

We Are



***The Mercy Manger Choir will
Perform for Assisted Living
Homebound Groups***

Performances of this inspirational music will be held at Riviera, Indigo Manor, Opus Coquina, and Benton House assisted living homes this month, bringing the special musical Christmas message of Christ's birth to folks who would not otherwise be able to enjoy it.

The "Community Christmas Celebration" will be an especially uplifting event, both for folks who were at Central to enjoy the music last year and those who will hear it for the first time on December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

**Community
Christmas
Celebration**

3:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 2019

Public Invited - Free Admission

Open Seating

Ecumenical Christmas Choral Concert

Mercy Manger

By Vader, Rouse & Aspinall

Plus "A Holiday Sing-along"

And

Open Reception Afterward

In

**Church Social Hall
Central Baptist Church
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Central Baptist Herald

December 2019

*Central Unconditionally Welcomes
and Affirms All People to the
Journey of Faith in Jesus*

Advent Devotionals



Each year we have Advent Devotionals available in the Sanctuary foyer for you to take home and use throughout the season.

This year's devotional, beginning on December 1, takes you through the entire Advent season with Scripture readings and meditations on the person, work and

sacrifice of Jesus. The Scripture passages allow you to gain a fuller perspective on God's plan and Jesus presence throughout the Bible.

"25 Days of Advent" by Kenneth Boa with John Allen Turner, who has crafted thoughtful reflections which fit into the Scripture and meditation of the 25 days.

Christmas Eve At Central Baptist

Our Christmas Candlelight Communion service begins at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The choir will be here to share special music. Pastor Sonny will share with us a message of hope for Christmas and the year ahead. Central's youth and others will read Scripture and give heartfelt insight into our observance of Christmas.

Communion will be shared with all believers. Then our deacons will assist in lighting the candles that shine in the sanctuary as carols are sung.



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Sonny's Sayings

This last Monday, I had the pleasure of working with a good group of people to set up the decorations for Advent and Christmas season. We turned on some Christmas music, and started to work. Each person had a job to do, and did it well. For the first time in a long time, I wasn't needed on the ladder to put the big tree up (thanks Laura and Kim)! Some folks came early and fluffed the branches of the Christmas tree, and there were folks to hang the wreaths. Some people arranged the bows that you will see around the sanctuary.

We had people from different generations in community there. There were people that were long time members of Central, and some newer folks as well. And everyone was working with a sense of cooperation, just enjoying life together. It was sacred. As I reflected on what that meant, I was reminded of a chapter in a book I once read. The name of the book was *Practicing Our Faith*, and the title of the chapter was "Singing our Lives," written by Don Salyers. His primary point was that we don't just sing about our faith when we are in church on Sunday, we sing our faith in how we live our lives. His underlying truth was that sacredness occurs in everyday life, as we live our relationships (both old and new), as we spend and don't spend our money, as we watch our time. Sacredness is not just something reserved for Sunday morning or Wednesday night. It is something that permeates our life, and how we understand our life.

So on Monday, as I looked around the room, and people who I don't normally see together talked and chatted, and as I watched old friends chit chat, and as I watched people across generations work together, I was reminded of why Christmas and Advent are so special. This is the time when spiritually, we celebrate the relationship we have with the holy spirit that God would love us so much to become flesh and dwell among us. And this is the time when our sense of connectedness to each other grows as well. We throw parties, we give gifts, we hug a little easier. Perhaps those two happening at the same time—our appreciation for God's gift of presence and our closer ties to each other—are not coincidental...I hope you have a great Advent season.

Blessings, Sonny

Praising God!

Year-to-Date (11/17/19)

Avg. Worship Attendance:
Total Receipts: \$390,553.70
Total Spending: \$602,072.45*,**

*Includes \$114,338.46 paid from hurricane insurance

**Includes \$94,623.00 paid for air conditioning repairs

Special Gifts this Month

In Loving Memory of:

Robert Millar

From: Jim and Todd Smith

Harold Holmes

From: Mae Holmes

Russell Barnhart

From: Mary Lou Barnhart

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.



Annual Church Conference

On November 17 church members voted in the affirmative on the Church Officers, Committees & Team Leaders for 2020.

Newly elected deacons are Gary Broughman and Chip Gallman. Marty Petty and Mike O'Sullivan agreed to remain members of the deacon body for one more year. Both would have rotated off the group, as will Priscilla Warner.

The proposed church budget has also received positive votes.

Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, and Stewardship Committee for their hard work and dedication in preparing the items for our vote.



Parent/Child Dedication

On November 3, baby Selah and her brother Scotty Bugno were brought by their parents Kyle Bugno and Brittany Chenney to be dedicated to God at Central.

The whole family was in church to enjoy this occasion. Kyle is Joan and Dan Williams' grandson. Brittany's Mother as well as Joan and Dan's daughter & son-in-law were here to share in this special occasion.



Showing God's Love

The first and second weeks of every month, Pastor Sonny and a group of volunteers, take communion to Indigo Manor and Riviera Assisted Living homes.

Roger, a resident of Riviera, made this church replica for the table on which the communion service is presented. He used wood, coffee stirrers, popsicle sticks and match sticks. He dipped some popsicle sticks in glitter to look like stained glass windows.

As another part of our outreach this December, Central's Community Choir will perform the Mercy Manger Cantata, Dec. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at Riviera, Dec. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Indigo Manor, Dec. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at Opus Coquina Center, Dec. 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, and Dec 22 at 2:00 p.m. at Benton House of Port Orange.



December 2019

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 Christian
 Book Club 12/3 & 12/10
 2:30 p.m. Beginning Bridge
 12/3, 12/10, 12/17

Regular Wednesday Night Schedule:
 4:30 p.m. Choir Practice
 5:45 p.m. Family Dinner
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Shine!,
 Youth, Nursery Provided
 No Church Activity 12/25

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Birthdays: Ruth Bethea Rebecca Richardson Angel Tree Names Available 2:30 p.m. Mercy Manger Performed @ Riviera	2 9:00 a.m. Decorate Adams Hall for Christmas 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Mtg.	3 Birthdays: Melissa Gallman John Penny	4 Birthday: Danielle Carlson 10:30 a.m. Mercy Manger Performed @ Indigo Manor	5 Birthday: Emily Burrows Prime Timers go to The Holy Land Experience, Orlando	6 Birthdays: Markus Eldredge Billie Griffiths Landen Roessler	7 Birthday: Diane Lauxman
8 Birthday: Kim Schap 2:30 p.m. Mercy Manger Performed @ Opus Coquina 3:30 p.m. Bel Canto Concert @ Central	9 9:30 MOPS, Rm. 20 & Nursery 5:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grounds Mtg.	10 Birthday: Ray Smith	11 Birthday: Bryan Orzel	12 Birthdays: Lindsay Albert John Lannon Jeff Redfearn 10:00 a.m. Prime Timers Christmas Lunch Cost: \$5 Shenanigans Entertain	13 Birthday: Maxine Simnett	14 10:00 a.m. Craft Class
15 Birthdays: Sabrina Owens Shelly Owens Robert Padgett Angel Tree - last day to Bring Gifts 3:00 p.m. Community Christmas Celebration	16 Birthdays: Dot Moore LuEllen Ransbottom Michael Sapp 5:30 p.m. Church Council 7:00 p.m. Winter Concert Seabreeze High School	17 Birthday: Patty Rippey	18	19 Birthdays: Art Giles Shirley West	20	21
22 2:00 p.m. Mercy Manger Performed @ Benton House Assisted Living	23 Birthdays: Todd Smith Robert S. Millar	24 Birthday: David Smith 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion	25 Birthday: Nick Burrows Merry Christmas Church Office Closed	26 Birthdays: Dorothy Hoehn Alice Nelson Jill Richardson	27 Birthdays: Nathan Campbell Emily DeVane Noah DeVane	28 Birthdays: Lucius Cuda Jeff Murrell
29 Birthday: Alexis Deever	30 Birthday: Paul Jackson New Years Holiday Church Office Closed	31 Birthdays: Dana Compton Sandy Dunn New Years Holiday Church Office Closed	Lifetree Café: Sundays 9:30 a.m.-11:15 Marchman Bldg., Rm. 115 12/1 Angels Among us 12/8 Stuck in a Rut? 12/15 Conquering Conflict 12/22 The Spirit of Santa 12/28 Why God?		December Dinner Menu: 12/4 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Mixed Veggies, Garlic Bread 12/11 Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Veggies 12/18 Beef Tips, Noodles, Green Beans, Rolls Unless otherwise stated all meals contain salad, rolls, beverages, & desserts. Cost - 65+: \$5, Adults: \$7, Kids under age 18 eat FREE	

Children In Worship

Every Sunday morning the children and youth of Central Baptist are part of the worship service. The youth have been assisting as greeters to folks as they enter the church. They also help Matt Layton ensure that power points are shown correctly to the congregation during hymns and praise music.

A child lights the candle (Landon Layton at right), Nick Williams reads scripture (below right), and the Children's focus (led by Jeanne Ballve` (below) is a sharing of the scriptural topic for the Sunday sermon in a manner they can understand.

The faces who serve will change every Sunday so that each individual child and youth may be welcomed as a participant in the worship service.

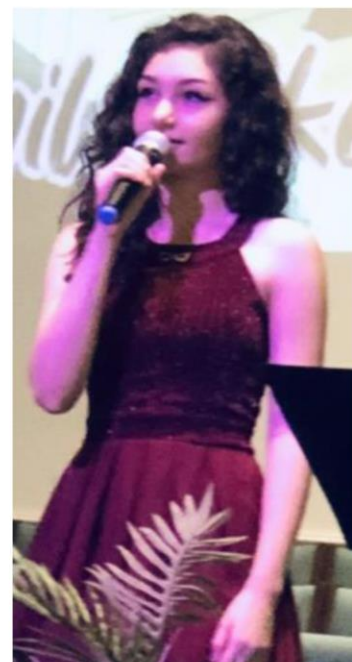


CHRISTIVAL

Christ in the Arts at Central was celebrated with many works of art displayed on easels throughout the month and Sunday musical presentations.

Emily O'Keefe (photo right) sang "New Wine" on Nov. 17. Laura Cason (left) played the "Debussy Prelude" on Nov. 24.

On Nov. 10 Helen Cummins Broughman & Rose Van Der Berg presented "The Art of Mediocrity."





From the entire Youth Ministry: THANK YOU!! We are all so grateful for the contributions made at the Potato Bar Fund-raiser! These proceeds will go directly to helping our students attend two events this coming February! On Feb. 14th and 15th, the high school students will attend "The Lift Tour" in Orlando. The goal is to create an environment where every student will develop a clear vision for their life. There will be four gospel-centered messages that will inspire students to be the best version of themselves. Middle school students will attend "The Believe Tour," Feb. 28-29, with similar profound learning messages.

Each event has the respective topics that are geared to the age range of the students attending. Both have the best speakers in youth ministry, as well as some absolutely phenomenal worship. We are all beyond excited for the events, and again, we all thank you for the support you give to help the students experience God at these events. Matt Layton



Helen Cummins Broughman

Christmas & Advent Preparations in The Sanctuary At Central Baptist Church

Yes, that's Sonny on the ladder, though many Central folks helped make the day fun and the church beautiful. Come join us now during our celebration of Christ's birth.

Servant Leadership

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

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December 4th - 7:30 p.m.
DSC Gift to the Community - Holiday Showcase
Free tickets will be available November 11
While They Last

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December 5th  
The Holy Land Experience - join us for a special  
Prime Timers Biblical church journey (bus cost \$69)  
Call Tommie Lou Hitson 386-767-0123

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December 12 at 10 a.m.
Prime Timers Christmas Party, always a favorite featuring the retired educator follies group, The Shenanigans. Be sure to sign up for this special Christmas time event. Cost \$5.

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