



# CENTRAL SCENES *September 2009*

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

## *Special Interest*

- **Communion**  
**Sunday, September 6**
- **Labor Day Holiday**  
**Monday, September 7**
- **Wonderful Wednesdays**  
**September 9**
- **Family Night Dinner**  
**Sunday, September 27**



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## Adult Wednesdays

**The Gospel of John-Part 2      Bob Bohler      Room 218**  
The first part of the gospel of John is the "signs" Jesus displayed that showed his identity as the Son of God. Beginning in chapter twelve, the gospel of John moves toward the "passion" of Jesus. In a previous Wednesday night series, we looked at the first one-half of the gospel. We will pick up in John's gospel with the journey toward the cross and resurrection. Everyone is invited.

**The Story of Language with an Emphasis on English      Jeani Goodwin      Room 216**  
"When I use a word," Humpty Dumpty said, "it means just what I choose it to mean—neither more nor less." "The question is," said Alice, "whether you can make words mean so many different things." "The question is," said Humpty Dumpty, "which is to be master—that's all." Alice in Wonderland

Sept. 9    Language Acquisition: Spend an evening with Professor B.J. Craige and her delightful African Grey, Cosmo.

Sept. 16    What Is Language? What separates homo sapiens from other animals?

Sept. 23    How Did Language Begin? This class will look at migration patterns plus the theories of language development (and the Tower of Babel).

Sept. 30    The Physiology and Psychology of Language: Can we think without language? How cultural is language? How are the brain hemispheres involved?

Oct. 7    If English Is Germanic, Why Can't I understand German? This class will trace the history of English, the impact of foreign invasions, and the causes of change.

Oct. 14    Curiouser & Curiouser. This topic will look at the meaning of various idioms in the English language and the fact that "Language has meaning but only what we give it." How could Jesus have been called "silly" and Mary a "wench"?

Oct. 21    The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary.

**Women of Wisdom      Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams      Room 100**

WOW is a women's study group. We will learn how covenants—God's enduring promises—are key to understanding our relationship to God. This study explores God's initiatives with humanity by studying His covenants throughout history: The Whole Counsel of God; Customs of the Covenant, The Oneness of Covenant, The Covenant of Salvation, and the Covenant of Transforming Power. Materials cost \$20; childcare provided. This will also be the study for the WOW group meeting on Wednesday mornings. No RSVP required, but it will help our planning to know which WOW study you're attending - morning or evening.

## Adult Bible Study

**No Man Left Behind    Fri 6:50am    Room 100**

NMLB is committed to deepening men's faith and increasing their understanding of the Bible. We will study the Christian life as understood by John Calvin. We will look together at the reformer's most profound reflections on what it means to live a fully Christian life. We will discuss such essential questions as the nature of sin; the role of grace; the place of prayer; the centrality of community; and the deepest purposes of God for his people. Discussion will center on how Christians today may live and cope with the problems of personal and public life in a highly pluralistic and secular culture. Book is \$15.

**Women of Wisdom      Wed 9:30am      Room 100      Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams**

Materials cost \$20; childcare provided. No RSVP required, but it will help our planning to know which WOW study you're attending - morning or evening.

## Member News

### Happy Birthday

1 <sup>st</sup>	Terri Armacost Tim Szymanski
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Randy Brooks Lauren Peterson
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas Lupton
6 <sup>th</sup>	Howard Graham Betty Lou Graham William Murray
7 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Cox Florence Whitmire
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Cuff Hunter Gast
10 <sup>th</sup>	Isabelle Gallo Ed Law Kathy Stewart
11 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Carter Joan Clark Sally Martin
13 <sup>th</sup>	Eli Nelson Beth Norris
14 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Bachman Ellen Hanna
15 <sup>th</sup>	Lindsey Pinkerton Agnes Storey
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tania Bachman Elizabeth Boswell Nate Nelson Greg Stockwell
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Baker
18 <sup>th</sup>	Duncan McGilvray John Wunderlich
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Register Sara Winn Stockwell
20 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki Farmer Donna Wood
21 <sup>st</sup>	Meredith Hoots
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Bell Etta Fite
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth Whieldon
25 <sup>th</sup>	Frank Eberhart Brenda Pass
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Davis Kim Peacock Ruth Younts
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Carter Norma Seerley
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mandy Baxley
29 <sup>th</sup>	Jakob Amouroux Sherry Caven Bob Ulrich Carolyn Van Sant

## From the Pastor's Study

Greetings,

Alfred Lord Tennyson once said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." As Christians we believe in prayer. At least that is what we affirm. We believe it works. We believe it matters. But the question is, "Do we really practice what we believe?" One study found that the average Christian spent less than 3 minutes in prayer every day. If that is accurate, our behavior betrays us. We *say* we believe in prayer, but our actions show differently!

What would it mean if we *really* believed in prayer? We would probably pray longer, for one thing. Three minutes is hardly long enough to brush our teeth; is it enough time to commune with God? How long *should* we pray? Of course, effective prayer is not measured by the time it takes. Martin Luther once said, "The shorter the prayer, the better the prayer." He meant that we ought not to worry about fancy words and long tedious hours spent on our knees. But he would also certainly have agreed that prayer ought to have a priority in our lives. We ought to make sure our prayers are attended to, no matter what else gets done. And while Jesus sometimes prayed very short prayers, he also spent the night in prayer on more than one occasion.

How can we become better at our prayers? During the month of September, I invite you to join me in *30 Days of Prayer*. You are invited to join with myself and others in a special emphasis of prayer during this month. The hope is that we might enhance our life of prayer by concentrated effort over this 30-day span. What are we asking you to do? We ask you to be consistent in your prayers, especially if your prayers are not as consistent as they should be. We ask you to seek God's will for your life and for this congregation. We ask that you make a concerted effort to pray for others, pray for our world, and pray for this congregation.

During these 30 days, we will do some things we hope will help you in your praying. Each day we will send out an email, through our church P-Mail list. It will contain a brief scripture, an encouragement to prayer, and something to pray for. If you are not on this list, or wish a paper copy, please call the church office. We will also have a Service of Prayer in the sanctuary each Wednesday, during September, from 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

If more things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of, we certainly ought to be faithful in our prayers. We may not always see the effects of our prayers. But the Bible promises that God gives grace to those who humbly seek him. And when God's people truly pray, his work is always furthered in the world. Would you join me in giving special attention to prayer over the next 30 days?

Sincerely,

**Bob**

Bob Bohler

**Central's 3rd grade children** will receive a copy of The Adventure Bible on Sunday, September 27, at both services. This Bible, simplified especially for kids 6-10 years old, features significant Bible verses, explanations of what it was like to live in Bible times, and full color charts and maps. Please let Patty Brooks know which service your child will attend (706-548-9838) or [phbrooks@charter.net](mailto:phbrooks@charter.net).

**Children's Cherub Choir** (4 yrs – 1<sup>st</sup> grade) will sing at Traditional Worship Service on Sunday, September 20.

**Children's Choir** (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will sing at the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday, September 27.

**Children's Worship & Sacraments Class** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) is September 13 – October 4, from 9:40 – 10:40am (during Sunday School). Participating children will be recognized in worship on World Communion Sunday, October 4.

### We welcome our new members:

- Greg Stockwell and daughter Sara Winn, who joined us on August 16. Greg is a systems admin. specialist and Sara Winn is a second grader. 1505 Morton Rd, Athens 30605 706/254-3636 [gregstockwell@att.net](mailto:gregstockwell@att.net)
- Ashley Thompson, who joined us on August 23 by profession of faith and baptism. [ashley.thompson12@gmail.com](mailto:ashley.thompson12@gmail.com)

## Gathering

**The Bridge Club** meets every Thursday at 1:30pm in Room 218. Call Charlie Cook 706-714-9978. Starts September 9.

**CPC Golf Outing** is Saturday, September 19 at 12pm at the UGA Golf Course. Call Gene Hayden for information 706-543-3260.

**Cruisers Lunch**—Tuesday, September 15 at 12pm in Fellowship hall. Lunch is \$6. Speaker: Dr. Alex Williams. RSVP to the church office 706/549-9294.

**Family Night Supper** is Sunday, September 27 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. No need to RSVP - just bring a covered dish to share! For information call Regina Clonts 706-769-3234 or Alan Coleman 706-543-8902 .

**JAM (Jubilee Adult Ministries) of Northeast Georgia Presbytery** is sponsoring a day of programs, lunch, and hymn singing on Thursday, September 17 from 11am-2pm at Commerce Presbyterian Church. Registration at 10:30am, For more information, call 706-335-3282 or go to [www.cpres.org](http://www.cpres.org). Cost is \$6.

**Kidz Club Fall Kickoff** is Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 – 7:30pm at Pump It Up, Commerce Drive, Athens. Please bring \$2 per person for pizza. RSVP to Patty Brooks at [phbrooks@charter.net](mailto:phbrooks@charter.net) or 706-548-9838.

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

**Men of the Church** dinner and meeting is Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Call Alan Coleman 706-543-8902.

**Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza Organ Day** is Saturday, September 19, 10am-2:30pm. The Northeast Georgia American Guild of Organists hosts this popular event designed to introduce young people to the organ.

**Presbyterian Women (PW) Circles** meet Monday, September 14 at 10am and 7pm in Room 218 for monthly Bible study and mission work. Nursery available for the 7pm meeting. Call Melody Cartledge 706/316-1818.

**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner** is 5:45-6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Adults \$5, children under 12 \$2, and ToGo boxes \$4. Family Max is \$15. September Menus-  
9/9 Pizza, salad, dessert  
9/16 Chick-Fil-A, chips, fruit, dessert  
9/23 Barberitos burritos, chips, dessert  
9/30 Buffalo's chicken pasta, salad, dessert

## Growing

### SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:40am

#### KIDZ ROCK

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

#### JUST4YOUTH

Middlers (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Room 207
Sr. High (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Room 206

#### ADULTS

<u>The Bible Adventures Class</u> <i>Reaching for the Invisible God</i>	Room 100
<u>The Discovery Class</u> <i>EPICENTER</i>	Room 211
<u>The Friendship Class</u> <i>From Jesus to Christ - The Gospels.</i>	Room 216
<u>The Road Less Travelled Class</u> <i>An Altar in the World</i>	Room 218
<u>The Simply Christian Class</u> <i>God is Closer than You Think</i>	Room 208
<u>The Sola Scripture Class</u> <i>The Smaller Books of the New Testament.</i>	McDonald Parlor

### SUNDAYS @ 4:30 p.m.

Middlers (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Room 207
Senior Highs (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Room 206

### WEDNESDAYS @ 6:15pm

#### KIDZ CLUB

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

4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grade	Room 205
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YOUTH (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Service work

#### ADULTS @ 6:30 pm

**The Gospel of John** Room 218  
*Bob Bohler*

**The Story of Language** Room 216  
*Jeani Goodwin*

**Women of Wisdom** Room 100  
*Deb Trimpe & Deb Williams*

#### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**No Man Left Behind** Fri. 6:50am Rm 100  
*Doug Bailey, Wayne Peacock*  
The Christian Life

**Women of Wisdom** Wed. 9:30am Rm 100  
*Deb Trimpe and Deb Williams*  
Covenant

#### **Fathers of Youth Boys (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)**

New program, "Raising a Modern Day Knight." Orientation meeting on Sunday, September 13 at 4:30 p.m. (during Youth Groups) in Room 100.

## Going

**The Noon Day Kitchen** is Friday, September 4 at 11 a.m. Call Wes Clonts at 706/769-3234.

**The Mending Ministry** is Wednesday, September 23 at 2 p.m. at Grandview. Call Melody Cartledge at 706/316-1818.

**The Food Basket** needs saltines, canned tomatoes, and 6 oz cans of tuna.

**IHNA Sixth Annual Golf Tournament** is Monday, September 28. Registration cut-off date is September 15. On Sunday, September 27 at 6 p.m. there will be a Tee-off Celebration event at First Baptist Church. Contact Carl Cartledge, Regina Clonts, or the IHNA Day Center at 706-425-1881.

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Sunday for Thornwell Home for Children** is Sunday, September 20. We ask you to bring as much peanut butter & jelly as you are able. The Home started in 1875, after the Civil War, as a place for orphaned children. It now houses children who come from broken and dysfunctional homes. The home is denomination-sponsored and funded primarily through private and church donations. Central's Mission Ministry recommended to the Session that we support this cause. As a Thornwell rep said, "You would not believe how much pb&j we go through."

Please bring your donation to church on the 20th or you can deliver it to the office during the week prior. If Sunday School classes or other groups would like to help Thornwell Homes in other ways, please see Dr. Bohler.

## September Volunteers

### Late Service Lay Leaders

6 Eva Nelson  
13 Sarah Scott  
20 Laddie Scott  
27 Mike Swanson

### Elders of the Week

Paige Cummings, Howard Guest III  
Lynn Bloodworth, Carl Cartledge  
Louie Boyd, Sarah Fox  
Alan Coleman, Cathy Norman

### Prayer of Invocation

Howard Guest III  
Lynn Bloodworth  
Louie Boyd  
Cathy Norman

### Communion Servers—9/6

Early: Cathy Norman  
Late: Doug Bailey, Becky Boyd,  
Louie Boyd, Jo Carol Nettet-Sale,  
Chris Wilson

### Traditional Service Ushers

6 Lee & Sue Lance, Jim & Carol Nelson  
13 Howard Guest, Jr., Marvin Pettyjohn,  
20 Charles & Dotty Cox, Lewis & Pat Frazier  
27 Victor & Deanna DeVine, Mickey & Christine Register

### Gathering Hosts — Early

Keith & Stacie McDonough  
Richard & Lynn Bloodworth  
David Clark  
Mike & Dawn Kenney

### Gathering Hosts—Late

Daryl & Ginny Moody  
Mike & Eva Nelson  
Scott & Beth Norris  
Wayne & Kim Peacock

### Nursery

Martha Elmore  
Robin Davis  
Christy Mooney  
Kim Bohler

## September Calendar

Tuesday 1 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Thursday 3 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 4 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Friday 4 Noon Day Kitchen @ 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday 6 Communion @ both services  
Monday 7 Labor Day — Church Office Closed  
Monday 7 NAMI Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.— McDonald Parlor  
Tuesday 8 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 8 Men of the Church Dinner @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Wednesday 9 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 9 Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.  
Thursday 10 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Thursday 10 Athens Newcomer's Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Friday 11 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Sunday 13 Crown Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 211  
Sunday 13 Youth Groups @ 4:30 p.m.— Youth Rooms 206 & 207  
Sunday 13 Raising a Modern Day Knight @ 4:30 p.m.—Room 218  
Monday 14 Presbyterian Women Circles @ 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 15 Cruisers Lunch @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday 15 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Tuesday 15 Athens-Oconee Junior Women's Club @ 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Wednesday 9 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 16 Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.  
Thursday 17 DAR @ 12:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Thursday 17 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 18 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Saturday 19 CPC Golf @ 12:00 p.m.— UGA Golf Course  
Saturday 19 Organ Day "Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza" @ 10:30 a.m.— Sanctuary  
Sunday 20 PB&J Collection @ both services  
Sunday 20 Crown Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 211  
Sunday 20 Youth Groups @ 4:30 p.m.— Youth Rooms 206 & 207  
Sunday 20 Raising a Modern Day Knight @ 4:30 p.m.—Room 218  
Tuesday 22 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 23 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 23 Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.  
Wednesday 23 Mending Ministry @ 2:00 p.m.— Grandview  
Thursday 24 Bridge Club @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Friday 25 NMLB @ 6:50 a.m.— Room 100  
Sunday 27 Crown Bible Study @ 4:00 p.m.— Room 211  
Sunday 27 Youth Groups @ 4:30 p.m.— Youth Rooms 206 & 207  
Sunday 27 Raising a Modern Day Knight @ 4:30 p.m.—Room 218  
Sunday 27 Family Night Covered Dish Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.— Fellowship Hall  
Tuesday 29 Knitting Ministry @ 1:30 p.m.— Room 218  
Wednesday 30 WOW @ 9:30 a.m.— Room 100  
Wednesday 30 Wonderful Wednesday @ 5:45 p.m.

Many, many thanks to the 65 contributors to the **52Club**. In addition to the individual contributors, we're thankful for in-kind gifts from the following:  
Zaxby's, Chick-Fil-A,  
Play-N-Trade,  
Buffalo's Southwest Cafe,  
Moe's, and Barberito's.

This past July, Haley Pinkerton delivered 19 baby blankets to St. Mary's. **The Baby Blanket Ministry** offers members the opportunity to make blankets for babies in need. Directions for making the blankets are in the church office. This is an on-going ministry, so you can participate at any time.

### 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.  
HandBell Choir Tue @ 12:30 p.m.  
Wed @ 5:30 p.m.  
Praise Team Tue @ 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir Sun @ 3:45 p.m.