

We Are



Central Baptist Herald
April, 2019



Celebrate Easter at Central

Holy Week Schedule of Special Events

Palm Sunday...April 14:

9:30 a.m.—Pancake Breakfast for Children &
Families with Crafts & Egg Hunt
—Sunday School

10:45 a.m. —Palm Sunday Worship

Maundy Thursday... April 18*

5:45 p.m.—Family Dinner (Reserve by Tuesday, noon)
6:45 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
(Child Care available for Preschoolers)

Easter Sunday...April 21

9:30 a.m.— Sunday School
10:45 a.m.—Easter Worship Celebration

*Reg. Wednesday Dinner moved to Thursday this week.
No Shine! Or Youth Group This Wednesday.

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Sonny's Sayings...

In the scriptures we read that many who were able traveled to the Temple in Jerusalem for the annual festival of the Passover. The understood purpose of the journey was multi-fold. First, it was for people to be able to draw physically closer to God. While the actual first Passover took place, according to scripture, in Egypt, not Jerusalem, the presence of God (who had orchestrated the escape from Egypt) was understood to reside in the Holy of Holies, a chamber at the heart of the Temple. So to be close to God, to offer up thanksgiving to God, and to worship God, you would go to the Temple if you were able.

Second, the pilgrimage was for people to remember. Each Passover meal, the story of the first Passover was recited at Jewish tables as they ate a meal together. Each element stood for a different part of the story, and what they experienced in slavery and liberation. This telling was not a few verses, or a short summary. It was long, and took up to 3-4 hours. The words to the story were followed by affirmations of God's provision, power, justice and grace.

Third, the pilgrimage was for people to be together. The Passover was not understood as an individual release from captivity. It was something that they experienced together, and so drawing together, as closely as possible, to share in the story, and in drawing closer to the presence of God became a communal event. Sure, people had personal reflections on what the Passover meant to them (Jesus' re-imagining of the symbolic meaning of the food is a good example of this), but those personal experiences were brought out of a communal experience and re-living of the first Passover.

Speaking of journeys, we talk about the Lenten season, which we are in the middle of right now, as a journey to the cross of Jesus. And I encourage you, to keep the same purposes for our journey as the Jews kept for theirs. Our purpose in journeying to the cross should be to draw closer to God. Even though the church building has flaws, its purpose is to provide a real space where the main thing is God. Draw close to God. Another purpose in our journey to the cross should be to remember. We may have heard the story of the crucifixion and the events leading up to it, countless times, but each time we hear it and read it, we affirm that it is, sometimes mysteriously, the centerpiece of our faith and our restoration. And finally, the third purpose in our journey to the cross should be to be together. We might not agree on all things, but by drawing near *together*, and by remembering the story *together*, we are reminded that we are a part of community. And when we recognize *together* that the cross of Christ was for all of us, we realize our need for each other.

I hope that this season of Lent is one that is special for you. I look forward to seeing you on Sundays!

Blessings, Sonny



Praising God!

Year-to-Date (3/24/19)

Avg. Worship Attendance: 113

Total Receipts: \$ 85,295.48

Total Spending: \$105,061.35

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Trevor & Jennifer Leonardi

For: Children, Youth & MOPS Ministries

From: Kevin & Kimberly Leonardi

Bo Gibson

From: Donna Murphy

Ernest Tarpley & Bo Gibson

From: Russell & Mary Lou Barnhart

Don Shaw

From: Berniece Miranda

Clyde Pearson

From: Dan & Carol Rutter

Special Easter Offering Goal:

\$15,000

Specific Envelopes for Easter Offering are available in the pew racks and on foyer tables.

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.



Servant Leadership

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

LINDA'S LOG...

There's a Robert Fulghum book titled, *What On Earth Have I Done?*...remember, he's the one who wrote *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. If you're not familiar with him, this second title may give a clue what a satirical philosopher he is. He makes me chuckle because his comments about life remind me that most of us take ourselves entirely too seriously and yet there's truth to be discovered in the midst of humor. He suggests in *What on Earth Have I Done?* that there are several "Mom" questions that spontaneously spill out of the mouths of moms (and dads, too!): "What on earth have you done?", "What in the name of God are you doing?", "What will you do next?".... Fulghum says if we can look ourselves in the mirror NOW and answer these, then perhaps we can also eventually answer the one REALLY GREAT "Mom" question, "Who do you think you are?"

I've been thinking a lot about his second question, but I'd rearrange the words to "What are you doing in God's name?" It occurs to me that if we are truly trying to live as Christians, then everything we do should be "in God's name." Of course, it's easier to stand back and let others carry the main responsibility, especially in the golden years that have previously been filled with MUCH work and busyness, and particularly when we feel that we've earned some time off. I've even heard a few folks say that church can be a good place to hide out, pretending to ourselves that because the church has accomplished something

that somehow we own it, too, regardless of the fact that our only contribution was a small offering and sitting in the pew a few times a month. However, I'd like to suggest that God still has much for each of us to do, much that he "expects" from us, regardless of our age or stage in life. We continue to bask in His unconditional love, but in order to become and remain the person He designed us to be, I believe He expects us to *forever and always* use our gifts and talents "in His name."

I feel blessed to serve a congregation that affirms the growth and service of all, regardless of age, gender, orientation or national origin. There's a wealth of wisdom and experience here at Central and tasks aplenty for each one to contribute. Our church needs you and if you're not serving, I hope you'll let me know what gifts you have that you'd like to use in God's name. It is a pleasure to help connect folks in God's service.

Many are already serving at maximum level, but we want to be clear that there is always room for and need of everyone's contribution. I'm continually re-discovering and trying to find ways to deepen my life in Christ. I appreciate the Lenten season because it reminds me that I haven't arrived and in fact, I have a painfully long way to go. I'm hoping that you'll join me in this Lenten season of self-examination to more fully affirm and rediscover who we are in Christ. Then maybe we can all more honestly answer that really great "Mom" question: "Who do you think you are?"

Gratefully, Linda



Palm Sunday Pancakes— A Central Tradition?

It may not be "traditional" but for the past several years our children and their families have enjoyed a pancake breakfast during the Sunday School hour, that also includes egg dyeing, crafts and an egg hunt. The children's team has



started planning this already. We hope ALL our children and their families will be here for this fun event at the beginning of Holy Week.

Central "On Mission" for The Chiles Academy"

The Chiles Academy is a charter school on George Engram, just down the street from our church. Their main focus is ensuring that teen moms stay in school and have a better chance to be good parents. To that end, their curriculum is designed primarily to help them keep moving forward, at a very difficult time in life. There is also a day care center on location to care for babies and toddlers.

As a churchwide mission project, we will be collecting baby shower gift items that will be delivered to this school to support and encourage these young parents as they "stay in school" so they will be able to get productive jobs and guide the next generation. If you'd like to participate in this, you may bring any unwrapped (new) baby item beginning on April 28, the Sunday after Easter. We will deliver the items the day after Mother's Day. Thanks for always being a family that takes action to give a hand-up.



"NEW" Mothers Day Activity—Messages About Mom!

This year, instead of buying flowers to give to each woman present on Mothers Day, we have contacted artist, Ruth Bethea and requested a large painting that each of us can write on... It's a chance for us to make and display a huge collage of Messages to or about each of our mothers. We hope to have the canvas ready to start adding our "messages to mom" approximately two weeks prior to Mothers Day. So...please begin thinking about the sentence or brief words you'd like to write about your mother. Sharpies and the canvas will be available in the foyer before and after each worship service between Easter and Mothers' Day. Then, we will display our original Central Mothers' Day Art on May 12th. You might like to photograph it and share it with friends and family on social media or email. It'll be great to see our collective creativity!

April 2019

Regular Sunday Schedule:
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
Begin New Book 4/2
2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge

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

Regular Thursday Schedule
2:30 Grief Share Ends 3/11

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Birthday: Carolyn Schaeffer <i>Last Day to Order Memorial Easter Lily</i>	2	3 Birthday: Marie Davis	4 Birthday: Red McNeil	5	6
7 Birthday: Darla Petty <i>12:00 p.m. BBQ Fundraiser For Youth & Children's Summer Camp</i>	8 Birthday: Aiden Lauxman <i>9:30 a.m. MOPS, Topic: "Raising Boys/Strong Girls" 6:00 p.m. Deacons' Mtg.</i>	9	10 Birthday: Lynn Whitesides	11 Birthday: Marian Monaghan	12 Birthdays: Ken Millar Tim Rutter	13 <i>8:00 a.m. Work Day at Central 10:00 Craft Class</i>
14 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>9:30 a.m. Children & Families Pancake Breakfast W/Crafts & Egg Hunt</i>	15 Birthdays: Kippi Dobbins Pam Inglett <i>5:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grds. Mtg.</i>	16	17 Birthdays: David Carlson Jim Ellinor <i>Family Dinner Moved to Thur THIS Week Only & No Shine or Youth Group</i>	18 <i>5:45 p.m. Family Dinner 6:45 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary</i>	19 Birthday: Joan Williams	20 Birthday: Elizabeth Powers
21 <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Birthdays: Eli Burgess Lisa Burgess</i>	22 Birthday: Bill Avery <i>9:00 a.m. MOPS, Topic: "Raising Compassionate Kids" 5:30 p.m. Church Council</i>	23 Birthdays: Diana Allen	24 Birthday: Mike Smith	25	26 Birthday: Barbara Frase	27 Birthdays: Vann Meadows Flo Mose Heather Rummery Lyle Spoonhunter
28 <i>Begin Collecting Mothers' Day Gifts for Chiles Academy</i>	29	30 Birthdays: Noah Burrows Terri Kendall	31			
<i>Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m., Marchman Bldg., Rm. 115 4/7 Anorexia 4/14 How To Spot a Liar 4/21 Who Was Jesus Really 4/28 The Heroin Addict Next Door</i>		<i>Family Dinner Menu: 4/3 Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Mixed Veggies 4/10 Lasagna, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Toast 4/18—Maundy Thursday Family Dinner 4/24 Beef Tips & Noodles, Roasted Vegetables All meals include Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert. Cost - Seniors 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids <18 Eat FREE</i>		<i>Veggies</i>		



Note: Previously announced Ice Cream Social with Bingo has been re-scheduled to May 2 and the trip to the Marine Science Center at Ponce Inlet will be May 23rd.. See posted flyers for details and sign-up in the church office.

Church Work Day, Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m.

Calling persons able and willing to help! Repairing sprinklers, cleaning gutters and general yard work are the main tasks planned for the work session, but there are many other tasks that need to be accomplished. Anyone who can help will be welcome.

Creative Journaling (aka "Doodling")

was so popular four more sessions were added.



Rummage Sale : May 18, Adams Hall

Anyone with good quality, re-sellable merchandise including furniture, appliances, dishes and other household furnishings, or clothing may donate them to the rummage sale to help fund summer camp experiences for children and youth.



New Book Start—April 2nd

Women's Christian Book Club will begin the study and discussion of Joan Chitister's book, *The Gift of Years*. New participants are always welcomed ... Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in room 4 at the church. Call Alice Glover for more information or to order your book.



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WEDNESDAY



COMMUNITY BARBECUE FUNDRAISER

Benefitting Youth & Children's Summer Camp



Sunday, April 7, Noon
Adams Hall

Tickets on Sale through April 3rd

Rib Dinner—\$12
Pulled Pork Dinner \$10

Dinners include Meat, Cornbread, Slaw,
Baked Beans, Beverage

Florida Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Holding Regional Meetings for ALL Church Members This Spring!

Mark your calendars for this **Saturday, May 11**, CBF event in Deltona. It's a great chance to see and hear how our gifts to CBF missions are making a difference in the world. Its FREE, but we need to **register by May 3rd**.

Let's GO, Central...-Linda



And in Christ you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by God's Spirit. (Eph. 2:22 NIV)

Sharing stories of how individual lives, neighborhoods, villages, and entire nations are being transformed by CBF missions is one of the joys of "being built together" through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship mission work. In 2019, CBF Florida offers four chances to experience what God is doing in the world through CBF missions.

Those living in **east central Florida** will be able to experience this on **Saturday afternoon, May 11, at New Hope Baptist Church in Deltona**. Event hours are 12:00 - 2:30 p.m. and will feature a FREE community lunch, table conversations, and inspirational worship.

Invite a friend - inside or outside your church - who might embrace stories of transformation from the work of CBF missionaries who seek to be the presence of Christ.

This event is free. Childcare is available with advance notice. For more information and/or to register, contact Melissa Rodriguez at the Lakeland office. (863-682-6802) or register online at www.floridacbf.org/events/.

Registration deadline for the community dinner and/or childcare is Friday, May 3, 2019.

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Memorial Easter Lilies

Monday, 4/1 is the last day to order Memorial Easter Lilies to be used to decorate the church sanctuary on Sunday, April 21. Please call the church office to make arrangements. These live plants may be taken home after Easter Worship.



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