

# THE HERALD



## Summer is Here

Can you believe that the first official day of summer happened on June 21?! For those of us here in Florida, we would say it happened **a lot sooner than that** but all the same, Summer is Here and with that comes special camps and events here at the church.

Our Youth left on Monday, June 26 for a week-long camp in Marianna, Fl called Realife Blue Springs.

Our Children will be leaving for Passport Kids Camp, July 10 - 13 and then a few weeks later will be Performing Arts Camp, July 23 - 27.

While Youth and Kids camp registration has closed, Performing Arts Camp registration is still open! If you know a youngster, grades 1st - 8th be sure to let them know about this exciting and fun camp! Registration forms are available at the church. Please call the office for more information.



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## A look at our finances

Year to Date

Receipts Received: \$175,239.98

Receipts Spent: \$184,294.99

You can donate to Central by visiting, [www.centralbc.org](http://www.centralbc.org) and clicking on the [give now](#) link or by scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera.



## Gifts to Central

In Memory of:

**B. F. Lockaby &  
Joe Pigott**

**From: Linda Pigott**

In Honor of:

**Joan Rademacher**

**From: Kerry Roberts**

*Because I have been given  
much, I too, must give;  
Because of Thy great bounty,  
Lord, Each day I live, I shall  
divide my gifts from Thee  
With every brother that I see  
Who has the need of help  
from me.*



## Sonny's Sayings

So here we are in the last week of June, and it is as hot as a furnace outside! I got out of the car this afternoon and started to sweat just walking from my car to the office. I couldn't wait to get inside to the cool air of the office. I was outside for maybe 30 seconds, and I was already uncomfortable. That started me thinking about Carson playing tackle football in 2021. The practices started in August. Each night for 3 weeks, they practiced at 6:00 at the middle school near us and would finish at 8:00. That was the definition of hot. The track that surrounded the field was so hot, you didn't dare to walk on it barefoot.

The rules of "Pop Warner" football (little league football) require that, for the first two weeks, players are not allowed to wear equipment, in order to acclimate to the heat. They were very good at providing extra water for the kids, and took good care of them, which was reassuring. I was, of course, worried about Carson being in the heat like that, and sure enough, the first couple of days, he was completely red-faced and drained of energy, and went to sleep not long after practice. But eventually, he did acclimate to the weather, and did just fine throughout the season.

As I was reminded of Carson's football season, I thought about

how Christian faith often calls us to be "in the heat," i.e., situations or people that make us uncomfortable. Maybe it is someone with a different worldview or different appearance. We know that the biblical command is to love, forgive, and be hospitable, but being around them, or helping them, or being kind and loving to them makes us uncomfortable, so we look for the nearest air conditioner to get us out of that discomfort. It is true that there are times that escaping to what is safer is needed.

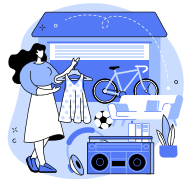
But it is also true that sometimes we need to "acclimate" to the discomfort, kind of like Carson acclimated to the heat of football practice. This is what Jesus did consistently with the disciples. He himself touched the untouchable and ate with the "sinners and prostitutes." But he did so in the presence of the disciples, so that they could see just what he meant by "the least of these" (Matthew 25). He acclimated the disciples to the kind of work, often uncomfortable, they would be doing in Acts. And maybe God is calling us, individually and as a church, to that acclimation process.

I hope that this next month you are cool where you need to be cool, and that you will be courageous to be at work, "in the heat," where the Spirit leads.

Blessings, Sonny

# Announcements and Special Events

## Church Rummage Sale

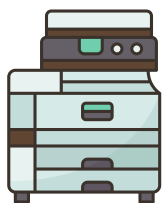
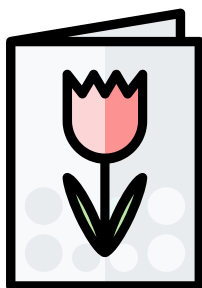


After the success of our May and June rummage sales, we've decided to make them a monthly occurrence.

Our next sale is scheduled for July 14 & 15 from 9am - 4pm.

## Contact the Homebound

With the growing number of our Central family who are in nursing homes or homebound, we'd like to encourage you to reach out and make contact with these folks by telephone or by sending an encouraging note or card to let them know that they are loved and not forgotten. For a list of names, please call the church office.



## Copier Fund Drive

As the lease agreement is ending for the church copier, Mike Flenniken, Sonny and BJ have begun searching for a replacement. They found an

excellent new machine with a new vendor that is located near our church.

Further savings can be had by purchasing this machine outright for \$9,000 instead of the traditional 5 year lease agreement and, thanks to a generous matching grant, any gift you make toward the copier will be matched, thus allowing your gift to be further multiplied.

We hope that you will consider donating to the copier fund. Please be sure to specify on your gift **Copier**.

## Noah's Ark - It's a BIG, BIG boat!

Performing Arts Camp is only a few weeks away! The camp is open to all children from grades 1st - 8th. The schedule is as follows:



**July 23**      **2pm - 5pm**  
**July 24 - 27**      **9am - 2pm**

With a special performance on July 27, 7pm here at Central.

Cost is \$50.00 per child and registration forms are available in the church office.

Hope to see you there!!



## CBF Drive

As many of you know, in order to balance the 2023 church budget, Central decided to temporarily suspend giving to CBF due to Headstart moving out, except for Christmas and Easter Offerings.

At the June Deacon's meeting, a discussion was had regarding sending some money to CBF.

The Deacons have decided to have a special offering for CBF during the month of August. This will be similar to the Christmas and Easter offerings in that gifts made to the CBF offering should be in addition to and above your normal tithe to the church.

If you wish to donate, please specify **CBF** on your gift.

*"Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days." Psalm 90:14*





# Craft Class Fun!

In preparation for the fourth of July, the craft class made decorative patriotic crafts. This group always has a lot of fun and meets on the 1st Thursday of every month at 10am over at Central Manor. Diana Allen and Joan Williams lead the group and would love to have more individuals join them - no experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and have fun. To learn more, please call the church office.



## Ministry Planning Team Update

You may recall from one of Sonny's previous articles that a Ministry Planning Team was going to be formed to discuss and help the church grow numerically, spiritually, financially, as well as other ways.

Since that point, this group has met 6-7 times over the last two months and has had very meaningful and productive conversations in which they have discussions around the following areas: Vision, Worship, Mission and Ministry.

For those who have been in attendance or watched the services online, you've probably already noticed some of the worship changes, including reducing the seating so that everyone is closer together, which creates a deeper sense of community as well as a fuller sound for congregational singing. We've also changed our selection of songs that we sing so that all of the music is more familiar for the time being and developed a methodical method for introducing new music to the congregation.

A town hall was hosted on Sunday, June 25 following worship and can be viewed on the church's YouTube page by searching for **Central Baptist Church Daytona Beach** and then clicking on the **Town Hall** video. Sonny has also put together an excellent document with a more thorough summary which is available in the church office upon request.

## Meyer's Musings

I've probably mentioned this before but one of my favorite things to do is blog.



Blogging for those who may not be up on tech lingo is basically a diary webpage written in a very information conversational style - not unlike *Meyer's Musings*.

One of my recent blog posts was called "Embrace the Trials and Struggles," in it, I precede to describe some of the challenges that Amy and I have been experiencing related to Alyssa's anxiety and how that anxiety sometimes manifests itself. How to recognize if she's experiencing anxiety or if it's just trying to get out of a non-preferred task and if it's that, setting appropriate boundaries so that she understands that sometimes, we all have to do things that we don't want to do.

It's a challenge because, up until this point, we've not experienced this with either child, so in many ways we are in uncharted waters.

The natural tendency when we experience an undesirable season is to pray really hard and wish for the season to pass so that we can get back to happiness and sunshine, but as I thought about one of my favorite songs by Sixpence None the Richer, I began to think differently about this phenomena. One of my favorite songs from this group is called "Tension is a Passing Note."

*"But tension is to be loved, when it is like a passing note, to a beautiful, beautiful chord."*

In this song, the writer uses the music as well as the text to describe life's challenges as tension and goes on to say, "but tension is to be loved, when it is like a passing note, to a beautiful, beautiful chord."

See in music, tension notes are the notes that create interest along the way to that beautiful ending chord or phrase. Much like music, life is full of weaving and sometimes you think that life or a chord will lead *here*, but instead it leads *there* and you might then be on a different path than expected.

More often than not, tension makes that beautiful chord much more beautiful.

In the same way, God doesn't promise us a rosy path but does promise to guide us and be with us every step of the way, even when it doesn't make sense.

And with God guiding us, we can be assured that the ending will be a beautiful chord.

...hmm, I think I might have a basis for my next sermon.

Blessings to you,  
BJ

If you enjoyed this *musings*, check out my blog where you read posts and thoughts like these, head over to

[beejmeyer.wordpress.com](http://beejmeyer.wordpress.com)

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*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you"*  
*Deuteronomy 31:6*

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will so be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

What's Happening at Central?  
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July 4	Church Office Closed
July 6 @ 10am	Craft Class
July 10-13	Passport Kids Camp
July 13 @ 10am	Food Pantry
July 14 & 15 @ 9am	Rummage Sale
July 23-27	Performing Arts Camp
July 27 @ 7pm	Performance of PAC

Weekly Events

Sundays

- Sunday School at 9:30am
- Sunday Worship at 11:00am
- Youth at 5:00pm

Tuesdays

- Bible Study via Zoom at 10:30am
- Meeting ID: 3262313643
- Password: 882551

Wednesday

- Lunch with the Pastor at 12:15pm
- Connections at 5:15pm

Have a story or some  
interesting information  
to share in the  
newsletter? Send us an  
email at  
Secretary@centralbc.org

Servant Leadership

Ministers.....	All Members
Senior Pastor.....	Dr. Sonny Gallman
Music Leader.....	Laurie Moran
Minister of Senior Adults.....	Rev. BJ Meyer
Office Manager & Organist.....	Rev. BJ Meyer
Pianist.....	Meg Pokorny
Custodian.....	Steve Lauxman