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# CENTRAL SCENES August 2008

Fall 2008—Come Be a Part of It All!

## 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.

## MUSIC

Praise Team Thu. @ 5:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Wed. @ 7:30 p.m.  
HandBell Choir Mon. @ 12:30 p.m.  
Wed. @ 7:30 p.m.  
Children's Choir Sun. @ 9:40 a.m.

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9<sup>th</sup> Robert Boswell IV  
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13<sup>th</sup> Tina Boswell  
Randy Elmore  
15<sup>th</sup> Juanita Autry  
Mickey Register  
16<sup>th</sup> Brittany Shepstone  
17<sup>th</sup> Jerry Champer  
Jerry McColery  
19<sup>th</sup> Katie Davis  
Drew Stanley  
20<sup>th</sup> Grace Trimpe  
21<sup>st</sup> Sylvia Smith  
22<sup>nd</sup> Georgiana Sumner  
24<sup>th</sup> Bonnie Pinkerton  
26<sup>th</sup> Jason Hargrove  
Gina Lonnee  
Mike Nelson  
29<sup>th</sup> Richie Dunham  
Gene Younts  
30<sup>th</sup> Ken Ware

## August Volunteers

### Early Service Prayers

3 Peggy Bailey  
10 Richie Dunham  
17 Julie Lanard  
24 Carol Cason  
31 David Clark

### Late Service Lay Leaders

Netty Vermeulen  
Gary Huff  
Jana Whaley  
Ryan Fox  
John Walden

### Nursery

Robin Davis  
Melody Dorfman  
Georgiana Sumner  
Eva Nelson  
Kim Bohler

### Chancel Flowers

Shirl Wunderlich  
Candy Stoffel  
Mari Coleman

### Elders of the Week

3 Lynn Bloodworth, Bob Ulrich  
10 Robbie Bryan, Mickey Register  
17 Howard Guest III, Chris Wilson  
24 Louie Boyd, Chris Whatley  
31 Eva Nelson, Lanse Patterson

### Communion Servers 07/06

Early Service: Eva Nelson  
Late Service: Alan Coleman, Jeani Goodwin, Howard Guest III,  
Chris Wilson, Chris Whatley

### Contemporary Service Ushers

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### Traditional Service Ushers

Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton and Mickey & Christine Register  
Bob & Brenda Glasscock and Daryl & Ginny Moody  
Duncan & Margaret McGilvray and Phil & Frances Gibson  
Jeani Goodwin, Sylvia Mayo, Jerry McColery, Arlene Peters  
Randy & Martha Elmore and Jim & Carol Nelson

### Sunday Gathering Hosts

Early  
3 David & Marie Clark  
10 Deb Williams  
17 Lanse & Laura Patterson  
24 Richard & Lynn Bloodworth  
31 Bruce & Gina Lonnee

Late  
Mike & Paige Swanson  
Wayne & Kim Peacock  
Victor & Deanna Devine  
Allen & Naomi Lupton  
Daryl & Ginny Moody

## August Calendar

Friday	1	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Friday	1	Presbytery Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.— Room #100
Friday	1	IHNA Families at Central
Saturday	2	Presbytery Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.— Room #100
Saturday	2	IHNA Families at Central
Friday	1	IHNA Families at Central
Sunday	3	Communion
Sunday	3	IHNA Families at Central
Tuesday	5	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Monday	11	NAMI (Mental Health) @ 7:30 p.m.— Room #106
Tuesday	12	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Wednesday	13	Chancel Choir Rehearsals Resume @ 7:30 p.m.— Room #110
Thursday	14	Athens Newcomers Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	17	Fall Kick-Off Breakfast @ 9:40 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	17	Grand Opening of the Library
Tuesday	19	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Tuesday	19	Cruisers @10:30 a.m. Blue Willow Inn, Social Circle, GA.
Wednesday	20	Kidz Club Fall Kick-Off @ 5:30 p.m.— Pump It Up
Sunday	24	Family Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	26	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Wednesday	27	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	27	Wonderful Wednesdays Begin @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall

## Special Interest

- Communion  
Sunday, August 3
- Church Office Closed  
Monday, Sep. 4



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The church office will be open the month of August on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 — 5:00 p.m. Please call the office to confirm it is open before stopping by.

## Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> Kick-Off Sunday Breakfast (9:40 am)

A delicious breakfast will be served and information provided about the Sunday School Classes and Wednesday night programs. Fall Sunday School classes start the following Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 9:40 a.m. The Central Library will officially open its doors with the Friendship Class hosting an open house from 10:30-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-12:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> Kidz Club Kick-Off (5:30 - 7:30 pm)

We kick off the Wednesday evening programs for children with a rollicking good time at Pump It Up. Central kidz (and parents) will enjoy a private indoor party with giant interactive inflatable play structures. Bring \$3 for Pizza dinner. Contact Patty Brooks [phbrooks@charter.net](mailto:phbrooks@charter.net) or 706-247-4996.

## Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> Wonderful Wednesdays (5:45 - 7:30 pm)

Wonderful Wednesdays begin with Fellowship Dinner from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. The buffet is open until 6:25 p.m. and take-home boxes are available. Adults \$5.00, children under 12 \$3.00, family maximum \$15.00, and take-home boxes \$4.00. Kidz Club (children ages 3 years - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) and PreTeen Xtreme (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades) leave dinner at 6:15 p.m. The Middler and Senior High Youth Groups meet at 6:30 p.m. The Praise Team practices at 6:00 p.m. and the adult choirs (Chancel and Handbell) at 7:30 p.m. All music programs are open to new members at any time. Adult classes are at 6:30 p.m. and run from August 27<sup>th</sup> - October 15<sup>th</sup>. Classes are open to new members at any time.

▪ **Mind, Body, Spirit Connections** Facilitator: Jeani Goodwin Room 218  
Presenters: Kim Calhoun, Kandy Duke, Jeani Goodwin, and community members. We often use the phrase "It's all in your mind" to minimize the significance of something. Cutting edge brain research reveals that everything in the mind is significant. In her book *An Alchemy of Mind*, Diane Ackerman calls the brain, "...a wrinkled wardrobe of selves stuffed into the skull like too many clothes into a gym bag. Each person carries atop the body a complete universe in which trillions of sensations, thoughts, and desires stream. In short, each mind inhabits a private universe of its own." Topics will include: *Neuro-theology - Is the brain wired to know God?, How Plants Can Be Healing, The Essential Oils of the Bible, Pathways to Prayer, How We Talk To God*, and other topics.

▪ **A Look at the Book of Confessions** Facilitator: Bob Bohler Room 100  
What is it that defines what Presbyterian believe? The answer is, our Book of Confessions. This set of documents outlines and describes what we believe is a faithful and authentic understanding of the Christian faith. But what exactly do these documents say? Not many people have actually read them, much less studied them. Over this 8-week session, we will look at the confessions from a topical point of view. We will look at what they have to say about God, the Bible, Jesus, Faith, Evil, the Sacraments, Worship, the Church, and the Future. It will be a great study in Christian belief and in what Presbyterians believe. Come and join us.

▪ **Favorite Old Testament Stories** Facilitator: Charlie Cook Room 208  
A look at some of the interesting and thought-provoking stories of God's people in the Old Testament. We will compose a timeline chart showing when and where people lived, what were the important events, when the prophets were living, and the religious and historical issues to which they generally spoke. We will give an Old Testament summary and look in more detail at particular stories.

## Member News

We welcome our new members, Michael Farmer II and Victoria Reynolds, who joined us on July 20. Michael is in the Ph.D program in English at UGA. Victoria is finishing her Master's degree in English at UGA. [mfarmer2@uga.edu](mailto:mfarmer2@uga.edu)

We celebrated on July 20 the baptism of Charlotte Anne White, daughter of Nick & Lori White, grand-daughter of Keith & Susan Sanders and great-grand-daughter of Worth & Charlotte McDougald.

*"We are members one of another."*

Ephesians 4:25

Pat and John Wilson will be in Beijing during the Olympic games, Pat as a spectator and John as one of the two world starters in swimming. There are only two starters, the host country's starter, and the world starter, so it's clear how coveted this position is. Years ago when John was fulfilling his dutiful role as a father, he went with his daughter Paige to various swim meets. Out of sheer boredom (waiting for Paige's competitions to start), he volunteered to help with the meets, and thus began an avocation that has taken him to places like Hong Kong, Australia, and Greece. He has had positions with the NCAA Championship events as well as serving as an SEC and Big Ten official. So, as you watch the Olympic swimmers, be sure to cast a glance at the guy pushing the starter button, because it'll be none other than our own John Wilson.

## From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

There is excitement in the air! Families are scurrying around purchasing last minute school supplies. Vacationers are hurrying back from their summer vacations. College students are enjoying their last weeks of freedom before studies begin again. Teachers are getting ready for their students. Preparations of all kinds are being made. Georgia's football team is ranked #1 in the preseason poll. What does it all mean? It can only mean one thing. It means that it is time to "kick off" the church program year for 2008!

Along with many other beginnings, the church is preparing for a new program year. This fall, actually in August, we will start up with a new set of classes, programs, and activities. Children and youth will "move up" to new classes. A new set of teachers will begin to work with their fellow teachers to prepare great lessons. Our on-going classes will continue to provide opportunities for discussion, learning, fellowship, and ministry. A new group of Wednesday evening classes will begin, along with the accompanying Wednesday night dinners. All in all, there is a great deal of work being done behind the scenes in this congregation to get ready for a grand kick-off.

We hope you will mark your calendars for our Kick-Off Breakfast, Sunday, August 17, at 9:40 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. At this breakfast, you will get a chance to hear about the varieties of opportunities for fellowship, growth, and learning that Central offers. If you are not presently involved in one of our groups, we encourage you to join with one. Now is a great time to get connected with a group at Central.

Our plan for discipleship is very simple. We hope that you will CONNECT with God and others in our worship experiences. For most people, that is the first place they start. But our life of faith should not end there. We also hope you will GROW in your faith, through one of our discipleship groups. There are many opportunities. Many of our groups meet on Sunday mornings, but there are numbers that meet during the week. The best place to get to know others and grow in faith is with other Christians. Finally we hope you will SERVE God using your gifts. We have many opportunities for ministry that you will be hearing more about in the weeks to come.

CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE. If we can do these simple things, it puts us on a path of faithful obedience to our Savior Jesus Christ. So, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sunday, August 17, at 9:40 a.m. It will be a great time of food, fellowship, and information, as we "kick off" a wonderful year ahead.

Sincerely,

**Bob**  
Bob Bohler

## Youth News

Crazy Game Night, Laser Show at Stone Mountain, Trip to Funopolis, Tubing in Helen and a BBQ at Lake Burton with the Bohlers—the youth had a very busy July!



Tubing and BBQ at Lake Burton

## Gathering

**Cruisers** will go to Blue Willow Inn Restaurant in Social Circle on Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Church van will leave Central at 10:30 am. The cost is \$15.93 including tax and gratuity. Cruisers is Central's Retirees ministry. The name stands for Central's Retirees - Unstoppable, Inspired, Sympathetic, Energetic, Relational, and Sensational. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. Please RSVP to the church office 706-549-9284.

**Family Night Supper** is Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share. Call Regina Clonts 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman 706-543-8902.

**The Knitting Group** meets every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in Room 208. Call Jill Clement 706-548-1232.

**The Central Library** will officially open its doors on Kick-Off Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The Friendship Class will host an open house from 10:30-11:00 am and 12:00-12:30 pm. The library began as a Sunday School project for the Friendship Sunday School class but became a reality with monetary donations from Mrs. Ruth Wilkins and the Wilkins children. This seed money was used to purchase bookcases and books. With additional books donated by the Wilkins family, Central church members, and books already housed in various locations throughout the church, the library offers a wide variety of reading materials. In honor of Ruth Wilkins and her avid devotion to literature, there is a special section called "Ms. Ruth's Reading Corner." Here one will find books from the Wilkins' collection, books that have been donated in Ms. Ruth's name, and materials purchased with money donated by the Wilkins family. The check-out process will be on the honor system. There will be a file box for patrons to put the card indicating that they have checked out a book. There will be a return box for patrons to drop the returned book. The books are color-coded to designate the shelf location in the library. The library committee's only requests are that patrons be courteous by returning books in a reasonable amount of time and that they be protective of the materials. Come read a book today!

## Growing

**KIDZ ROCK**  
3 yrs.-1st grade Room 200  
2nd-5th grade Room 207

**JUST4YOUTH**  
Middlers (6-8 grade) Room 106  
Sr. High (9-12 grade) Room 105

**ADULTS**  
The Bible Adventures Class

Room #100  
Leader: Jim Cooley

The Sola Scripture Class

Room #208  
Teacher: Tom Virkler

The Discovery Class

Room #211  
Leaders: Rich & Joelle Dunham

The Friendship Class

Room #216  
Leader: Jeani Goodwin

The Road Less Travelled Class

Room #218  
Leader: Jo Carol Nessel-Sale

No Man Left Behind Class

Fellowship Hall  
Leader: Chris Whatley

New Members/Visitors Class

Room #206  
Leader: Bob Bohler

### Central's Summer 2008 Youth Group

During the summer, the youth:

► **Played with** water, dirt, eggs, lasers, wheels, golf clubs, rocks, water, flotation devices, balloons, sponges, and famous people,

► **Ate** wings, pizza, fried chicken, hot dogs, chips, grapes, watermelon, carrots, cookies, and brownies.

### The Numbers:

454 miles on the church van  
24 Central Youth  
13 tired chaperones  
8 Friends  
2 dead car batteries

**Awesome summer!**

## Going

**The Mending Ministry** meets Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs canned soup and mixed beans (pinto, navy, black)

**The 2008 Chancel Flower Sign Up Sheet** is on the Sanctuary Guild door.

Complete a postcard when you sign up and return it to the office. Available dates are: August 3, 31 September 28 October 5, 19, November 9

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

**HNNA** will conduct a two hour training session for anyone not yet trained on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Central. This will be network-wide with volunteers from all churches. If interested, please call Carl Cartledge at (706)316-1818.

**Central's Relay for Life** team raised a total of \$2644 for cancer research. The Knitting Group had a scarf sale that brought in \$980.00. The Bake Sale brought in \$649.00. (A special thanks goes to Jo Carol Nessel-Sale, Jana Whatley, and Donna Wood for their help with the bake sale.) The youth raised \$134.00 with the M&M candy tubes filled with quarters. The remaining money came from raffles and the sale of luminaries. Thanks to all who knitted, baked, made calls, made requests, wrote checks, etc. We are always collecting used cell phones in the gathering area.