

March Volunteers

Early Service Prayers

1 Richy Dunham
8 C. J. Johnson
15 Lynn Bloodworth
22 Bob Parcels
29 Richard Bloodworth

Late Service Lay Leaders

Wayne Peacock
Diane Hudgins
Gene Hayden
Wes Clonts
Don De Maria

Elders of the Week

Sarah Fox, Cathy Norman
Doug Bailey, Alan Coleman
Naomi Lupton, Chris Wilson
Wayne Peacock, Chris Whatley
Joelle Dunham, Gary Huff

Prayer of Invocation

Sarah Fox
Alan Coleman
Chris Wilson
Chris Whatley
Gary Huff

Traditional Service Ushers

1 Kenneth & Christa Bailey, Ed Law, Donna Wood
8 Lewis Hudgins, Laddie & Sarah Scott, Donna Wood
15 Xandra Baxter, Mac Fite, Lance & Laura Patterson
22 Wes & Regina Clonts, Paige Cummings, Mike Swanson
29 Steve & Jackie Shepstone and Stuart & Sharon Thomas

Nursery

Diane Hudgins
Martha Elmore
Donna Wood
Lisa Peterson
Sally Martin

Gathering Hosts

1 Mike & Dawn Kenney
8 Rick & Julie Lanard
15 Bruce & Gina Lonnee
22 Lanse & Laura Patterson
29 Jeff & Terri Riley

Carl & Melody Cartledge
Wes & Regina Clonts
Victor & Deanna DeVine
Tom & Cathy Hodge
Robby & Amanda Kirk

Wee Kidz Helper

Hannah Lupton
Haley Davis
Kelsey McDonough
Ava Gibson
Richy Dunham

Chancel Flowers

Deborah Urich

March Calendar

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| Wednesday | 4 | WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Wednesday | 4 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 5 | Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Friday | 6 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Friday | 6 | Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m. |
| Monday | 9 | Presbyterian Women Circles @ 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Monday | 9 | NAMI Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.— Room 106 |
| Tuesday | 10 | University Women's Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Old Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 10 | Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Tuesday | 10 | Men of the Church Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 11 | WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Wednesday | 11 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 12 | Athens Newcomer's Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 12 | Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Friday | 13 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Friday | 13 | Wedding Rehearsal @ 5:00 p.m.— Sanctuary |
| Saturday | 14 | Wedding @ 5:00 p.m.— Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 17 | Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 17 | Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Tuesday | 17 | Athens/Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 18 | WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Wednesday | 18 | Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview |
| Wednesday | 18 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 19 | Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Thursday | 19 | DAR Meeting @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Friday | 20 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Friday | 20 | Wedding Rehearsal @ 5:00 p.m.— Sanctuary |
| Saturday | 21 | Wedding @ 6:00 p.m.— Sanctuary |
| Sunday | 22 | CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100 |
| Sunday | 22 | Family Night Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 24 | Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Wednesday | 25 | WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Wednesday | 25 | Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 26 | Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218 |
| Friday | 27 | NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100 |
| Sunday | 29 | CROWN Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 100 |

SUNDAYS

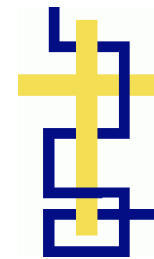
Contemporary Worship 8:40 a.m.
Sunday School 9:40 a.m.
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.
Nursery 8:40 a.m. - noon
Gathering 10:40 a.m.

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

March 2009

The monthly newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA

Special Interest

This Sunday, March 8, is Daylight Savings Time. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

- **Family Skating**
Sunday, Mar. 15
- **St. Patrick's Day**
Tuesday, Mar. 17
- **Children's Choir Sings**
Sunday, Mar. 22

Kitchen Renovation

You may have heard news that there is a kitchen renovation in the works. The news is true! When building our recent addition, a new kitchen was considered. It had to be postponed because of lack of funds. We knew, at some point, we would need to remodel our 40 year old kitchen to make it compatible and consistent with our new area. One might ask why we are spending money on the kitchen when we still need money to pay off our new building. The answer is that the church has been given a sum of money specifically for the purpose of renovating the kitchen. The church is sometimes given "designated" monies. The Session, in accepting such a gift, agrees to use it for the designated purpose. We have had money given specifically for kitchen renovation.



This money was not given for general purposes. We will be sure that the kitchen project will not exceed the money given. The Session has appointed a kitchen committee to work on the project. An architect has been hired to look at structural and design issues associated with a kitchen redesign. A kitchen design consultant has been contracted with to work on kitchen equipment layout and an initial draft is underway. But we would like input from the congregation. We have scheduled two opportunities for the congregation to see the initial plans and give input. They are Sunday, March 22 and Sunday, March 29. On each of these Sundays, we will display the initial plans at 10:45am and 12:05pm in the Contemporary Worship Space. Your input is very important and we appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Contemporary Worship Space Update

We want to say thank you to all those who gave for the purpose of renovating the Contemporary Worship Space. The offering came to \$9,007.84. With money already designated in the church budget for this purpose, this will go a long way toward a transformation of that area. Thank you.

4th Grade Hymnal Presentation

Personalized Presbyterian Hymnals will be presented to our 4th grade students, and others who have not yet received one, Sunday, March 22 at both services.

Capital Funds Update

You may be aware that our second capital funds campaign is coming to an end March 31, 2009. The congregation has been very generous in its giving and we have made progress in reducing our debt. If the economy were different we would attempt one more push to quickly pay off the mortgage. The Session will soon send a letter outlining how we hope to approach our mortgage obligation. We hope that you will take a few moments to read it carefully. Everyone's help will be needed. Thank you for your on-going support and generous giving. If you have not completed your pledge for the second campaign, we hope you will do your best to do so. It is because of the faithful stewardship of the congregation that Central is able to touch, in so many ways, the lives in our church and community.



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Member News



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| 1 st | Josh Ulrich |
| 4 th | Charles Clement Deborah Gilbert |
| 6 th | Kathy Gast Doris Kagerer Gerald Smith Paige Cummings |
| 8 th | Kitty Kellogg |
| 10 th | Wyman Baxley |
| 11 th | Patricia Cook |
| 13 th | Maggie Johnson |
| 14 th | Robert Bohler, Sr. Louie Boyd |
| 15 th | Martha Elmore Brooks Fletcher |
| 16 th | Joelle Dunham Eileen Fancher Betty Fortson Bob Parcels Victoria Reynolds |
| 17 th | Daniel Gallo Christy Mooney Katie Norris |
| 18 th | Crockett Floyd Curt Nessel |
| 19 th | Molly Nessel |
| 20 th | Lisa Peterson |
| 24 th | Jaye~Andrea Arp |
| 26 th | Connor Norris |
| 27 th | Jackie Bakker-Shepstone Michael Farmer Sylvia Mayo |
| 28 th | Robbie Bryan Nell Carnes Charles Johnson Courtney Patterson |
| 29 th | Cheryl Autry Nancy Bowman Marie Clark Tina Harris |
| 30 th | Curtis Ulmer |
| 31 st | Mac Fite |

"We are members
one of another."
Ephesians 4:25

The Session has accepted 4 new members so far in 2009. Ray Lee joined January 25 and Norman & Janice Patterson and Eileen Fancher joined February 8. Welcome all!

From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

George Washington Carver once said, "There is no short cut to achievement. Life requires thorough preparation; veneer is not worth anything." The value of preparation is well-documented, from the accomplished actor to the profession athlete. Almost everything in life goes better with preparation. Preparation is not normally something we associate with the life of faith. But it has a role to play. Remember that John the Baptist called people to, "Prepare the way of the Lord." They were to make their hearts ready for Christ's arrival by the preparation of their hearts and lives.

Lent is the 40-day season that precedes Easter. It is a season of spiritual preparation. We prepare by reflecting on our life before God and making changes to strengthen our faith. Preparation in the spiritual life helps our faith be more than just a veneer. Preparation enables us to send roots deep. It lays the foundation for a life that can survive the storms of life.

But how does one prepare? Eugene Peterson offers a very simple method. He says to focus on two things – scripture and prayer. Read the Bible, then pray. Pray, then read the Bible. The simplicity of this is profound. Our preparation for God does not need to be complicated. We are usually more effective when we focus on simple practices that we know nurture faith. In this season of Lent, may we send our roots of faith deeper. If we can focus on scripture and prayer, we make a good start toward doing so.

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Bohler

Mission Opportunities in March

Central's Relay for Life Team will once again be raising money for cancer research. The theme for 2009 is "Silver Saves Lives." As part of this campaign, the children of Central will be given water bottles in which to save their silver. The Relay for Life Walk for Clarke County is Friday, May 8 at 7:00 pm at the UGA Soccer Complex. For further information, contact Central's team leader, Shirl Wunderlich, at 706-207-2574. Water bottles will be given out on Sunday, March 22 and should be returned on Sunday, April 12. Central's total goal for this year is \$2500.00.

The Christian Education committee is in need of a few items to help its ministry. We need a laptop computer to use with the LCD projector for teaching, speakers, Bible study & youth events. Also, youth ministry needs used, but still in good condition, couches, chairs and/or bean bags for the youth rooms. If you have upgraded computers or your home furnishings, please consider donating any of these items to the church. To donate or for more information, please contact Dr. Doug Bailey (dabailey@uga.edu) or Rev. Deb Trimpe (debtrimpe@bellsouth.net or the church office (706) 549-9284).

Can you sew? Do you have a heart for children who are hospitalized? If you said yes to either of these questions, this new ministry is for you! One of our high school students is starting a caring ministry for church members to make blankets (following a pattern) for children hospitalized at St. Mary's in Athens. Our youth will pray for the children & parents and then personally deliver the blankets. A brief meeting will take place in late March – please watch the bulletin for information. For more information, email Haley Pinkerton bonniep40love@bellsouth.com or Rev. Deb Trimpe debtrimpe@bellsouth.net.

Central Presbyterian Church has been invited by Rev. Jennifer Horton, a former associate pastor at Central, to participate in the Increased Military Morale Mission. Her son, Chaplain David Horton, USAF, is helping to coordinate the project. Congregation members are invited to write a brief note of encouragement and support to an unnamed military member stationed overseas. Example - *Dear Airman, Sailor, Soldier or Marine: Thank you. It must be incredibly lonely to be away from your family and loved ones, in a remote part of the world. The work you do is appreciated. I am praying for your health, safety and well being. Signed, your name.* The notes should be left unsealed and dropped off at the church office anytime through March 30th. Additionally, if you would like, you may donate money to be used for the purchase of calling cards (\$20 for 300 minutes) that can be used in Iraq.

Gathering

Presbyterian Women Circles meet Monday, March 9 at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm in Room 218. The new evening circle will be led by Chrissy Hayes. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

Kidz Club BARF Nite (Bring a Real Friend) is Wednesday, March 11. Theme - *Crazy & Wacky Clubber Nite*. Come with wacky, crazy hair and clothes.

Youth Groups Game Nite is Wednesday, March 11.

Family Fun & Fellowship at Skate Around USA is Sunday, March 15, TBA. Cost is \$5 per skater. Snack bar will be open, so bring extra money. Private skating time just for Central. RSVP by March 13 to Patty Brooks, pbrooks@charter.net.

Cruisers Lunch is Tuesday, March 17 at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$6. Speaker: Dr. Alex Williams will exhibit some of his wood sculptures, with comments, and allow them to "speak" for themselves. Alex, who calls himself a wood assistant, uses natural shapes in allowing the wood to be objects of meditation. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and food. RSVP 706-549-9284.

Children's Choir (ages 3 years-1st grade) will sing at the 11:00 service on Sunday, March 22. Anthem: "Miracle on the Sea"

Family Night Supper is Sunday, March 22 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. March menus:
4 Pizza, Salad
11 Buffalo's 3-Cheese Baked Ziti
18 BBQ, Baked Beans, Slaw, Chips
25 Taco Bar, Salad

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

VBS 2009 will be June 1 - 5. Save the date and get ready to have some fun on "Crocodile Dock." Volunteers needed. Contact Kim Bohler 770-725-5187, kimbohler@bellsouth.net or Laura Patterson 769-3060, ls1p36@aol.com.

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
Old Testament Characters & Character

ADULTS
The Bible Adventures Class Room 100
The Book of Acts

The Discovery Class Room 211
Movies & Bible Study

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 McDonald Parlor
The Book of Ezra

WEDNESDAYS {through 3/25}

KIDZ CLUB @ 6:15pm

PRETEEN XTREME @ 6:15pm Room 207

JUST4YOUTH @ 6:30pm
Middlers (6th-8th grade) Room 106
"The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe"
Sr. High (9th-12th grade) Room 105
"Christian Themes from The Beverly Hillbillies"

ADULT CLASSES @ 6:30pm
Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God

Leader: Bob Bohler Room 100
Plants of the Bible

Leader: Doug Bailey Room 218
CROWN Finances Room 211

Leaders: Jeff Dorfman & Henry Norman
Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman (5:30pm)
Leader: Deb Williams Room 214

ADULT BIBLE STUDY — Room 100

No Man Left Behind Fri. @ 6:50pm
Leader: Chris Whatley
Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ.

Women Of Wisdom Wed, @ 9:30am
Leaders: Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams
Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman.

CROWN Class Begins Sun. 3/22 @ 4-6pm
Leaders; Skip & Deb Trimpe
CROWN is a 10 week, small group Bible study on God's principles for handling finances. Please register at the church office. Childcare available.

Going

The Noon Day Kitchen is Friday, March 6 at 11am. Call Wes Clonts at 706-769-3234.

The Mending Ministry is Wednesday, March 18 at 2pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706-316-1818.

The Food Basket needs cereal (including oatmeal, cream of wheat), dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, and, as always, paper bags.

PLEASE HELP—
The 2009 Chancel Flower Sign Up Sheet is empty for most of March and all of April. Please consider providing flowers on one of these Sundays to help our Sanctuary look beautiful. The Sign Up Sheet is on the door of the Sanctuary Guild room, which is in the back hallway across from the stairs. Please complete an information postcard and bring it to the church office when you sign up.

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

Food Bank of Northeast Georgia's Empty Bowl Luncheon is Wednesday, March 18, 11:30 am through 1:30 pm at the Classic Center. Tickets are \$15, which includes a bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a commemorative "empty bowl" To order tickets, go to www.classiccenter.com or stop by the Classic Center box office or the Food Bank. Additionally, attendees can bid, by silent auction, on one-of-a-kind bowls fashioned by local community artists.