

January 2008

**Special points of interest:**

- **Church Office Closed**  
**Tuesday, January 1**  
**Monday, January 21**
- **Communion**  
**Sunday, January 6**
- **Wednesday Program**  
**starts January 16**

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**SAFETY WARNING—**

**Frequently over the past few weeks the church doors have been found unlocked after 5:00 p.m. (when the office closes).**

**If you are unlocking the building, please, please remember to relock it when you leave. If you are in the building by yourself, lock the doors behind you.**

# Central Scenes

## Monthly Newsletter

### Wednesday Night Adult Classes January 16 – March 26

#### CLASS ONE – THE ALPHA COURSE

Facilitator: Dr. Bob Bohler

Fellowship Hall

Have you ever wanted to be able to tell your friends exactly what Christianity was all about, but not been sure how to do it? The ALPHA course is designed to do just that. It is a reasoned articulation of what Christianity believes and why it believes it. Over the course of 10 weeks, this course will look at the topics listed below. In addition we will talk about Who the Holy Spirit is and what he does. ALPHA stands for A – Anyone can come. This course is not just designed for Christians. It is designed to be a place to bring friends who are “seekers.” In fact, this is encouraged. The course hopes to present a winsome articulation of Christianity for those looking to find greater meaning in their lives. L – Laughter. The environment is light, engaging, and fun. P – Pasta. The Wednesday evening meal is intended to help people build relationships with others. H – Helping others. There will be a small group time each night where people discuss the ideas presented. A – Ask anything. No question is discouraged. People can ask their questions about life and faith. If you would like a good review of the major points of Christianity (maybe for the first time), this is a great course for you. If you have friends you are “seekers”, we invite you to bring them along. They will be welcomed and made to feel at home.

#### CLASS TWO – BIBLE BASICS

Leader: Rev. Deb Trimpe

Room #218

Ever tried to read the Bible and still felt confused? Want to know more about the Bible? In Bible Basics, we'll start building a big picture of the Bible – how the Bible came to be, how it's put together, core themes of the Bible, Holy Land geography and key characters, places and events. With this foundation in the Bible, we will all learn to more easily read, understand and navigate our way through the Scriptures. This class is for anyone who wants to understand or know more about the Bible.

#### CLASS THREE – FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Facilitator: Jeani Goodwin

Room #100

Presenters include Dr. Mark Rich, Geology; Dr. John Rudy, International Banking; Dr. Ed Speir, International Relations. Topics include:

- ▶ U.S. and China Relations
- ▶ U.S. Policy on Climate Change
- ▶ Latin America's Shift to the Left
- ▶ U.S. Health Care Policy
- ▶ The Middle East
- ▶ The U.S. Economy and World Trade
- ▶ The Upcoming Election
- ▶ The Geological Aspects of Natural Disasters
- ▶ Ferdinand Magellan – the Age of Exploration

**We welcome our new member, Donovan Babb, who joined us on December 9, 2007. He has already found his niche at Central, playing in the Handbell Choir and with the Praise Team. 264 Magnolia Street Athens, GA 30606 678-481-7533 E-mail: [donovan.babb@gmail.com](mailto:donovan.babb@gmail.com)**

*“Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.”*

Psalm 92:13

*“We are members one of another.”*

Ephesians 4:25

**We welcome our new members, Victor & Deana DeVine, who joined us on December 16, 2007. They have three children at home — Max, Grace, and Owen. 1020 Liberty Lane Bogart, GA 30622 770-725-4382 E-mail: [devinefamily@charter.net](mailto:devinefamily@charter.net)**

## From the Pastor's Study

Someone once said, “Never live in hope and expectation with your arms folded.” In other words, do not be idle if you want your future to be brighter. As we enter another year, we are usually filled with hope. A new year holds new promises and opportunities. It gives us a chance to put away the mistakes of last year and embrace a fresh start. It gives us the chance to see the possibilities before us with fresh eyes. Often it is easier to give in to frustration than live in hope. Frustration, disappointment, and anxiety can be constant companions. Nobody ever said the future would be easy.

It has been noted that God did not consult us before imparting the gift of life to us. God gave us life and has asked us to be responsible for how we use it. There are two possible responses to this gift. We can despair the gift of life. We can resent God and try to ignore God. Or we can embrace life as God's wonderful bequest. We can live responsibly before God and use our time to fullest advantage.

The proverb says, “When you enjoy becoming wise, there is hope for you. A bright future lies ahead.” (Proverbs 24:14) In the new year, let us set our hearts to grow in wisdom, to embrace God's plan for our lives, and to not be idle. Because God is working in the world, the future is indeed very bright.

Bob Bohler

## Youth News from the Associate Pastor

The youth have more great things in store for 2008! Some highlights include our Sunday morning Student Life Bible Study (9:40 am - Middle school meets in room 106; High school in room 105). In addition to their regular study, we've been learning how to navigate the Bible, know the books of the Bible and learn how to find specific scripture passages. The goals - to be comfortable looking up & reading scripture AND to earn lunch out with Deb Trimpe. (Keep going, guys - practicing during the week is encouraged!!) Wednesday evenings will find us back with the Simpsons - by student request - for a few weeks, followed by life lessons from movies. Service projects continue with plans for shipping books to a school in Bethlehem (the real one in the Middle East) and helping with our Interfaith Hospitality families. Our special events will be kicked off with a Lock-In (not just requested by students - begged for and demanded is more like it!) Make plans to be part of the lock-in **Friday night, January 25**, at the church. We look forward to an exciting 2008 with our students - see you at church!!

Deb Trimpe

## Adult Sunday School Classes - New Topics Winter 2008

**The Bible Adventures Class Room #100 Jim Cooley, leader TBA**

**The Discovery Class Room #211 Rich & Joelle Dunham, leaders TBA**

**The Friendship Class Room #216 Jeani Goodwin, leader *The Miracles in the Gospels***

In an age of placards, protestors, church splits and political divides often sanctioned by the church, it is both spiritually refreshing and intellectually challenging to return to the message that Jesus taught - The Kingdom of God: What It Is and How To Inherit It. We must read the Gospels, where Jesus used parables and miracles to explain his lessons.

**The Road Less Travelled Class Room #218 Jo Carol Nasset-Sale, leader TBA**

**The Sola Scriptura Class Room #208 Tom Virkler, teacher *The Life of Jesus: God with Us***

The class continues part 1 of this series that emphasizes the divinity of the man called Jesus. During January the lessons will focus on His Old Testament pre-incarnate appearances and then the events of His birth and childhood. Each lesson is self-standing and will coordinate materials from the four gospels and other pertinent Bible passages

## Congregation News

Christian Sympathy to Lewis Hudgins on the death of his mother December 29.

Prayers for Diane Hudgins' father, hospitalized December 16 with a head injury.

Prayers for Fran Nesbit, recovering from lung surgery December 16.

Prayers for Mozelle Goodwin, recovering from heart catheritization December 16.

Prayers for Don De Maria's uncle, hospitalized December 25 from a stroke.

## Gathering

The Women of the Church meet Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in Room 218. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

The Book Club meets Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm in Room 208. Call Jill Clement 706-548-1232.

Cruisers meet Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm in Fellowship Hall for lunch and a trip to see the art of Lamar Dodd. RSVP 706-549-9284. Lunch is \$6.00.

Fellowship Dinner is Wednesdays from 5:45 - 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Families \$15, To-Go boxes \$4. Starts January 16.

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

The Bridge Club meets every Thursday at 1 pm in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook 706-549-9161.

The Northeast Georgia Presbytery Leadership Day is January 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a training day for church officers, Sunday school teachers, evangelism and pastoral care volunteers, etc. Cost is \$20 for lunch and workshops. Call Deb Trimpe 706-549-9284.

Family Night Covered Dish Supper is Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Call Regina Clonts 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman 706-543-8902.

## Growing on Sundays at 9:40 AM

### KIDZ ROCK

3/4 yrs/PreK Room 200  
K/1 grade Room 202  
2/3 grade Room 201

### PRETEEN XTREME

4/5 grade Room 207

### YOUTH

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 Miracles of the Gospels*

### The Road Less Travelled Class

Room #218  
Leader: Jo Carol Nessel-Sale

**The Chancel Choir** helps lead worship with music at the 11:00 Service. The choir is open to all adults and all voice parts are needed and welcomed. Rehearsal is Wednesdays 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Brenda Poss at 706-548-3538

## Growing with WOW

**WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study** has been received so well that we want to give others the opportunity to learn more about God's word. So, starting in January 2008, WOW will be offered twice a week – Wednesdays, 9:30 am (Room 100), begins January 16 with co-leaders Rev. Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams and Mondays, 6:30 pm (Room 100), begins January 21 with leader Deb Williams. This 10-week, in-depth, interactive study includes personal, daily assignments and weekly group sessions. \$10 for a workbook.

## Growing on Wednesdays

### KIDZ CLUB @ 6:15 p.m.

3/4 yrs/PreK Room 200  
K/1 grade Room 202  
2/3 grade Room 201

### PRETEEN XTREME @ 6:15 p.m.

4/5 grade Room 207

### YOUTH @ 6:30 p.m.

Middlers (6-8 grade) Room 106  
Sr. Highs (9-12 grade) Room 105

### ADULTS @ 6:30 p.m.

Class One Fellowship Hall  
*ALPHA Course*  
Facilitator: Bob Bohler

Class Two Room 218

*Bible Basics*  
Facilitator: Deb Trimpe

Class Three Room 100

*Food for Thought*  
Facilitator: Jeani Goodwin

## Going

**The Mending Ministry** will meet Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs canned tomatoes, dried Pasta, spaghetti sauce, and canned pastas.

**The Interfaith Hospitality** families will be hosted at Central the week of January 27– February 3. Please contact Robbie & Sarah Bryan to volunteer or sign up on the board in the gathering area.

*“Bear ye one another’s burdens.”*  
Galatians 6:2

**A House Repair Mission Trip** to New Orleans is in the works. The Presbytery of South Louisiana is asking for volunteers to come to New Orleans this spring and summer to help rebuild the city. Central is considering taking a group down if there is sufficient interest. We would leave on a Sunday in the spring, work Monday through Thursday and return on Friday. The workday is 8 to 4:30. The cost would be primarily food and other miscellaneous costs for the trip. Lodging would be at a local Presbyterian church. You are invited to an informational meeting, January 13, immediately following the 11 service.

**The 2008 Chancel Flower Sign Up Sheet** is on the Sanctuary Guild door. Complete a post-card when you sign up and return to the office.

**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 6:15 p.m.  
Middler & Sr. High Youth Groups 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Studies 6:30 p.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.  
Children's Chimes Wed. @ 4:30 p.m.  
Wed. @ 5:00 p.m.

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**January Volunteers**

**Early Service Prayers**

6 Bruce Lonnee  
13 Bob Parcells  
20 Skip Trimpe  
27 Jeff Dorfman

**Late Service Lay Leaders**

States McCarter  
Dale Autry  
Amanda Bell  
Don De Maria

**Nursery**

Cathy Norman  
Jackie Shepstone  
Mari Coleman  
Kim Bohler

**Elders of the Week**

6 Mickey Register, Chris Whatley  
13 Lynn Bloodworth, Robbie Bryan  
20 Lanse Patterson, Louie Boyd  
27 Gary Huff, Cathy Norman

**Communion Servers 01/07**

Early Service: Lanse Patterson  
Late Service: Peggy Bailey, Gary Huff, Mark Rejmer

**Contemporary Service Ushers**

6 Bruce & Gina Lonnee  
13 Cathy & Henry Norman  
20 Rick & Julie Lanard  
27 Will & Marissa Hunter

**Traditional Service Ushers**

Gene & Carol Hayden and John & Shirl Wunderlich  
Jim & Cynthia Kenney and Rudy & Doris Kagerer  
Kenneth & Christa Bailey and Victor & Deana De Vine  
Charlie & Dotty Cox and Lewis & Diane Hudgins

**Sunday Gathering Hosts**

Early

6 Kandy Duke  
13 Lanse & Laura Patterson  
20 Richard & Lynn Bloodworth  
27 Jeff & Terri Riley

Late

Jim & Cynthia Kenney  
Bob & Ann Bohler  
Jim & Carol Nelson  
Johni Mathis and Georgiana Sumner

**Happy Birthday!**



- 1<sup>st</sup> Julia Bailey  
Thurman Boyd  
Alice Landrum  
Mitch Landrum
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Netty Vermeulen
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mary Stuart Thomas
- 8<sup>th</sup> Peggy Bailey  
John Pinkerton  
Irene Ulmer  
Alex Williams
- 9<sup>th</sup> John Bailey  
Norma Ogden
- 12<sup>th</sup> Betty Lunsford  
Eric Wunderlich
- 14<sup>th</sup> Jeff Dorfman  
Vera Duarte  
Charles Kauderer
- 15<sup>th</sup> Betty Sheerer
- 16<sup>th</sup> Terry Ziemer
- 18<sup>th</sup> Donna Dotson Cochran
- 20<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Fite
- 21<sup>st</sup> Lynn Bloodworth  
Jim Brown  
Mary Ann Ware
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Diane Bell
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Richard Bloodworth
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mary Jackson Kirk  
Jeanne Williams
- 29<sup>th</sup> Frances Gibson  
Gerald Thomas
- 30<sup>th</sup> Sarah Thomas

**January Calendar**

- Tuesday 1 Church Office Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
- Thursday 3 Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room #218
- Friday 4 Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday 6 Epiphany Sunday and Communion
- Monday 7 Women of the Church Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.— Room #218
- Monday 7 NAMI (Mental Health) @ 7:30 p.m.— Room #106
- Tuesday 8 University Women's Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Kidz Space
- Tuesday 8 Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
- Tuesday 8 Book Club @ 3:15 p.m.— Room #208
- Thursday 10 Athens Newcomers Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Thursday 10 Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room #218
- Saturday 12 NEGA Presbytery Leadership Training @ 8:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 15 Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday 15 Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
- Tuesday 15 Jr. Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday 16 WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.— Room #100
- Wednesday 16 Wonderful Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday 17 DAR @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Thursday 17 Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room #218
- Saturday 19 Session Retreat @ 9:00 a.m.— Room #218
- Monday 21 Church Office Closed for MLK Holiday
- Monday 21 WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.— Room #100
- Tuesday 22 Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
- Wednesday 23 WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.— Room #100
- Wednesday 23 Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
- Wednesday 23 Wonderful Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday 24 Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room #218
- Friday 25 Youth Lock-In @ 7:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Sunday 27 Family Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
- Monday 28 WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.— Room #100
- Tuesday 29 Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
- Wednesday 30 WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study @ 9:30 a.m.— Room #100
- Wednesday 30 Wonderful Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
- Thursday 31 Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room #218