the Lifetree Café leadership team



on the third Sunday and the MOPS leadership team on the fourth Sunday of Advent.



Then on Christmas Eve, a child from the church children's department brought forward the flame to light the Christ Candle.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that our rich seasonal traditions continue.



Major Progress by Building & Grounds!

Frustrations related to Hurricane Irma damage and repairs should soon be a memory. Viscomi Construction Company's proposal to complete the remaining work has been accepted by the Building & Grounds Committee and pending Trustees approval and the issuing of building permits, the last phases of work should commence in 2-3 weeks.

The list of completed work on our buildings is extensive. Among the major accomplishments beyond the hurricane damage repairs, is installation of new water fountains, relocating the "flower" room to a downstairs room for greater accessibility and cleaning and clearing vacant rooms in the Marchman Building in readiness for the next use. Extensive work has also been done in the craft room and storage areas in Adams Hall.

Three community organizations related to the arts, Bel Canto Singers, the Daytona Concert Band and Positively Florida Productions, are now regular tenants in the Marchman Building. AA groups, Al-Anon, Emmaus, and Boy Scouts also regularly utilize some of our available space, with at least one additional civic group planning to rent space for monthly board meetings beginning in January.

Even though I am stepping back from my active work on this committee, effective January 1, I plan to continue to assist Gwen and Steve with scheduling outside events and meetings in our buildings.

Central is blessed to have facilities that can be utilized by others. It is great to work with a congregation and church staff who want to serve the neighborhood and outlying community. Be sure to tell neighbors and friends about this availability so that we can honor God by being a helpful positive presence in the Daytona Beach area.

Blessings for a healthy and happy 2019!

-Sylvia & The Building & Grounds Committee

Contemporary Faith Hero: Glenn Hinson

By Andrew B. Rawls

My teacher and friend, Dr. Glenn Hinson, provides one example of what a life lived following Christ can look like. If Baptists had 'saints' I would nominate him. Dr. Hinson writes and lectures in the area of church history and spirituality. His seminars were part of my Ph.D. studies at Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY. He taught at Southern for 30 years and later at many other seminaries around the country.



Knowing the New Testament intimately and reading it fluently in Greek, Dr. Hinson understands its message that Christianity is a way of life, not just a set of beliefs. He believes followers of the Prince of Peace should campaign for peace and justice among peoples, nations and even among religious groups. To this end, he has been involved broadly in peacemaking and the world-wide ecumenical movement.

Hinson also believes in living mindful of the presence of God in everyday life. In the 1960's, early in his teaching career, he developed a friendship with the monk, Thomas Merton, (later regarded as perhaps the most important spiritual thinker of the 20th century). In a period when many were turning to the East for 'enlightenment,' the contact with Merton helped Hinson claim the rich spiritual traditions found in Christianity. He started a class on the Christian devotional classics in which he and his students searched together to deepen their understandings of prayer, meditation and practicing the presence of Christ in their daily lives.

Now in his 80's and largely retired, Dr. Hinson continues to introduce Baptists and all who will listen to the spiritual wisdom found in scripture and the writings of the other 'saints.' I videotaped Dr. Hinson's October 2018 address entitled, "Attentiveness to God in All of Life," which draws upon his years of study and meditation. View it on YouTube <https://youtu.be/SOEyFa7u6Fk>.

Special Thanks to Andy Rawls for volunteering his skills as photographer, videographer and webmaster! Lots of hours and effort throughout the year!

Servant Leadership

Ministers.....	All Members
Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Sonny Gallman
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship/Outreach....	Rev. Linda Pigott
Choir Director.....	Rev. Lee Gallman
Organist.....	Penny Redfearn
Pianist.....	Meg Pokorny
Office Manager.....	Gwen Bills
Custodian.....	Steve Lauxman

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