

April Volunteers

Early Service Prayers

5 Carol Cason
12 Skip Thomas
19 Julie Lanard
26 Gina Lonnee

Late Service Lay Leaders

Melody Cartledge
Howard Guest III
Duncan McGilvray
Kandy Duke

Elders of the Week

Howard Guest III, Paige Cummings
Lynn Bloodworth, Carl Cartledge
Louie Boyd, Sarah Fox
Alan Coleman, Cathy Norman

Prayer of Invocation

Howard Guest III
Lynn Bloodworth
Louie Boyd
Cathy Norman

Traditional Service Ushers

5 Kenneth & Christa Bailey, Xandra Baxter, Louie Boyd
12 Lewis & Diane Hudgins, Laddie & Sarah Scott,
19 Xandra Baxter, Mac Fite, Lance & Laura Patterson
26 Wes & Regina Clonts, Paige Cummings, Mike Swanson

Nursery

Robin Davis
Mari Coleman
Amanda Kirk
Eva Nelson

Gathering Hosts

5 Tom & Deb Williams
12 Henry & Cathy Norman
19 Keith & Stacey McDonough
26 Richard & Lynn Bloodworth

Duncan & Margaret McGilvray
Daryl & Ginny Moody
Mike & Eva Nelson
Scott & Beth Norris

Wee Kidz Helper

Mary Stuart Thomas
Anna Grace Fletcher
Brett Patterson
Jennifer Dorfman

Communion Servers

Early: Paige Cummings
Late: Lynn Bloodworth, Louie Boyd,
Carl Cartledge, Randy Elmore,
Jo Carol Nessel-Sale

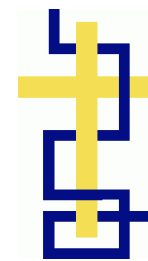
Chancel Flowers

Palm Sunday Palms
Easter Lilies

April Calendar

Wednesday	1	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	1	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	3	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Friday	3	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	5	Palm Sunday w/ Children's Procession of the Palms @ both services
Sunday	5	CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100
Monday	6	Contemporary Team Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.— Church Office
Monday	6	NAMI Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.— Room 106
Tuesday	7	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	8	Last Supper rehearsal @ 7:00 p.m.— Sanctuary
Thursday	9	Athens Newcomer's Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	9	Maundy Thursday Communion Service @ 7:00 p.m.— Sanctuary
Friday	10	Community Presbyterian Good Friday Service @ 7:00 p.m.— Friendship Presby. Ch.
Saturday	11	Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic @ 4:00 p.m.— Church Lawn
Sunday	12	Children's Flowering of the Cross @ 9:40 a.m.— Children's Wing
Sunday	12	Easter & One Great Hour of Sharing Offering @ both services
Sunday	12	CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100
Monday	13	Presbyterian Women Circles @ 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	14	University Women's Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Old Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	14	Men of the Church Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	14	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	14	CASA Meeting @ 5:30—730 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	15	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	15	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	15	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	16	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Thursday	16	DAR Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Friday	17	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Sunday	19	CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100
Tuesday	21	The ARK Luncheon @ 11:30 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	21	Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Old Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	21	Athens/Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Saturday	25	Red Hat Party @ 1:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	26	CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100
Sunday	26	Family Night Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	28	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	29	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	29	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	30	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218

SUNDAYS	
Contemporary Worship	8:40 a.m.
Sunday School	9:40 a.m.
Traditional Worship	11:00 a.m.
Nursery	8:40 a.m. - noon
Gathering	10:40 a.m.
WEDNESDAYS	
Dinner	5:45-6:30 p.m.
Kidz Club & Preteen Xtreme	6:15 p.m.
Middlers Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group	6:30 p.m.
Adult Studies	6:30 p.m.
MUSIC SCHEDULE	
Praise Team	Tue @ 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir	Wed @ 7:30p.m.
HandBell Choir	Tue @ 12:30 p.m.
	Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
Children's Choir	Sun @ 9:40 a.m.



CENTRAL SCENES

April 2009

The monthly newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA

Special Interest

- **Palm Sunday**
Sunday, Apr. 5
- **Communion**
Sunday, Apr. 5
- **Maundy Thursday**
Thursday, Apr. 9
- **Good Friday**
Friday, Apr. 10
- **Easter Sunday**
Sunday, Apr. 12



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Easter at Central



Palm Sunday Services	April 5	8:40 & 11 AM
Procession of the Palms—children gather before each service		
Maundy Thursday Service	April 9	7:00 PM
Enactment of the Last Supper based on DaVinci's painting Communion served by Intinction		
Community Presbyterian Good Friday Service	April 10	
Friendship Presbyterian Church 7:00 PM		
Easter Egg Hunt & Picnic	April 11	4:00 PM
Games, prizes, egg dying, egg hunt on the Church Lawn		
Easter Sunday Services	April 12	8:40 & 11 AM
Flowering of the Cross by the children 9:40 AM		
Chancel Choir Easter Music 11:00 AM		

Member News

Happy Birthday

1 st	Eric Anderson
2 nd	Bob Bohler, Jr. Billie Boswell
3 rd	Dale Autry
7 th	Tom Berry John Pritchett
8 th	Marvin Pettyjohn
10 th	Allen Lupton
16 th	Michael Pinkerton
19 th	Deborah Urich
23 rd	Steve Shepstone Joseph Whieldon IV
24 th	Emma Pettyjohn Lewis Hudgins
25 th	Kelsy McDonough
26 th	Matt Peterson Sarah Scott
27 th	Hayden Amouroux Melody Cartledge
28 th	Michelle Fletcher
29 th	Christa Bailey
30 th	Dollie Daniels Howard Guest III

"We are members
one of another."

Ephesians 4:25

Randy & Martha Elmore are proud grandparents of a baby girl, Katherine Fox Elmore, born March 19.

We welcome our new members, Lawton & Beth Stewart, who joined us March 29, 2009. They have 3 children—Thomas (3½), Blakely (2), and Clark (2 months). Lawton is a professor at UGA and Beth is a speech therapist.
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From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

Why does Easter matter? The answer is that God could have done things any way he wished. God could have arranged our salvation in a variety of ways. In a basic sense, the resurrection matters because God chose to do things that way. One can conceive that the atonement might have been effective without the resurrection. But that is not the way it happened. God chose to make both the crucifixion and the resurrection a part of the action that would achieve our salvation. We can be sure that God's wisdom is greater than ours.

What does the resurrection do for us? It is the final confirmation of the claims of Jesus. It is the final bit of evidence that he was not a mere mortal. Jesus' life was truly exemplary. He backs up his claim to divinity with displays of power over nature, diseases, and even death. But the resurrection provides one final exclamation point to Jesus' life. Especially for those of us who did not experience Jesus in person, the resurrection makes the reality of his claim clear. Jesus was not only human. He was also the Son of God.

The resurrection also makes explicit the promise of eternal life. The Old Testament hints at the hope of eternal life. But Jesus makes the hope explicit. It is found in his words throughout the gospels. One example is, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him would not perish, but have eternal life." But the New Testament gives us more than just words. It gives us a sign of the truth of this promise. It is the resurrection of Jesus. Because Jesus rose, we know that resurrection is really possible. We know the resurrection is true because it has already begun in Christ.

There is one other thing the resurrection does for us. It leaves us with a sense of hope. If the culmination of our salvation had been the crucifixion, it would probably have left us depressed. But God chose not to leave us there. Instead the resurrection is the final part to our salvation. And it leaves us with great hope. That is important. In a world that can be so full of problems and despair, God has left us with anticipation. We can face the world with joy, in spite of its challenges.

How wise God is! He has given us the resurrection of Christ to celebrate and remember. It is the promise of our own resurrection and our hope for the future. May this Easter fill us with fresh enthusiasm for the good news of Jesus Christ. May the hope of Easter give us joy in the midst of all our challenges.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Bohler

Youth News

Special & Important Parents' Meeting—Sunday, April 26, 12:15 – 1:15pm, Old Fellowship Hall - Light lunch served. As we continue to grow and improve, we're planning changes and upcoming opportunities for our students. Join us for a very important parents meeting for all **current 6th – 11th grade youth parents**. Students are welcome. Donations accepted for lunch. Please let Deb Trimpe (debtrimpe@bellsouth.net) know the number attending from your family by Wednesday, April 22 for lunch planning purposes.

Upcoming Youth Dates – Please Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, May 3 – 11:00 am	Graduation Sunday @ worship service
Sunday, May 3 – 12:15 pm	Rising 5 th grade parents meeting
Sunday, May 17	Deadline for early bird registration for DeSoto Caverns trip
Saturday, June 6	High schoolers leave for Montreat Youth Conference
Sunday, June 7 – 12:15 pm	5 th grade promotion (and party) into Youth Ministry
Sunday, June 28/Monday, June 29	Middlers trip to DeSoto Caverns, Childersburg, AL
Friday, July 24	Tubing & BBQ in Helen/Lake Burton with the Bohlers

Gathering

Kidz Club BARF Nite (Bring a Real Friend) is Wednesday, April 1. Theme: Wacky Socks!

Youth—Friday, April 3 at the Gwinnett Gladiators Hockey Game!! Cost is \$10 + money for dinner. Van leaves the church at 5:00 pm and returns at 11:00 pm. Friends are welcome! Please let Deb Trimpe know you're coming no later than Wednesday, April 1. 706-549-9284 or debtrimpe@bellsouth.net.

Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 11 from 4-6 pm. Picnic, egg dyeing, egg hunt, games & prizes—for all ages. Call Kim Bohler 770-725-5197.

Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monday, April 13 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in Room 218. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

Cruisers Lunch is Tuesday, April 21 at 12 pm in old Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$6. Program: "Is Your House In Order?" - an explanation of the documents we need to have in case of death or emergency. Plan to join us for fun, food, and fellowship. RSVP 706-549-9284.

Family Night Supper is Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. No need to RSVP - just bring a covered dish to share! Call Regina Clonts 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman 706-543-8902 for information.

The Knitting Group meets every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in Room 218. Call Jill Clement 706-548-1232.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner is 5:45 - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, family maximum \$15, and to-go boxes \$4. There will not be a meal on April 8 - Holy Week.

The Bridge Club meets every Thursday at 1:30 pm in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook 706-549-9161. No games on April 9, Maundy Thursday.

VBS 2009 will be June 1 - 5. Save the date and get ready to have some fun on "Crocodile Dock." Volunteers always needed. Visit the registration table in the Gathering area or go online to www.athenscentralpres.org.

NOTICE - During Holy Week (April 5 - 12) there will be no Bible Study classes, Wednesday night programs, and Bridge Club.

Growing

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am

KIDZ ROCK	
3 yrs.-PreK	Room 200
K-1 st grade	Room 201
2 nd -3 rd grade	Room 202
PRETEEN XTREME	
4 th -5 th grade	Room 207
JUST4YOUTH <i>OT Characters & Character</i>	
Middlers (6 th -8 th grade)	Room 106
Sr. High (9 th -12 th grade)	Room 105
ADULTS	
The Bible Adventures Class	Room 100
<i>The Book of Acts</i>	
The Discovery Class	Room 211
<i>The Life You've Always Wanted</i>	
The Friendship Class	Room 216
<i>Can We Trust the Gospels?</i>	
The Road Less Travelled Class	Room 218
<i>Views Along the Road</i>	
The Simply Christian Class	Room 208
<i>Sermon on the Mount</i>	
The Sola Scripture Class	McDonald Parlor
<i>The Book of Ezra</i>	

WEDNESDAYS — April 1-May 13

KIDZ CLUB @ 6:15pm	
PRETEEN XTREME @ 6:15pm	Room 207
JUST4YOUTH @ 6:30pm	
Middlers (6 th -7 th grade)	Room 106
<i>Study of the Simpsons</i>	
Sr. High (8 th -12 th grade)	Room 105
<i>The Beverly Hillbillies & the Bible</i>	
ADULT CLASSES @ 6:30pm	
<i>A Study of the Gospel of John</i>	Room 100
Leader: Dr. Bob Bohler	

In this class we will look at the various stories in the gospel of John and try to understand them more fully. The gospel of John is unique among the four gospels. While Matthew, Mark, and Luke look at Jesus through the same lens, John tells the story of his life from a different viewpoint. He allows us to overhear Jesus' comments to the disciples, the crowds, and the religious leaders. The gospel of John gives a more intimate portrait of Jesus. It helps us understand, in a fuller way, who Jesus is and what he came to do.

Caring for Aging Parents Room 218
Leader: Rev. Charlie Cook

Using the PBS film "Caring for Aging Parents," we will take an intimate look at five families in which adult children are struggling to find ways to be sure that the needs of their parents (as well as their own personal needs) are adequately met.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — Room 100

Women Of Wisdom Wed, @ 9:30 am
Leaders: Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams

No Man Left Behind Fri, @ 6:50 am
Leader: Chris Whatley

Going

The Noon Day Kitchen is Friday, April 3 at 11am. Call Wes Clonts at 706-769-3234.

The Mending Ministry is Wednesday, April 15 at 2pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706-316-1818.

The Food Basket needs muffin & biscuit mixes, rice-a-roni, dried pasta meals, hamburger helper, and paper bags.

"Bear ye one
another's burdens."
Galatians 6:2

Central's Relay for Life Team hopes to raise \$2500 this spring for cancer research. Visit the Info Center in the Gathering area to learn all the ways you can help them make this goal. They are again collecting old cell phones (they have 18 and need 50). They need cooks, to make casseroles. There is a car raffle—the winning ticket is worth \$30,000 towards any in-stock car at Hayes Auto. Raffle tickets for the quilt are \$5.00 for 6 tickets or \$1.00 for 1 ticket. For information, call Shirl Wunderlich, Central's team leader, 706-207-2574.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on Sunday, April 12. Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. Since 1949, Presbyterians have supported ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance, and community development.