



# CENTRAL SCENES March 2010

The monthly newsletter for Central Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA

## Special Interest

- **Communion Sunday, March 7**
- **Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 14 Spring Forward 1 hour**
- **Centennial Celebration Sunday, March 21**
- **Palm Sunday Sunday, March 28 Children's Procession of the Palms**



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## Centennial Celebration Sunday - March 21

2010 is a special year for us as a congregation. In May of this year, we celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a church. For 100 years, this congregation has worshipped God, nurtured disciples, served this community, and proclaimed the good news of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> the Rev. Walter Cook preaches at both services. The Reverend Cook served as Central's pastor from 1976 – 1983. During his tenure the sanctuary was built. He is now retired and continues to preach in churches in the Charleston, S.C. area. A buffet luncheon will follow the 11:00 service. Menu: Sirloin Tips and Gravy, Herb Roasted Chicken, Broccoli Casserole, Long Grain and Wild Rice, Home-style Mashed Potatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Stewed Tomatoes, Tossed Green Salad with Dressings, Carrot Salad, Fruit Salad, Pasta Salad, Corn Bread, Yeast Rolls, Banana Pudding, and Peach Cobbler. Adults \$5, children \$2, Family Max \$15. RSVP forms will be in the bulletins on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> or you may email the church office [tziemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tziemer@bellsouth.net) or call 706/549-9284.

## New Wednesday Adult Classes Start March 17

**Great Prayers** Room 218 Rev Jennifer Horton  
*"The Great Written Prayers of the Church: Yesterday and Today"* - This class will examine the great written prayers of the church, both classic and contemporary forms from historical and practical perspectives...especially focusing on how these prayers are used in the worship services of the Church generally and Central Presbyterian Church specifically. Together, we will examine these spiritual expressions of our communication to the Lord which have endured across the centuries and are part of our worship services today.

**WOW (Women's Study)** Room 216 Rev. Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams  
*"Living Beyond Yourself"* - Class continues its 11-week study of Beth Moore's Bible study. Each week the lesson walks the members through a trait listed in the fruit of the Spirit, from Galatians 5:22-23, and what that looks like in the day-to-day challenges of life.

**Reason for God** Room 100 Dr. Bob Bohler & David Bradford  
 This class will continue its study of *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*. The winter session focused on tough questions people ask about Christianity. This spring session will focus on reasons for belief, even in a skeptical culture. It will look at various Christian beliefs and give reasons why traditional Christian belief makes sense. It will look at questions such as: How do we know there is a God?, How do we know God?, Is sin real?, What does the cross mean?, Is the resurrection real?

## New Men's Bible Study Starts March 4

*"Judges: The Cycle of Human Unfaithfulness and Divine Restoration"* - Judges is a collection of old stories that have a contemporary theme: the cycle of human unfaithfulness and divine restoration. That cycle is timeless. You'll see it over and over again in Judges, and you'll see it time and again in the modern church. You may even see it in yourself. Why is it that we cannot remain faithful to God? Why do we run hot and cold? Why does it take a crisis to awaken our faith? Come join us Friday mornings from 6:50 to 7:50 am as we begin to examine the Book of Judges. Book was written by Presbyterian Minister Steven Eason.

*Making Christ Central*

## Member News



**Happy  
Birthday!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Josh Urich  
 4<sup>th</sup> Charles Clement  
 Deborah Gilbert  
 6<sup>th</sup> Paige Cummings  
 Kathy Gast  
 Doris Kagerer  
 Gerald Smith  
 Suzy Szymanski  
 8<sup>th</sup> Kitty Kellogg  
 10<sup>th</sup> Wyman Baxley  
 11<sup>th</sup> Patricia Cook  
 13<sup>th</sup> Maggie Johnson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Robert Bohler, Sr.  
 Louie Boyd  
 15<sup>th</sup> Martha Elmore  
 Brooks Fletcher  
 16<sup>th</sup> Joelle Dunham  
 Eileen Fancher  
 Bob Parcels  
 17<sup>th</sup> Daniel Gallo  
 Christy Mooney  
 Katie Norris  
 18<sup>th</sup> Crockett Floyd  
 Curt Nessel  
 19<sup>th</sup> Molly Nessel  
 20<sup>th</sup> Lisa Peterson  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Matt Maier  
 26<sup>th</sup> Connor Norris  
 27<sup>th</sup> Jackie Bakker-Shepstone  
 Sylvia Mayo  
 28<sup>th</sup> Robbie Bryan  
 Nell Carnes  
 CJ Johnson  
 Courtney Patterson  
 Deborah Wing  
 29<sup>th</sup> Cheryl Autry  
 Nancy Bowman  
 Marie Clark  
 Tina Harris  
 30<sup>th</sup> Curtis Ulmer  
 31<sup>st</sup> Mac Fite

### God's Emergency Phone Numbers

When you worry...  
 call Matthew 6:19-34  
 When you travel...  
 call Psalm 121:1-8  
 When you want to be  
 effective... call John 15

## From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

*"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."* Genesis 8:22

The coming of March always brings a sense of anticipation. When March arrives, we know that spring is just around the corner. It may not quite be here yet, but we know it is very close. The anticipation of spring is especially welcome after a long cold winter.

I have been watching the average temperature for the day on The Weather Channel. The Weather Channel shows the daily average temperature each day when it gives the local forecast. Over the last several weeks the average temperature for Athens has gone from 55 degrees to 60 degrees. Springtime is slowly creeping in.

God gave a promise to Noah in Genesis 8. He assured Noah that he would never again destroy the world with a flood. In fact God promised that he would never again destroy every living creature. Instead, as long as the world endured, God said that there would be seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night. This is an important and reassuring promise. It gives us confidence to expect spring after every winter, day after every night, and both cold and heat to give balance to the world we live in.

God's work in creation is one way we discern the broader work of God. As God gives us the hope of spring, God also gives us hope for our lives. There is never a problem that does not have some solution. There is never a failure from which there is no lesson to be learned. All discouragements can be overcome. Every fear can be banished by God's love. Every emotional wound can find some healing.

Part of God's plan is that life is lived day-by-day. Every night we let go of our problems, the best we can. In the morning, most every burden seems a little lighter. God's created order nurtures hope in us, through the orderly procession of night and day.

The coming of spring makes us all feel a little better. It should remind us that God's grace is always filled with promise. Whatever "winters" we have been enduring, will not last forever. With God's grace, there is hope! The "springtime" of God's grace is always just around the corner.

With Warm Regards,

**Bob**

Bob Bohler

## From the Session

**2010 Session Ministry Assignments:** Clerk: Carl Cartledge; Administration: Sarah Fox and John Walden; Education: Doug Bailey and Wayne Peacock; Fellowship: Naomi Lupton and Cathy Norman; Membership: Louie Boyd and Christine Register; Missions: Paige Cummings and Julie Lanard; Property: Alan Coleman and Howard Guest, Jr.; Worship: Sarah Bryan and Joelle Dunham. Chairpersons' names are underlined.

**Our 2010 Deacons** were ordained and installed on Sunday, February 28. They are: Eric Anderson, Dale Autry, Peggy Bailey, Donna Floyd, and Jane McCarter.

The Church will have a **Membership Sunday** on March 28. If you have been wanting to join the church, here is a chance to join along with a group of people. Contact the office (549-9284) or one of the pastors for more information.

**Did You Know?** Central Presbyterian Church has: 348 members, compared to the national Presbyterian average of 200; a revenue of \$467,000, compared to \$240,000; an average weekly Sunday attendance of 230, compared to 111.

**Children & Youth****SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am**

3 yrs.-PreK	Room 200
K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Room 202
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Room 201
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 205
6 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 207
8 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 206

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15pm**

3 yrs.-PreK	Room 200
K-1 <sup>st</sup> grade	Room 202
2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Room 201
4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 205
6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Help w/ Kidz Club

**YOUTH****SUNDAY @ 4:30pm**

3/7	Sabbath—No meetings
3/14	Social Night
3/21	Service Night
3/28	Study Night

**YOUTH CHOIR Sundays @ 3:45pm****SPECIAL EVENTS**

**March service project:** collecting household goods for Senior Grocery Bag program of Oconee County. All donations due to Deb's office no later than Sunday, March 14.

**Presentation of Hymnals** to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Sunday, March 21 at the Traditional Service.

**Sexuality mini retreat** for middle school students AND parents, Sunday, March 28 from 12 - 3pm.

**Confirmation Class:** We're having a great time in Confirmation. Our 10 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning about the faith, having some great discussions, enjoyed an amazing retreat, and are beginning to write their faith statements. Please continue to pray for them during this important step of their journey of faith. Look for a copy of the retreat report, complete with pictures, at the church.

on an exciting *High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty Love of God!* You and your crew will plunge through rugged waves experiencing the deep, rolling waters of God's love. Each day during this high-action adventure kids will experience a surge of surprising Bible truths in a multi-sensory way. **God's Word is your guide and the Lord is your compass!** So climb aboard for the voyage of a lifetime! Many volunteers are needed for a variety of places. Please contact Kim Bohler or Laura Patterson to volunteer.

**Adults**

**The Knitting Ministry** meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 218. Call Jill Clement 706/548-1232.

**The Bridge Club** meets Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook 706/714-9978.

**The Noon Day Kitchen** is Friday, March 5 at 11a.m. Call Wes Clonts at 706/769-3234.

**Cruisers Lunch** is Tuesday, March 16 at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$6. Speaker: Prof. Mark Rich, "Historic Mega-Tsunamis—Their Causes and Catastrophic Effects" RSVP to 706/549-9294.

**The Mending Ministry** meets on Wednesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706/316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs dry pasta and cereal.

**The Presbyterian Women** have the following meetings/events for March:

- Host the Church Women United World Day of Prayer program on Friday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women invited. Please call Melody Cartledge to donate a breakfast menu item (rolls, donuts, coffee cake, bagels, etc.).
- Circles on Monday, March 8 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Room 218.
- Annual PW Gathering on Saturday, March 20 at Madison Presbyterian. Lunch is \$8. Reservations due by March 13. For further information on any of the above, contact Melody Cartledge at (706)316-1818 or [cmcartledge@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcartledge@yahoo.com)

**2010 Vacation Bible School**

June 7-11  
9:30am-12:30pm  
Ages 4 years  
through rising 6<sup>th</sup>  
graders. Set sail

**Adults****SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am**

<u>The Bible Adventures Class</u>	Room 100
<i>Interpretation Bible Study Series—Romans</i>	
<u>The Discovery Class</u>	Room 211
<i>Breaking the Code: The Book of Revelation</i>	
<u>The Friendship Class</u>	Room 216
<i>From Jesus to Christ - The Gospel of John</i>	
<u>The Road Less Travelled Class</u>	Room 218
<i>A Study of Jesus</i>	
<u>The Simply Christian Class</u>	Room 208
<i>If You Want to Walk On Water...</i>	
<u>The Sola Scripture Class</u>	McDonald Parlor
<i>The Harmony of the Gospels</i>	

**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30pm. Begins 3/17**

<u>Great Prayers</u>	Room 218
Rev Jennifer Horton	
<u>WOW (Women's Study)</u>	Room 216
Rev. Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams	

**Reason for God** Room 100  
Dr. Bob Bohler & David Bradford

**ADULT STUDIES**

**No Man Left Behind** Fri. 6:50am Rm 100  
**Women Of Wisdom** Wed. 9:30am Rm 216

Central hosts the **Interfaith Hospitality Network of Athens (IHNA)** families the week of March 21-28. IHNA is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide immediate shelter and guidance to homeless families experiencing misfortunes. There will be a training session for anyone who has never participated at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 21. For more information or to sign up, contact Carl Cartledge (706)316-1818 or [cmcartledge@yahoo.com](mailto:cmcartledge@yahoo.com).

**Family Night Supper** is Sunday, March 28 at 6 p.m. 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 details.

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner** is 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, and Family Max \$12. To-go boxes \$4. March Menus:

3/3	BBQ sandwiches, baked beans, slaw, chips, dessert
3/10	Pizza, salad, dessert
3/17	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, dessert
3/24	Buffalo's Cheesy Chicken Pasta, salad, dessert
3/31	Hamburgers and Hotdogs, chips, baked beans, dessert

## HANDBELL CHOIR RETREAT



Eleven members of the Central Presbyterian Handbell Choirs attended a Handbell Retreat at the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia the weekend of February 26th. Under the direction of noted director and music arranger Lee Afdahl, over 120 handbell ringers from South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida met to learn new techniques in handbell ringing. Following the two days of training, the ringers held a concert for local residents.

Front Row (l-r): Chris Wilson, Martha Elmore, Diane Hudgins, Paige Cummings, Laura Patterson  
Back Row (l-r): Jill Crandall - Director, Katy Terry, Georgiana Sumner, Kim Bohler, Jo Carol Nessel-Sale, Karen Huff

### KEEP YOURSELF MENTALLY FIT!

If you are 50 years of age or older, grapple with the question of adult learning. Well-documented studies suggest that creating a higher level of intellectual stimulation is associated with greater happiness, life satisfaction and reduces daily life frustration.

It stands to reason that it is why our more mature group in our church are such a happy lot! They are the recipients of wonderful Christian education and other social/learning programming in our church. One of the many opportunities this community offers is what was formerly known as Learning in Retirement (LIR). It is currently known as OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute). Some of the leaders have led programs for our Cruisers program. Because OLLI is such a great organization for the 50+ age group, we thought you might be interested in what they have to offer.

Why not investigate one of the best kept secrets in town? You may reach and join them by calling 706/549-7350. Their activities include trips, learning and many social events. And, it's learning without taking exams or having homework. Continue to be more mentally fit by supporting our church educational programs and those in the community. When we do so we create value for ourselves, our church, and our community. After all, happiness is always in season!



**Bible Question of the Month:** There is a story in the Bible about an Israelite who fought with such determination that his hand cramped closed onto his sword. He is an example of endurance. What is his name and where is his story found? (answer will be in next month's newsletter)

## MOMENT(S) FROM MISSIONS

As Christians and Presbyterians, we have a clear mission - a responsibility to follow Christ's directions to help others less fortunate than ourselves. The Session's Missions Ministry helps coordinate the Time, Talents and Tithes of our congregation with the needs of the community around us. At each year's end, we receive follow-up from those we serve. We would like to share some of these comments:

*Food For The Poor - Thank you for your gift to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Your compassion in reaching out to comfort the survivors of this catastrophe brings hope to an aching, heart-broken country.*

*InterFaith Hospitality Network - Thank you for your continued support, both physical & financial, to the Interfaith Program. As we start our fifth year in Athens, we are so happy that 75% of our families leave for stable housing, thanks in part to your efforts.*

*The Athens Nurses Clinic - Thank you for your caring support of the patients seen at the Athens Nurses Clinic. With help from your donations, we saw over 1,000 low-or-no income patients in over 3,000 clinic visits and dispensed over 6,000 medications. This would not be possible without help from our generous supporters.*

*Alps Road Elementary - On behalf of the children at Alps Road Elementary who received supplies from Julie and other members of your congregation, I'd like to thank you so very much. We are always in need of school supplies as our poverty rate is now over 90% and so many of our families are in real need.*

*The Sparrow's Nest - Thank you for your support of the Sparrow's Nest. With your help, we have been able to minister to needy families, youth-at-risk and homeless individuals with the love of Jesus Christ.*

*Women To The World - Because of your generosity in 2009, women and children have found hope from Afghanistan to Africa and even here in the USA. Because of your compassion, Women to the World supports two academies for women, maintains orphanages, supports micro-businesses for widows, and provides educational skills and counseling for the abused. Thank you for partnering with us throughout the upcoming year.*

*Thornwell Home for Children - The recent gift from Central Presbyterian helps us begin a new year of ministry to children with hope and promise. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in providing much-needed resources for the care of the children.*

*Athens Area Homeless Shelter - On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Athens Area Homeless Shelter, thank you for your continued, generous support. With your help, we were able to make a difference in the lives of over 300 homeless individuals. Lives are lived and changed at the Athens Area Homeless Shelter.*

~ Paige Cummings. Mission Ministry

## March Volunteers

### Early Service Prayers

7  
14  
21  
28

### Late Service Lav Leaders

Beth Stewart  
Beth Norris  
Sylvia Mayo  
Wayne Peacock

### Elders of the Week

Alan Coleman, John Walden  
Sarah Fox, Cathy Norman  
Doug Bailey, Wayne Peacock  
Sarah Bryan, Joelle Dunham

### Prayer of Invocation

John Walden  
Cathy Norman  
Wayne Peacock  
Joelle Dunham

### Communion Servers—3/7

Early: Julie Lanard  
Late: Howard Guest, Jr., Cathy Norman, Christine Register

### Traditional Service Ushers

7 Ed Law, Laddie & Sarah Scott, Donna Wood  
14 Jerry McColery, Arlene Peters, Lewis & Diane Hudgins  
21 Randy & Martha Elmore, Duncan & Margaret McGilvray  
28 Wes & Regina Clonts, Phil & Frances Gibson

### Gathering Hosts — Early

Kandy Duke  
Tom & Shirley Berry  
Bob & Miki Parcels  
Chris & Maura Blackmon

### Gathering Hosts — Late

Duncan & Margaret McGilvray  
Bill & Sherry Anderson  
Lewis & Diane Hudgins  
Matt & Lollie Hoots

### Nursery

Ashley Wells  
Donna Wood  
Lisa Peterson  
Sally Martin

## March Calendar

Monday 1 NAMI Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.— McDonald Parlor  
Tuesday 2 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 3 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 3 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 4 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 5 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Friday 5 Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday 7 Communion @ both services  
Monday 8 Presbyterian Women Circles @ 10 a.m.& 7 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 9 University Women's Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday 9 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 10 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 10 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 11 Newcomers @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 11 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 12 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Sunday 14 Stated Session Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 16 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 16 Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday 16 AOJWC @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Wednesday 17 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 17 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 18 DAR @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 18 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 19 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Sunday 21 Centennial Sunday Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Sunday 21 IHNA Families at Central (through Sunday, March 28)  
Tuesday 23 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 24 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 24 Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview  
Wednesday 24 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 25 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 26 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Sunday 28 Palm Sunday — Children's Procession of the Palms  
Sunday 28 Membership Sunday  
Sunday 28 Family Night Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday 30 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 31 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 31 Wonderful Wednesday Dinner @ 5:45 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.  
Middlers Youth Group 4:30 p.m.  
Senior High Youth Group 4:30 p.m.

Communion served the 1st Sunday of each month. For our homebound members, we will bring Communion to you. Call the office to schedule.

### WEDNESDAYS (September-May)

Dinner 5:45-6:30 p.m.  
Kidz Club 6:15 p.m.  
PreTeen Xtreme 6:15 p.m.  
Youth Volunteer Night 6:30 p.m.  
Adult Studies 6:30 p.m.

### MUSIC SCHEDULE

Chancel Choir	Wed @ 7:30p.m.
Children's Choir	Sun @ 9:40 a.m.
Tuesday Jubellation	Tue @ 12:15 p.m.
Joyful Noise	Wed @ 7:30 p.m.
Praise Team	Tue @ 6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Sun @ 3:45 p.m.



**The deadline for submission to the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Please send your information to Terry @ [tziemer@bellsouth.net](mailto:tziemer@bellsouth.net) or 706-549-9284.**