

**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.  
 Middlers Youth Group 6:30 p.m.  
 Adult Studies 6:30 p.m.  
 Senior High Youth Group 7:30 p.m.

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
 Praise Team Thu@6:00 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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# CENTRAL SCENES *September 2008*

*The monthly newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church of Athens, GA*

## September Volunteers

### Early Service Prayers

7 Doug Bailey  
 14 Mark Rejmer  
 21 Rick Lanard  
 28 Bob Urich

### Late Service Lay Leaders

Pat Wilson  
 Melody Cartledge  
 John Wilkins  
 Diane Hudgins

### Nursery

Georgiana Sumner  
 Jackie Shepstone  
 Christy Mooney  
 Ashley Wells

### Chancel Flowers

Charlotte Chromiak  
 Susan Sanders  
 Alexandra Fabick

### Elders of the Week

7 Howard Guest III, Cathy Norman  
 14 Lanse Patterson, Tom Virkler  
 21 Deb Williams, Bob Urich  
 28 Lynn Bloodworth, Robbie Bryan

### Communion Servers 09/07

Early Service: Louie Boyd  
 Late Service: Becky Boyd, Louie Boyd, Carl Cartledge,  
 Howard Guest Jr., Eva Nelson

### Traditional Service Ushers

7 Cecil & Bonnie Pinkerton and Mickey & Christine Register  
 14 John & Joan Duffett and Daryl & Ginny Moody  
 21 Duncan & Margaret McGilvray and Phil & Frances Gibson  
 28 Jeani Goodwin, Sylvia Mayo, Jerry McColery, Arlene Peters

### Sunday Gathering Hosts

<u>Early</u>	<u>Late</u>
7 Kandy Duke	Victor & Deanna Devine
14 Jeff & Terri Riley	Wes & Regina Clonts
21 Mike & Dawn Kenney	Emma Barnes & Beth Ellis
28 Richard & Lynn Bloodworth	Robert & Ann Bohler

## September Calendar

Tuesday	2	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room #208
Wednesday	3	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	3	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	4	Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	5	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Friday	5	St. Mary's Chaplains' Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.— Room 100
Friday	5	Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.
Sunday	7	Communion
Monday	8	Presbyterian Women Meeting @ 10:00 a.m.— Room 218
Monday	8	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Monday	8	NAMI (Mental Health) @ 7:30 p.m.— Room 106
Tuesday	9	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 208
Wednesday	10	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	10	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	11	Athens Newcomers Club @ 9:30 a.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	11	Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	12	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Monday	15	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	16	Cruisers @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	16	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 208
Tuesday	16	Athens/Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	17	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	17	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	18	DAR @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	18	Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	19	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Saturday	20	Non-Member Wedding @ 5:00 p.m.— Sanctuary
Sunday	21	Fabick/Baxter Wedding @ 12:15 p.m.— Sanctuary
Monday	22	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	23	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 208
Wednesday	24	WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100
Wednesday	24	Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview
Wednesday	24	Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Thursday	25	Bridge Club @ 1:00 p.m.— Room 218
Friday	26	NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100
Sunday	28	Family Covered Dish Supper @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall
Monday	29	WOW @ 6:30 p.m.— Room 218
Tuesday	30	Knitting Group @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 208

## Happy Birthday!

1<sup>st</sup> Terri Armacost  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Brooks  
 Lauren Peterson  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas Lupton  
 4<sup>th</sup> Katherine Estes  
 Lindsey Strother  
 5<sup>th</sup> Howard Graham  
 Betty Lou Graham  
 William Murray  
 7<sup>th</sup> Charles Cox  
 Florence Whitmire  
 8<sup>th</sup> Carol Cuff  
 10<sup>th</sup> Ed Law  
 Kathy Stewart  
 11<sup>th</sup> Joan Clark  
 Sally Martin  
 13<sup>th</sup> Eli Nelson  
 14<sup>th</sup> Robert Bachman  
 Ellen Hanna  
 15<sup>th</sup> Stan Duarte  
 Agnes Storey  
 16<sup>th</sup> Tania Bachman  
 Elizabeth Boswell  
 Jerica Hargrove  
 17<sup>th</sup> Mary Baker  
 18<sup>th</sup> John Wunderlich  
 19<sup>th</sup> Christine Register  
 Susan Virkler  
 20<sup>th</sup> Vicki Farmer  
 Donna Wood  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Mark Bell  
 Etta Fite  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Whieldon  
 25<sup>th</sup> Brenda Poss  
 26<sup>th</sup> Mark Davis  
 Kim Peacock  
 Ruth Younts  
 27<sup>th</sup> Norma Seerley  
 29<sup>th</sup> Sherry Caven  
 Bob Urich  
 Carolyn Van Sant  
 30<sup>th</sup> Richard Floyd  
 States McCarter

## Special Interest

- Communion Sunday, Sep. 7



breakfast on August 17 while hearing about the upcoming



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Fall kick-offs were exciting, informative, and filling! Roughly 150 people ate dozens of home-made pancakes at Fall Kick-Off



programs. Brochures are still available in the wall file outside the church office. Wednesday, August 20, the children's programs had a change from years past - they met at Pump It Up! for an evening of pizza, games, and high activity on

the giant inflatables. About 50 children and parents attended. The Youth met on Sunday, August 24 at the church for bungee running, food, fellowship, and raffle prizes. About 25 youth and friends (grades 6-12) were in attendance.



Photos of the Youth Kick-Off courtesy of Mary Beth Virkler.



## Member News

Alexandra Fabick and Harold Baxter invite you to share in their marriage Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:15 p.m. in Central's Sanctuary. Reception immediately following in the Gathering Area. No gifts, please.

Congratulations to Louie Boyd upon being given the 2008 American Dairy Science Association Fellow Award in recognition of his five decades of service to the dairy industry. The award was presented at the ADSA annual meeting in Indianapolis.

*"We are members one of another."*

Ephesians 4:25

Bon Voyage to Mary Beth Virkler, daughter of Tom & Susan Virkler, who left September 1 on a year-long assignment as a missionary in China. She will teach English as part of the English Language Institute of China.

We welcome our new members, Jeff & Alicia Marker and their son, Isaac, who joined us on August 31.  
89 Hill Top Drive  
Jefferson, GA 30549  
Jeff 706-614-6108  
Alicia 706-614-6108

Happy Birthday to Ava Elizabeth Coleman, daughter of Alan & Mari, born August 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's.

## From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

As we celebrate, this month, the Labor Day weekend, we are reminded of the value of labor. When God placed Adam in the garden, he gave him work to do. He was to name the animals and tend the garden. Notice that the book of Genesis does not see work as a result of our fall into sin. God's instruction to Adam is *before* the fall. Work is part of God's good gift to humanity.

How does your labor seem to you? Is it a burden to be borne, or a gracious gift from God? One of the results of sin's presence in the world is that work often seems a yoke around our necks. God said to Adam, after the fall, "in the sweat of your brow you will earn your bread." Because of sin's presence in our world and in our lives, our labors often seem heavy and an affliction to be endured.

How then can our labor become, once again, a joyous gift of God? The answer is that Christ has the power to make all things new. Christ can bring new life and joy even to those parts of life that are most difficult. The New Testament encourages us to do all things, "as to the Lord." This means to view our labors as more than earning a paycheck. When we work, we are serving God. We are making the world a better place to live. We are using our God-given gifts for the benefit of others.

It is not always obvious how our labors impact the world. But anytime we do a good job, help someone else, work industriously, help keep our company going, or follow through on a commitment, we impact someone else. Our contribution may seem small. But it is often part of a larger work that is very important.

A good prayer might be, "Lord let my labors be of value. Let my efforts be worthy of you. May my light shine wherever I am." If we do this, we will experience the joy that comes from a day well spent and a job well done.

Sincerely,

**Bob**  
Bob Bohler

## Session News

The Nominating Committee is meeting to begin preparing a slate of nominees for Elders, Class of 2011. They invite the congregation to submit suggestions for nomination to the office of Elder. Please prayerfully consider and use the insert in the Sunday bulletins to submit your suggestions by September 8, 2008.

"Elders are chosen by the people. Together with the Ministers of the Word, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church.... Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world." (Book of Order, G.6.0300)

## From the Associate Pastor

The Youth program is off to a great start on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. On Sundays, the groups will be studying the Old Testament and how an encounter with God will change their lives forever. Sarah & Ryan Fox and Deb Trimpe will be teaching. On Wednesdays, the Middlers will be focusing on Christian Relationships and the Seniors on Discipleship Sharing. Howard Guest III and Deb Trimpe will be leading. Special events for September include a **Pool Party/Lunch at Kristen Brook's house on Sunday, September 21, at 12:15 p.m. and Game Night at the church on Wednesday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m.** Friends are always welcome so grab one and come to the church for food, fellowship, and fun! As a service project, the Youth will work with the children on November 5 on the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We ask that everyone start saving those shoeboxes now. You can always drop them off at Deb's office.

## Gathering

**Cruisers** meet for a home-cooked meal and program on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Cruisers is Central's Retirees ministry. The name stands for **C**entral's **R**etirees - **U**nstoppable, **I**nspired, **S**ympathetic, **E**nergetic, **R**elational, **S**ensational. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship, and a delicious meal. Please RSVP to the church office 706-549-9284. Lunch is \$6.00.

**Family Night Supper** is Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 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 208. Call Jill Clement 706-548-1232.

**The Bridge Club** meets every Thursday at 1:00 pm in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook 706-549-9161.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner** is from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, family maximum \$15. To-Go boxes are \$4. September menus:  
9/3 Chick-fil-a nuggets, chips, coleslaw, carrot/raisin salad, brownies  
9/10 Barberito's burritos (steak, chicken, veggie), chips & salsa, dessert  
9/17 Fresh Air BBQ pork, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, pie  
9/24 Buffalo's Fajita Buffet, rice & black beans, dessert

**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. Dates still open for 2008 are: September 28, October 5, and November 9.

**Communion For Central's Homebound Members** on Sunday, October 5. Are life's circumstances keeping you from attending Sunday Morning Worship? Do you miss that worship time - especially participating in the Lord's Supper? If so, Central is offering to bring this sacrament to you on the afternoon of World Communion Sunday, October 5. If you would like to participate in worship this way, please call the church office 706-549-9284 and ask to be put on the list of those who wish to have the Lord's Supper brought to them.

## Growing

**KIDZ ROCK SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
3 yrs.-PreK Room 200  
K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 201  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Room 202

**PRETEEN XTREME SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Room 207

**JUST4YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Middlers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 106  
Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 105

**ADULTS SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
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 Nasset-Sale

Simply Christian Class  
Room #206

Teachers: Class Members

**KIDZ CLUB WEDNESDAY @ 6:15pm**

3 yrs.-PreK Room 200  
K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Room 201  
2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Room 202

**PRETEEN XTREME WEDNESDAY**  
4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Room 207

**JUST4YOUTH WEDNESDAY @ 6:30pm**  
Middlers (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 106  
Sr. High (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Room 105

**ADULT WEDNESDAY @ 6:30pm**  
Mind, Body, Spirit

Room #218

Leader: Jeani Goodwin

What Do Presbyterians Believe?  
Room #100

Leader: Bob Bohler

Favorite Old Testament Stories  
Room #208

Leader: Charlie Cook

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

NMLB Fri. at 6:50 p.m. Room #100  
Leader: Chris Whatley

WOW Mon. at 6:30 p.m. Room #218  
Leader: Deb Williams

Wed. at 9:30 a.m. Room 100  
Leaders: Deb Trimpe and Deb Williams

## Going

**The Mending Ministry** will meet Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge 706-316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs canned pasta, dry pasta and 6 oz. cans of tuna.

**IHNA** will conduct a two hour training session for anyone not yet trained on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm at Central. This is a network-wide session with volunteers from all the churches. IHNA's Executive Director, Tephra Fields, will be at Central on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> to speak at both services about the IHNA program.

IHNA's Tee-Off Banquet/Fundraiser is Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Athens First Baptist Church. Speakers: Amanda Gray and Dr. Gary Billingsley, respectively director and board president of IHN of Augusta. IHNA's Golf Tournament Fundraiser is Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 PM at Athens Country Club. \$125 per player. For information on any of the above, contact Carl Cartledge at 316-1818.

*"Bear ye one another's burdens."*

Galatians 6:2

**The ARK** thanks Central for its continuing support of their programs. One of those helped, F.H., has received gas money to aid him in getting to his cancer treatments. It is people like this whom the ARK serves.