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CENTRAL SCENES

July 2008

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. @ 7:30p.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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Happy
Birthday!

1st Robby Kirk
2nd Howard Guest, Jr.
3rd Brenda Glasscock
4th L.B. Holt
Laurie VanLandingham
5th Marin Lonnee
6th Julia Bailey
Stacie McDonough
Jeff Diley
7th John Duffett
8th Tristan Amouroux
9th Margaret McGilvray
Jacob Peterson
11th Amanda Bell
Joan Dotson
14th Sarah Bryan
Scott Mooney
Conner Pettyjohn
Eloise Williams
16th Kim Bohler
William VanLandingham
17th Julie Lanard
22nd Deanna DeVine
Keith McDonough
Cathy Norman
Molly Purinton
24th John Bailey
25th Nicole Wentworth
26th Kandy Duke
27th Beth Nunnally
Charlotte Chroniak
Katy Terry
29th Fran Nesbit
30th Melody Dorfman
Alicia Marker
Ken Stanley
Don Sumner
Deb Williams

July Volunteers

Early Service Prayers

6 Joelle Dunham
13 George Nunnally
20 Amy Rejmer
27 Chelsea Dunham

Late Service Lay Leaders

Jeani Goodwin
Jim Nelson
Carl Cartledge
Sylvia Mayo

Nursery

Kitty Kellogg
Donna Wood
Martha Elmore
Kim Bohler

Chancel Flowers

Emma Pettyjohn
Susan Sanders
Brenda Poss

Elders of the Week

6 Carl Cartledge, Gary Huff
13 Eva Nelson, Carl Cartledge
20 Cathy Norman, Lanse Patterson
27 Tom Virkler, Deb Williams

Communion Servers 07/06

Early Service: Cathy Norman
Late Service: Regina Clonts, Joan Duffett, Bob Urich,
Tom Virkler, Deb Williams

Contemporary Service Ushers

6
13
20
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Traditional Service Ushers

Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton and Mickey & Christine Register
Bob & Brenda Glasscock and Rick & Sharon Roberts
Duncan & Margaret McGilvray and Phil & Frances Gibson
Jerry McColery, Arlene Peters, Sylvia Mayo, and Jeani Goodwin

Sunday Gathering Hosts

Early
6 Rick & Julie Lanard
13 Keith & Stacie McDonough
20 Deb Williams
27 Mike & Dawn Kenney

Late

Alexandra Fabick and Jane McCarter
Robbie & Amanda Kirk
Stuart & Sharon Thomas and Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton
Kenneth & Christa Bailey

July Calendar

Tuesday	1	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Friday	4	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Friday	4	Church Office Closed for July 4 th Holiday
Sunday	6	Communion
Monday	7	Storm Water Public Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Monday	7	NAMI (Mental Health) @ 7:30 p.m.— Room #106
Tuesday	8	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Tuesday	8	Book Club @ 3:15 p.m.— Room #208
Tuesday	8	Youth Laser Show at Stone Mountain @ 5:00 p.m.— Meet at the Church.
Thursday	10	Athens Newcomers Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	15	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Tuesday	15	Youth Trip to "Funopolis" @ 1:00 p.m.— Meet at the Church
Saturday	19	Mexico Work Mission 20 th Anniversary Celebration @ 5:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	22	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Tuesday	22	Youth Tubing in Helen & BBQ w/the Bohlers @ 7:30 a.m.— Meet at the Church
Wednesday	23	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Sunday	27	Family Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	29	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208

Special Interest

- Church Office Closed
Friday, July 4
- Communion
Sunday, July 6
- Public Meeting
Monday, July 7
- Church Office Closed
on Thursdays

Vacation Bible School 2008 — Power Lab



This year we had a record attendance of 105 children at Vacation Bible School, with 65 of those being from our own church family and the others from the larger Athens community.

This year's theme was "Power Lab: Discovering Jesus' Miraculous Power". Each day began with all of the children gathering in the sanctuary for opening assembly and music. Next they broke up into age groups and rotated through different activity stations. At the stations they created fun crafts and ate yummy snacks. Most importantly the stations allowed them to experience Jesus' miraculous power through bible stories and hands-on programs. Lastly everyone watched Chadder, our animated Bible School buddy, get into and out of trouble in "Chadder's Adventure Theater". At the end of the day, everyone gathered in the sanctuary once again for more music and dismissal. Central's 2008 VBS was a wonderful outreach to those outside of our church. Many, many thanks to our 50 plus volunteers who helped the week of VBS, as well as decorating beforehand, setting up, taking down, and all of the other important elements that made it a huge success! Everyone would agree that our VBS program is a vital element of our ministry and outreach, not to mention how rewarding it is to see these children enjoying themselves while learning more of Jesus' love.

- Laura Patterson



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We welcome our new member, **Carol Wheeler**, who joined us on June 1. Carol is a Librarian. 205 Georgetown Dr. Athens, GA 30605 706-546-8769

We welcome our new members, **Robert & Mandy Baxley and their children, Wyman and LoyBrenn**, who joined us on June 15. Robert works with Zaxby's and Mandy is a stay-at-home mom. 205 Rocky Branch Rd. Athens, GA 30605

"Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God." Psalm 92:13

We welcome our new members, **Frank & Pennie Eberhart and their children Sarah Jane and Joyner**, who joined us on June 15. Frank works as a national accounts manager for McCain Foods and Pennie owns Party Time in the Alps Road Shopping Center. Athens, GA 30605 706-335-4789

We welcome our new members, **Jerry & Chrissy Hayes and their children Avia and Basia**, who joined us on June 15. Jerry is self-employed and Chrissy is an Insurance Agent. 145 Westwood Dr. Athens, GA 30605 706-355-3990

We welcome our new members, **Kenneth & Christa Bailey and their children John and Julia**, who joined us on June 22. Kenneth & Christa are pharmacists. 1031 Liberty Lane Bogart, GA 30622 770-725-1792

From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

"And he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done." Genesis 2:2

Summer is a great time. At least for those of us, like myself, who like hot weather. In the summer, the days are longer, the pace is a little more relaxed, and you can wear your sandals. It is a time to be outdoors and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Many of us will be taking some vacation this summer. Does God approve of vacations? The biblical answer would seem to be, "Yes." One of the reasons I say this is that the Jewish calendar included regular festivals. These festivals were occasions of worship, community gathering time, travel to Jerusalem, and rest. They gave people time to renew their energy and relax from the stresses of life. These week-long festivals provided a break to the normal schedule of daily life. They gave families an opportunity for extended time together.

God has designed life to operate on cycles of work and rest. There is a weekly cycle. We work six days and rest on the seventh. It does not matter which day we rest on. The church has chosen the first day of the week, Sunday, as its day of worship and rest. But any day is appropriate. It is the principle that matters. Do not work all the time. Take some time to renew your spirit. Both work and rest are part of God's plan.

It is also good to have a yearly cycle. Everyone ought to build some time of rest and relaxation into their yearly calendar. Everyone needs something to look forward to. We all can benefit from time away from our normal routines.

May this summer be a time of renewal for you. May it be a time in which you do something to give your body, mind, and spirit a rest from your normal routine. God has created us to operate that way. Both work and rest are part of God's design.

Sincerely,

Bob
Bob Bohler



Youth News

The youth had a really creative time at the Good Dirt Party on June 24. Plans for July include the trip to the Laser Show at Stone Mountain on Tuesday, July 8 at 5pm; a trip to "Funopolis" in Commerce on Tuesday, July 15 (TBA); and Tubing in Helen followed by a BBQ at the home of the Bohlers on Lake Burton on Tuesday, July 22 at 7:30am. Call Deb Trimpe to RSVP, 706-549-9284.

Storm Water Meeting at Central—On Monday, July 7th at 7:00 p.m. the Clarke County Public Works Department will hold a public comment meeting at Central on ways to prevent storm water from overflowing Beechwood Drive (next to the church property on the south side). Some possible solutions involve work done on the church's vacant lot. Church members and the public are invited to see the various solutions and make their comments.

Gathering

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

Family Night Covered Dish Supper is Sunday, July 27th at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share. Call Regina Clonts at 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman at 706-543-8902.

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

The church facilities are being used at a steadily increasing rate. If you want to reserve a room, please email Terry. She will confirm the availability of your request and place it on the church calendar. You can view the calendar at www.athenscentralpres.org/calendar.

Growing on Sundays

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 Nettet-Sale

No Man Left Behind Class
Fellowship Hall
Leader: Chris Whatley

New Members/Visitors Class
Room #206
Leader: Bob Bohler

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, 10, 31
September	7
October	5, 19
November	9

Adult Volleyball and Basketball Leagues.

Central has an opportunity to participate in fall adult church volleyball and basketball leagues held at First United Methodist Church. Volleyball games will be on Tuesday evening and basketball games on Monday or Thursday evening. Contact the church office if interested in participating. Central will need volunteers to organize our teams.

Congregation News

Christian Sympathy is extended to Bonnie Pinkerton and family on the June passing of her mother.

Congratulations to the winners of the Father's Day Putting Contest, held Sunday, June 15. Early Service Winners:

Junior Division	Davis Wing
Senior Division	David Clark

Late Service Winners:

Junior Division	John Bailey
Senior Division	Frank Eberhart

The *No Man Left Behind* Men's Ministry collected 65 bags of used clothing in their June clothes drive. The bags were taken to the Sparrow's Nest on Monday, June 30.

The church office sends out a church-wide email every Friday. If you are not receiving it, please email Terry at tziemer@bellsouth.net so she can add your email to the list. The quarterly Statement of Giving will be emailed at the end of July, so please be sure the church office has your correct email. Those who do not have email will continue to receive their statement by USPS mail.

The church office is open the month of July on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Closed on Thursdays. Please call the office before coming to confirm it is open.

Going

The Mending Ministry will meet Wednesday, July 23rd at 2 pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

The Food Basket needs condiments, canned fruit, and canned pastas.

The Driving Ministry is recruiting people to help get members to and from church on Sunday mornings. Call Alan Coleman at 706-543-8902 or 706-347-2346 to volunteer or to let him know of someone who needs a ride.

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

The ARK will host its 16th Annual Swing Fore Hope Golf Challenge on Saturday, August 9th at the UGA golf course. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes lunch and prizes. A new feature of the tournament is the *Congregation Challenge*, a friendly competition among The Ark's supporting congregations. The congregation with the most golfers at the tournament will be awarded a trophy. Register online by August 4th at www.athensark.com. For more information contact Patty Brooks at The Ark 706-548-8155 or arkumoc@msn.com. We invite everyone to come out for a great day of golf in support of a great cause.