

Central Baptist Herald February 2019



Sunday, February 24, 2019 12 Noon to 3 P.M.

FEATURING

- All You Can Eat Chili / Soup w/ Trimmings
- Prizes for Best Soup & Best Chili
- 50/50 Profit Sharing Jackpot
- Gift Basket Raffle: Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5
- Whole Pies/ Cakes For Sale
- Live Auction Items:
 - Home Cooked Dinner for 4
 - 2- Hour Yard Clean-up
 - Backwoods Jeep Ride
 - More

BENEFITTING

Mission Camp Scholarships for Children & Youth Summer, 2019



TICKETS

\$5, Advance Purchase \$6. At the Door

How to Enter: No Entry Fee

Submit Application Form by Wed., Feb. 20 Post List of Ingredients (in case of allergies)

Deliver Large Crock Pot of Soup or Chili by 10:45 a.m.

Questions? Call Patty O'Sullivan or Darla Petty

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Sonny's Sayings...

This semester in my doctoral program, I will be taking a course entitled, "Biblical/Theological Foundations for Ministry." I am excited about the class, because it has been many years since I have read something required of me, instead of something that I have

chosen. While I like to read books I choose to read, reading required books forces me to see different sides of an issue and it forces me to think about issues that I might not have thought about, left to my own devices.

During this month of February, I will be talking about a moment in Jesus' ministry where a woman forces Jesus to do this very thing: think about issues he otherwise would not have thought about, and to see a different side of an issue. It is the story of the Syrophoenician woman (Mark 7: 24-30). I don't want to give the sermon away, but I encourage you to read the text.

The essence of the story is that a woman approaches Jesus wanting him to heal her daughter. He has left Judea and the Jews behind for a break, thinking that being away from his people, he will get some time for rejuvenation, but she won't let him. By the end of the story, her faith forces him to admit that the Kingdom (The Way) of God is for everyone, even the Gentiles. And the rest of the gospel is different, from that point forward. Jesus is much more "global" in his thinking. Jesus was rejuvenated, just not how he would have expected it.

I think about this story of Jesus, and the reading I will have to do for my doctoral program, and I wonder if this idea of being forced, or forcing ourselves, to examine a different way, or approach, might teach us a lesson about how we think about church. Church (and faith) in our country is very voluntary. No one is compelled to go to church, nor are they compelled to participate in the church activities or ministries they do not want to participate in. The positive effect of this for us is that what we participate in, we do so because we want to, which gives us energy. The negative effect is that we are never forced to open ourselves up to a different approach or different people that might give us needed wisdom or insight, whether we are talking about worship, biblical interpretation, our spiritual friendships, or any other thing related to the church.

As I have mentioned in our budget discussions, we are at a crossroads as a church, where this very question will be in front of the church. We will be looking at and examining how we do church at Central, and we will be looking at the positives and negatives of different approaches that might give us insight. My prayer is that you will, we will, be open about this process, be prayerful about this process, and be listening for the leadership of God in this process. Blessings to you, and may your February be filled with God's grace and love.

Blessings, Sonny

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (1/27/19)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 110 Total Receipts: \$27,905.45 Total Spending: \$30,197.75

Christmas Giving Goal: \$20,000 Total Received: \$21.168.87

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Jerry & Kermit Coble

From: Anonymous Donor Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For Children & Youth & MOPS Ministries

From: Kevin and Kimberly Leonardi

Bo GibsonP

From: Burniece Miranda J.O.Y. Class

Central Baptist Choir

Ernest Tarpley

From: Lillian Coffey

James & Lisa Watson, Carolyn Schaeffer Burniece Miranda Central Baptist Choir

Jim Murphy

From: Donna Murphy

Jeff Murrell

From: Central Baptist Choir

In Honor of:

Burniece Miranda

From: Randy Miranda

Tommie Lou Hitson's Birthday
From: Bob & Mary Anne Trumbull

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.





Grief recovery support group meets weekly on Thursday afternoons at Central. Call Joyce Page or Joan Williams for information.



Linda's Log...

"Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country."

"The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog."

These two statements may make no sense at all to you, unless you took a typing class. Appar-

ently these sentences were used almost universally because each letter of the alphabet is included; typing them repeatedly helped develop keyboard muscle memory. I'm especially grateful for the lessons I learned in typing class...but I don't just mean the lessons related to the characters on the keyboard. Oddly enough, they were personal character development lessons.

- We had to learn EVERY key, not just the letters we used most frequently like vowels and t's. Typing class began the lesson for me that each part contributes to the whole.
- Actually doing lots of typing was the only way to develop that skill; reading about it and discussing it was not enough. Typing taught me that practice is required to develop ANY new skill.
- Dropping the class was not an option, even though I really struggled during the first couple of months to get my fingers to cooperate. Typing class taught me about perseverance;
- 4. The teacher was unfriendly and unapproachable. Her stern no-nonsense demeanor made it impossible for me to relax. Typing class taught me that I had to find ways to get along with those who are different.

While it's true I've used the keyboarding skill I learned nearly every day since high school, I think the life lessons contributed even more.

ALL God's children matter! Just as in typing class when every

<u>letter</u> was needed, <u>every person</u> is needed to fulfill God's plans for His church, not just the popular folks or the "pretty" and successful people. Jesus came to earth for "whosoever." And it's our responsibility to not only do the tasks set before each of "us," but also to make room for "others" to be used by God as well.

- The daily practice sessions in typing class reminded me that I have to practice my faith by regularly doing overt acts of love and kindness; sitting in worship or Bible study is only the beginning; consistent action is required.
- Typing class taught me that we cannot give up; even if we feel discouraged and unhappy with the day's results, we live to work another day. Jesus sent His disciples (and US!) into all the world to share the Good News (Matthew 28:19-20) and He didn't say we could stop sharing just because it sometimes gets hard or inconvenient.
- Last, typing class began in me the sometimes painful relationship lessons that differences are God-given and should be appreciated rather than allowed to be divisive. We are all more alike than different; that stern unapproachable typing teacher two years later taught me how to organize and edit the school newspaper; she became a fast friend and wise counselor.

Of course, typing was soon dropped from the curriculum because it was assumed that everyone in the digital age could learn the keyboard naturally, without being instructed. And I must admit that even with instruction, I often miss the mark; but I realize more clearly every day that the teachings Jesus set forth are applicable in my daily life (not just topics for discussion) if I am open and willing to learn and grow. It's wonderful to be part of a faith community like Central that encourages and forgives and loves as we try to keep on growing... Blessings, Linda

Valentine's Day Legends

Several sources say that St. Valentine was the name of one or two Christian martyrs. Legends surrounding St. Valentine include a story that he was a priest who while imprisoned signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and healed from blindness.. Another common legend states that he defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. He is often referred to as the patron saint of beekeepers and those afflicted with epilepsy.

In all, there were more than a dozen Valentines, including a Pope, but the History Channel says there is also widespread belief that Geoffrey Chaucer may have actually "invented" Valentine's Day by a reference in one of his poems (circa 1375). In his work "Parliament of Foules," he links a tradition of courtly love with the celebration of St. Valentine's feast day—an association that didn't exist until after his poem received widespread attention. The poem refers to February 14 as the day birds (and humans) come together to find a mate. When Chaucer wrote, "For this was sent on Seynt Valentyne's day / Whan every foul cometh ther to choose his mate," he may have invented the holiday we know today.

Creative Journaling at Central: 4 Mondays in February

This 4-week class, which begins Feb. 4, at 1p.m. in room 4 at the church is a part of Central's Academy of the Arts. Participants will be invited to think "outside the box" while developing a personal journal. It's not

just a writing class! Doodling and other forms of artistic expression will be explored by artist and retired educator, Ruth Bethea, as well. The fee for the class (\$15) is to cover the cost of the consumable materials, a special journal and a set of special personal pens. Research has shown that journaling is a wonderful stress reliever...and those who think they don't like to write or who have been less than successful keeping a journaling discipline, should find this refreshing and affirming. Let Ruth know you'll be there (386-453-3544), so she will have enough supplies on hand.

Monthly Craft Gathering Returns to Central

After a hiatus of several years, Diana Allen has stepped up to lead a group of folks interested in handcrafts. They began last month with a card making activity that was so well-received that this month (Feb. 9) she plans to expand and demonstrate how to make "Florida Scarves!" as well as continue with the card craft. They will gather in room 3 in Adams Hall on the second Saturday each month at 10 a.m. Give Diana a call (386-290-6574) to let her know you'll be there. The fee last month was only \$2 and will be determined based on the project.



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 Regular Wednesday Night Schedule: 5:45 Family Dinner 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shinel, Youth Gathering, Nursery Provided 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Regular Thursday Schedule 2:30 p.m. GriefShare

February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lifetree Café: Sundays . Marchman Bldg., 2/3 What Your Athe 2/10 What Would You 2/17 We're Not Alone 2/24 Why God?	Rm. 115 ist Friend Wants You to Know Do For Love?	w 2/13 Fried C 2/20 Shepher 2/27 Pork Ch All meals inc	er Menu: urger & Tater Tots, Ham & hicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gi d's Pie, Gravy, Peas ops, Mashed Potatoes, Spin lude Salad, Rolls, Beverage s 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids <1	avy, Green Beans ach s & Dessert.	1 Birthday: Leslie Wiggins	2 Birthdays: Nobuko Meadows Penny Redfearn Sheila Watson
3 Birthday: Jordyn Queen	4 Birthdays: Mary C. Smith David Swartzfager 1 pm—Creative Journaling	5 Birthdays: Joanne Penny Danielle Rutter	6 Birthday: Bonnie Tew	7	8 Birthday: Nancy Jones	9 Birthdays: Pope Hamrick Anne Myers Carl Nesbit 10 a.m.—Craft Class
10	11 Birthday: Jan Tesser 9:30—MOPS 1 pm—Creative Journaling	12 Birthdays: Austin Gallman Graham Hunter	13	14 Happy Valentines Day! Birthdays: Margie Dieck Carter Leister Sheridan O'Sullivan	15 Birthday: Matt Layton "Mission Madness" Youth Activity in Jacksonville	16 Birthdays: Myra Wooden Mission Madness" Youth Activity in Jacksonville
17 Birthday: Bill Peebles	18 Birthdays: Betty Day Judy Lamont Lonnita Trip 1 pm—Creative Journaling	19 Birthday: Linda Pigott	20 Birthdays: Hogan MacIntyre Trinity Smith	21 8:30—Prime Timers to Blue Springs & Lunch	22 Birthdays: Michael Inglett William Schapp	23
24 12 noon: Soup 'R Chili Cook-off	25 Birthdays: Melissa Meadows Teri Raser Ann Smith 9:30 — MOPS 1 pm—Creative Journaling	26 Birthdays: Pepe Gibson Sally Seerveld	27	28 Birthday: Ned Myers		



PASSPORT 2019

FEAR LESS

STAY AWAKE STAND FIRM. 88 BRAVE, LOVE ALWAYS.

1 CONSTRUCTOR 14:10.10

Passport Kids Camp @ Stetson, June 12-15

This year's theme is based on 1 Corinthians 16: 13-14. Fearless! Stay Awake. Stand Firm. Be Brave. Love Always. Students in grades 3 through 6 who wish to go to camp need to complete an application and pay \$85 deposit by February 17. The second payment of \$85 will be due March 17th. We are hoping to fund the remainder of the cost of \$325 per person through fundraisers like the Soup 'R Chili Cook-off, as well as individual donations. The full amount must be paid by May 1. Thank you, in advance for your prayerful support and generosity.



Youth to "Mission Madness" This Month

Our youth are planning to attend a weekend mission retreat in Jacksonville on President's Day weekend. They will go on Friday afternoon for a time of worship and fun that evening along with junior and senior high students from around the state. On Saturday morning they will volunteer at various Jacksonville area mission sites followed by some fun and games and worship before heading home that night. Please pray for their safety and for their ever-deepening faith as they serve.

Mothers Of Preschoolers . . . MOPS is growing... The number of moms attending doubled at one of the January meetings! Of course, there are absences and intermittent participation but the preschool years are busy years, full of stress and worry as well as joy and satisfaction. We are so pleased to be able to bless a few moms with a break from child care and a chance to have conversations with adults. One of those recent conversations led to a project that our MOPS moms have started...decorating and filling totes with baby necessities to be given to needy moms! Please continue to pray for these families and their children and also for the faithful leaders who have such generous spirits.

Central's Servants

PEGGY GRIFFIS EXPERIENCED, JOYFUL TREASURER

By Joan Singley Schrysen

"There is a lot of joy in my life," says Peggy Griffis, newly elected Church

Treasurer and Deacon. "I always want to be mindful that joy is a gift from God." Love of family contributes greatly to thisjoy, a love so strong that upon her 2014 retirement in Jackson, Mississippi, Peggy immediately moved back to Florida to be close to family.

For 35 years, Peggy worked as a finance professional in retail. As Director of Accounts Payable for the parent company of Saks Fifth Avenue, she supervised the payment of all bills, from utilities and office supplies to designers and manufacturers. This amounted to about two billion dollars annually. Later she moved into payroll where they paid 11,000 employees in 29 states, a monumental task with all the varying state regulations.

"Being Treasurer at Central is certainly smaller in scope, but the principles are the same," Peggy says. "In the corporate world my job was protecting the assets of the company. I see that as my role here – protecting the contributions that people give to the church. It's my job to see that what we're paying is proper and authorized."

Peggy's unique path to Central began the day she explored her new hometown on her two-wheel scooter. A lifelong Baptist, she had not yet found a church home. "I saw Central Baptist Church and I thought, 'Nice building, nice grounds. Let me look them up on the internet." Visiting the next Sunday she found Sonny's sermon engaging. Carol and Dan Rutter, seated in front of her, welcomed her warmly, both that Sunday and each time she returned.

In December Peggy took Ruth Bethea's painting class where she met Karen LaMotte. Both Karen and Jennifer Goodwin, whom she met later, invited her to their Sunday School class. The class, though small, was also warm and welcoming. "I could just see myself being part of the community," she thought. In January, 2016 she joined Central.

Although slow to get involved, this fall, within a period of two weeks she agreed to be nominated Deacon and Church Treasurer. "I think when people ask you to do something, it's good. I've never regretted saying Yes, but I have regretted times when I said No. You just have to be open to opportunities. I'm just here to learn and serve."

What a blessing for Central when capable members serve joyfully!

PEGGY GRIFFIS' two brothers live on portions of the small family farm in Union County between Jacksonville and Gainesville and her sister lives in Lake City. A second sister is deceased.

Serva	nt Leadership
Ministers	All Members
Senior Pastor	Rev. Sonny Gallman
Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship	Outreach Rev. Linda Pigott
	Rev. Lee Gallman
Organist	Penny Redfearn
Pianist	
Office Manager	Gwen Bills
	Steve Lauxman

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