



January Volunteers

Early Service Prayers

4 David Clark
11 Tom Berry
18 Jeff Marker
25 George Nunnally

Late Service Lay Leaders

Teri Armacost
Dale Autry
John Walden
Donovan Babb

Elders of the Week

Louie Boyd, Alan Coleman
Cathy Norman, Sarah Fox
Doug Bailey, Chris Wilson
Naomi Lupton, Chris Whatley

Traditional Service Ushers

4 Kenneth & Christa Bailey, Ed Law, Donna Wood
11 Lewis & Diane Hudgins and Laddie & Sarah Scott
18 Xandra Baxter, Mac Fite, Lance & Laura Patterson
25 Wes & Regina Clonts, Paige Cummings, Mike Swanson

Contemporary Service Usher

Bruce & Gina Lonnee
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Communion Servers 1/04

Early Service: Louie Boyd
Late Service: Louie Boyd, Alan Coleman,
Jeani Goodwin, Howard Guest III,
Chris Whatley

Nursery

Cathy Norman
Jackie Shepstone
Christy Mooney
Ashley Wells

Chancel Flowers

Deborah Urich

Sunday Gathering Hosts

Early	Late
4 Mike and Dawn Kenney	Duncan & Margaret McGilvray
11 Jeff and Terri Riley	Mickey & Christine Register
18 Lanse and Laura Patterson	Robert & Ann Bohler
25 David and Marie Clark	Potluck Lunch

January Calendar

Thursday	1	Office Closed
Friday	2	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	4	Communion Sunday and Epiphany
Tuesday	6	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Thursday	8	Athens Newcomer's Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	8	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	9	Elder Party @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10	Elder Retreat @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	11	Ordination & Installation of Elders @ 11:00 a.m.— Sanctuary
Monday	12	Presbyterian Women Circles @ 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.— Room 218
Monday	12	NAMI Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.— Room 106
Tuesday	13	University Women's Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Old Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	13	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	14	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	14	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	15	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	16	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Sunday	18	IHNA Families Come to Central (here through January 25)
Tuesday	20	Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	20	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	20	Athens/Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	21	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	21	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	21	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	22	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	23	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Saturday	24	DAR Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	25	Church Potluck Lunch @ 12:15 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Sunday	25	Family Night Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	27	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Wednesday	28	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	28	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	28	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	29	Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	30	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Friday	30	Youth Lock-In @ 7:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall

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.
Midders Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Senior High Youth Group 6:30 p.m.
Adult Studies 6:30 p.m.

MUSIC SCHEDULE
Praise Team Thu @ 6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
HandBell Choir Tue @ 12:30 p.m.
Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
Children's Choir Sun @ 9:40 a.m.

Special Interest

- **Ordination & Installation Of Elders @ 11 Service Sunday, Jan. 11**
- **Evening Programs Wednesday, Jan. 14**
- **Potluck Lunch Sunday, Jan. 25**



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Wonderful Wednesdays — January 14 - March 18, 2009

Dinner 5:45-6:15 p.m. Programs for all ages.

Adult Classes

Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God 6:30 – 7:30pm Room 100 Teacher: Dr. Bob Bohler

Have you ever wanted to hear God's voice? People in the Bible seemed to experience God speaking to them. Sometimes someone today will say they heard God tell them something. But is this possible? Does God communicate with us today? If so, how? Is prayer a two-way conversation or are we the only ones saying anything? This 10-week Wednesday night class will explore the question of how we discern God's "voice" in our lives. Using a book by one of today's spiritual giants, the class will learn about discovering ways God "speaks" to us, discuss the difference in God speaking through the Bible and through his Spirit, talk about possible abuses and misconceptions concerning hearing God, and develop practical ways we might find our lives personally guided by God. Using "the best book on the subject I have ever read", says Dr. Bohler, the class will engage in an interesting and practical discussion on the spiritual life.

Plants of the Bible 6:30 – 7:30pm Room 218 Teacher: Dr. Doug Bailey

What was the forbidden fruit that Eve and Adam ate? What are frankincense and myrrh? What wood was used to make Noah's ark; how about the ark of the covenant? Are Bible plants still used today? Which plants commonly associated with the Bible actually do not appear in the Bible? Take an ecumenical walk through the Bible for a tour of the plants of that time. Experience pictures, flavors and aromas of these plants, and learn about their symbolism and importance in Scripture.

Crown Financial Ministries Life Group 6:00 – 8:00pm Room 208

Leaders: Henry Norman and Jeff Dorfman

"Many people are experiencing financial challenges such as debt, inadequate savings, decreasing investments and/or job loss. Suffocating materialism is robbing people of their spiritual vitality. Did you know that more than 2,350 verses in the Bible refer to money? Indeed, the Bible can provide a blueprint for managing your finances." Join us for this 10-week Bible study that will encourage us to study and learn God's principles for managing the resources He has given us. Please note: the Crown Bible studies carry high expectations with regard to attendance and homework preparation, and are limited to 12 students. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to participate now. *Pre-registration is required. Call Deb Trimpe if you would like to attend the class but did not attend the January 4 orientation.*

WOW (Women of Wisdom) Bible Study 6:30 – 8:00pm Room 214 Leader: Deb Williams

We all know that the greatest commandment is to love. However, relatively few of us know how to express our love in the heart language of our family and friends. Fortunately, Gary Chapman, in The Five Love Languages, identifies the five primary love languages and teaches us how to use these languages to express our love. Although this edition of The Five Love Languages was written specifically for couples, the basic principles Chapman explores will apply to all relationships. *All women welcomed and encouraged to attend.*

Celebration Sunday—January 25

On January 25, Central will host Celebration Sunday. At each of the services we will introduce and recognize the 46 people who joined the church in 2008. Following the Traditional Service, a church covered dish lunch will be held in the fellowship hall. The church will provide the meat & drink. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to share (last name beginning with: A-C, casserole; D-I, bread/rolls; J-M, vegetable; N-R, fruit; S-Z, chocolate dessert) and to RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, January 21. January marks the 10 year anniversary of Bob's call as pastor to the congregation. He will have a "State of the Church" sermon and reflect on where the church has been over the last 10 years and where he sees it going.

Member News



Happy Birthday

- 1st Thurman Boyd
 3rd Pennie Eberhart
 Netty Vermeulen
 4th Mary Stuart Thomas
 8th Peggy Bailey
 John Pinkerton
 Irene Ulmer
 Alex Williams
 9th Silas Lanard
 Norma Ogden
 12th Betty Lunsford
 Eric Wunderlich
 Brady Szymanski
 14th Jeff Dorfman
 Vera Duarte
 Charles Kauderer
 15th Betty Sheerer
 16th Terry Ziemer
 18th Donna Dotson Cochran
 20th Elizabeth Fite
 21st Lynn Bloodworth
 Jim Brown
 Mary Ann Ware
 23rd Richard Bloodworth
 24th Kate Shepstone
 26th Mary Jackson Kirk
 29th Frances Gibson
 Gerald Thomas
 30th Sarah Thomas

We welcome our new members, Kip & Claudia Pirkle and their children, Amanda and Brian. They joined us on December 14, 2008. Their address is: 1500 Timothy Rd #24 Athens, GA 30606

The year-end 2008 Giving Statements will be mailed in mid January.

Terry Ziemer, Central's Office Manager, is a Notary Public. She is available to do notarizations free of charge for Central members. Just give her a call at the church office to set up an appointment.

From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

The new year has started and it is time to get back in shape! That is the goal of many of us who have eaten too much and exercised too little over the holiday season. It is the reason so many health clubs advertise "specials" in January. Our over-indulged bodies feel the urgent need to apply some discipline before things get any more out of hand.

It is not a bad thing to feel this same need in the spiritual realm. It is an opportune time to consider how we might exercise our faith in new ways. The problem for most Christians today is not being spiritually underfed. There are numerous opportunities for religious nourishment. We all have Bibles, something the average Christian did not have 500 years ago. We have freedom to attend as many religious activities as our schedules will allow. You can even watch 24-hour religious programming on television. Our problem is not nourishment, but exercise.

Our challenge is not to be "fat" Christians. This means we have to exercise our faith. There are many ways to do so. John Calvin said that the "chief exercise of the Christian life" was prayer. That is the first place to start. We can exercise our faith by praying. Good prayer, of course, is not only about our selves. It includes prayer for others, those in government, our nation and our world. It includes those around us with special needs. Healthy prayer prays that God's kingdom will come and his will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Service to others also exercises our faith. There is always an opportunity in front of us, if we are observant. It may not seem to be a big opportunity. But sometimes the small things turn out to be very important. The Christian life is meant to be outwardly focused. It is not supposed to turn inward and disregard the world around us. Each day there are occasions where we can stretch ourselves in service for God.

My hope in 2009 is to keep myself as physically in-shape as possible. It is even more important to keep myself spiritual in good condition. We never know when our spiritual resources might be called upon. It is always good to be ready for whatever God places before us.

In His service,
Bob

E100 Challenge – Reading Scripture Faithfully

Central's pastors challenge our children & youth to begin the habit of reading Scripture. The Essential 100 Challenge™ (The E100) is a Bible reading program built around 100 carefully selected short Bible passages — 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament. Rewards will be offered along the way for encouragement! VERY IMPORTANT PARENTS' MEETING is Sunday, February 1, 2009, 12:15pm, Room 218.

Session News

- On Sunday, January 11, at the 11 service, we will ordain and install the Elders of the classes of 2010 and 2011. Class of 2010: Alan Coleman and Sarah Fox; Class of 2011: Doug Bailey, Paige Cummings, Joelle Dunham, Naomi Lupton and Wayne Peacock.
- Jill Crandall, our Director of Handbell and Children/Youth Choirs, will spend January-May with her husband, Paul, in London while he teaches. During these months, Charlotte Chromiak will take over Jill's duties with children/youth choirs and Deb Trimpe will lead the handbell program. Both Charlotte and Deb have experience in these areas and we welcome them to these temporary responsibilities.

Dear Central Friends,

Thank you for the wonderful reception and gifts in my honor on December 14. It is a privilege to call you my friends and colleagues, and although this is a thank you for your thoughtfulness in December, it really is a thank you in a much larger sense. I jokingly told someone at the reception that the last twenty years have been a long lesson in mutual tolerance. We laughed, but I believe that in truth *all* good relationships are built on mutual tolerance. Through good and bad times we have continued to worship the God who loves each of us so dearly. Although we have aligned and realigned ourselves in various ways, our commitment to God has not faltered.

So, with the holiday season still upon us, I thank you for much more than a reception and gifts. I thank you for your commitment to Central, to our community, and to God. Here is my wish that this year will be one of great contentment and joy for our church family. ~ Brenda Poss

Gathering

Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monday, January 12th at 10am and 7pm in Room 218. The new evening circle will be led by Chrissy Hayes. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner is from 5:45 - 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, family maximum \$15. To-Go boxes are \$4. January Menus:
 14 Buffalo's Fajita Buffett
 21 Pizza and salad
 28 Chick-Fil-A

Church Potluck Luncheon is Sunday, January 25th at 12:15pm in Fellowship Hall. This is a celebration in recognition of our new members who joined us in 2008 and the 10 year anniversary of Bob Bohler's Call to Pastor at Central. Please bring a dish to share (the church will provide meat and drink) last name beginning with:

- A-C: casserole side dish
- D-I: bread/rolls
- J-M: vegetable side dish
- N-R: fruit side dish
- S-Z: chocolate dessert

RSVP form will be in the bulletins January 11 and 18. Please fill one out and place in the offering plate.

Cruisers Lunch is Tuesday, January 20th at 12pm in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$6. Speaker: *Howard Leeb* - "A Career in the Foreign Service." Menu: shepherd's pie, salad, dessert. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and food. RSVP to the church office 706-549-9284.

Family Night Supper is Sunday, January 25th at 6pm 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.

Youth Lock-In 7pm Friday, January 30 - 9am Saturday, January 31. Join us for a fairly sleepless night at Play-n-Trade, with games, food, movies, general craziness and, of course, the always requested scavenger hunt. Friends are welcome! Please bring 1 snack + 1 2-liter soft drink to share, sleeping bag, pajamas, pillow, toothbrush, etc. *Please do not bring cell phones, iPods, etc.* Cost is \$25. RSVP to Deb Trimpe by Monday, January 26.

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

The Bridge Club meets every Thursday at 1:30pm in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook at 706-549-9161.

Growing

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am

KIDZ ROCK
 3 yrs.-PreK Room 200
 K-1st grade Room 201
 2nd-3rd grade Room 202

PRETEEN XTREME
 4th-5th grade Room 207

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

ADULTS
The Bible Adventures Class Room 100
The Book of Acts
The Discovery Class Room 211
How Should We Then Live?
The Friendship Class Room 216
Can We Trust the Gospels?
The Road Less Travelled Class Room 218
God, Man, and Suffering
The Simply Christian Class Room 206
Prayer
The Sola Scripture Class Room 208
The Book of Nehemiah

WEDNESDAYS 1/14 - 3/18

KIDZ CLUB @ 6:15pm
PRETEEN XTREME @ 6:15pm
JUST4YOUTH @ 6:30pm
 Middlers (6th-8th grade) Room 106
 Sr. High (9th-12th grade) Room 105
ADULT CLASSES @ 6:30pm
 Room 100 Leader: Bob Bohler
Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God
 Room 218 Leader: Doug Bailey
Plants of the Bible
 Room 211 Leaders: Jeff Dorfman & Henry Norman
CROWN Finances
 Room 214 Leader: Deb Williams
The Five Love Languages

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

No Man Left Behind Fri. 1/16 6:50pm
 Room 100 Leader: Chris Whatley.
 Group continues its reading and discussion of the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ.

Women Of Wisdom Wed. 1/14 9:30am
 Room 100 Leaders: Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams. We all know that the greatest commandment is to love. We will look at five love languages and learn how to use these languages to express our love.

Going

The Noon Day Kitchen is Friday, January 2nd at 11am. Call Wes Clonts at 706-769-3234.

The Mending Ministry is Wednesday, January 28th at 2pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706-316-1818.

The Food Basket needs dry & canned pasta, cereal, and paper bags.

The IHNA families will be hosted by Central the week of January 18-25. Please contact Carl Cartledge to volunteer or sign up on the board in the gathering area.

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

The congregation donated \$417.00 to the Christmas Joy Offering, one of the 4 PCUSA funds. This fund supports retired Presbyterian clergy and staff and the Presbyterian racial/ethnic schools.

Members of the congregation shared their Christmas cheer by purchasing \$252.00 worth of poinsettias for Central's homebound members.

Souper Bowl Offering is Sunday, February 1 at the close of each worship service. Each church member is encouraged to donate at least \$1 to help eliminate hunger. All monies collected by the youth will be donated to ministries that offer direct help to those who are hungry.