



Central Scene

The Monthly Newsletter of Central Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

March 2011

Summer Camp Registration Open for Ferncliff

Each year hundreds of youngsters head off to summer camp for fun and recreation. But, summer camping experiences are more than just fun and games; they are the place that many youth develop a real understanding about Christian Stewardship, mission, and Christ call upon their lives. This coming summer Ferncliff will be hosting a variety of camps and conferences for "first-time" camp attendees as well as for veteran "campers."

Over the past decade, Ferncliff has been one of the fastest growing Presbyterian camps in the nation. Last summer, a record-breaking 800 campers attended – 17% above 2009 which was 17% above 2008! Parents and campers have discovered that a week of camp packs a lot of spiritual growth, skill building and outdoor education. Ferncliff's facilities and summer staff are some of the best you'll find anywhere.

The 2011 theme is "Eyes Wide Open!" The curriculum has been custom designed for Ferncliff. Young people will experience the Bible as the best tool for personal change and will learn to see better the world with *eyes wide open*. Campers will learn about young people who are making a difference and a variety of video clips and music will help channel their passion to follow Jesus' example in reaching out to others.

Camps run for seven weeks during June and July. All weeks have camps for a variety of age levels from elementary through high school. Early registrations are encouraged and receive a discount. You will find the summer's schedule and online registration at www.ferncliff.org

The session has authorized the payment of 50% of the registration fee for any child active at Central who would like the experience of attending a summer camp so come one, come all, and get your registrations in early.

Celebrating Survivors at Jefferson County Relay for Life

Survivorship is a major part of Relay for Life, an opportunity to celebrate the courage of cancer survivors and to give hope to those still battling the disease. If you are a cancer survivor or if you know of any cancer survivors, please send your name, address and phone number to callawayd@uapb.edu. You are invited to a Survivors Dinner on April 28, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at Good Faith Carr United Methodist, 3703 Ryburn Road, located in Watson Chapel across the street from McDonalds.

Survivors are honored guests at the Relay, and a full program of activities is available throughout the event. All cancer survivors, young and old, are invited to take part in the inspirational Survivor Victory lap, during the relay on Friday, April 30, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. and enjoy a day long program of activities just for survivors.

To participate as a Survivor or get more information regarding Survivor activities at the Relay for Life, please contact Letsie Bass, Event Chair at 870-575-7105 or Dana Callaway, Team Development Chair at 870-575-7269.



Daylight Saving Time Begins
March 13, 2011

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Alvin Glover

Class of 2012

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Jemmie Moseley
John Parish

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is
open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as
Lord and Savior. New members will be
received upon baptism and profession of faith,
reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.



Dear Friends,

As we once again begin to change seasons and move into spring, I am reminded of the old saying: "March came in like a lion." I wonder how much "lion" like behavior we are likely to see from this winter to spring? The early Christians certainly had many experiences with lions as they were used for entertainment for the Roman citizens. How much behavior does our God see in us that might warrant our being shipped off for entertainment in the Coliseum in place of the lions?

While the early Christians suffered for their beliefs, how many people do we inflict suffering upon because of their beliefs; usually different from our own? A healthy respect for the beliefs of others is one of the ways that we can honor the God of our fore parents and celebrate the goodness of our God today.

Fortunately the God of our understanding is unbounded by our human limitations and inadequate understandings. Therefore, while the God of my understanding has revealed God's self to me in the person of Jesus Christ, how can I in the fullness of God's being say then that God is only capable of revealing God's self in ways that I can understand? The two concepts are incongruous.

Great God, grant me the wisdom to accept the mysteries of the faith and to recognize that just as unlikely as it is for the prophesied Lion to lie down with the Lamb; that you are a God of unfathomable depth which far exceeds the bounds of our human limits, comprehension, and finitude. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Dan

CPC Wish List

Nursery: Toy box

Education wing: Playground equipment

McElyea Hall: Data Screen

Financial Report	January	2011	Year	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$11,038	\$10,329	\$11,038	\$10,329
Texas Foundation Interest	\$3,353	\$1,333	\$3,353	\$1,333
Busick Trust Interest	\$3,445	\$2,000	\$3,445	\$2,000
Other - Miscellaneous	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Operating Revenue	\$17,836	\$13,662	\$17,836	\$13,662
Expenses	<u>\$16,835</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>	<u>\$16,835</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$1,001</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>	<u>\$1,001</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>

A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

Your choir is certainly busy and hard at work on a new Cantata, "The Lenten Sketches" which will be presented on Palm Sunday during the morning worship. We are discovering its power in making the scripture come alive through music. We are looking forward to presenting this in April.

We are always looking for new members to join our choir family! If you know of someone that is willing to share their talents, whether through voice or instrument, please let one of the choir members know. You are encouraged to share your talents with our family of faith here at Central!

Place Your Order for Easter Lilies

The church office will begin taking orders for Easter Lilies on Sunday, March 27. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday (April 17) and will remain through Easter (April 24). The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. Please fill out the enclosed order form and return it to the church office by April 10.

"The Firm Believers" Aerobics
Mon. & Wed. - 9 to 10 a.m.
Tues. & Thurs. - 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
McElyea Hall

Weight Watchers
Mondays
12:00 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.
Youth Activities Building

Ballroom Dance Classes
Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30
McElyea Hall

Al-Anon Parent's Group
Thursdays
6:30 p.m.
Perdue Library



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of John Armer "Jack" Perdue, III

Betty Coles-Undesignated
Kathy & Larry Bryant-Undesignated
Lisa & Ray Stewart-Undesignated
Mr. and Mrs. Brady Crosswell-Undesignated
Dr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Ligon-Undesignated
Louis A. Graham, Sr.-Undesignated
Lynda Vick and Family-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of J.T. Weaver

Betty Coles-Undesignated
Karen & David Perdue-Undesignated
Mary Wooten-Undesignated
Bev & Tom Evans-New Van

Memorial Opportunities

Memorial Bricks

There have been a number of recent requests for memorial bricks on the sidewalk leading to our North entrance. If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, now is a wonderful time to purchase a memorial brick with their name permanently inscribed. The cost for each brick is \$65. If you would like to buy a memorial brick, please call the church office to request an order form. Please submit the information you wish to appear on the memorial brick with your check. Memorial text must not exceed two lines of more than 15 characters (including spaces) per line.

Landscape Memorials

We have completed the first stages of our Landscaping Project, but there is still a lot to be done. If you would like to contribute to this ongoing project in memory or honor of a loved one, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

New Van Fund

We have begun a "new" wheelchair accessible van fund. All contributions to this fund are welcomed and appreciated. Gifts may also be made in memory or honor of a loved one. As you may know, the air conditioning in the old van we have no longer works and it is awkward for many of our older members to get in and out of, thus our determination to purchase a different mode of transportation for the church.

Playground Equipment

We are also seeking special funds to purchase and install some playground equipment to support our growing group of young people. If you would like to contribute to this effort in memory or honor of a loved one, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

Music Memorials

In years past, one of the ways in which members and friends have remembered loved ones was to purchase new music for the choir as a memorial dedicated to that special someone. If you would like to remember someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details on how you may underwrite the purchase of new material for our growing music program.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Events to be held at Central Presbyterian



SHROVE TUESDAY

Central Presbyterian Church will host a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on March 8, at 5:30 p.m., in McElyea Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and the meal is "all you can eat." All are invited to come and join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. Please phone the church office at 870-879-9074 to make a reservation!

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began. As far back as 1000 AD, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses.

Historically, Shrove Tuesday marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs or milk. However, if a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. In order to do so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in the form of pancakes.

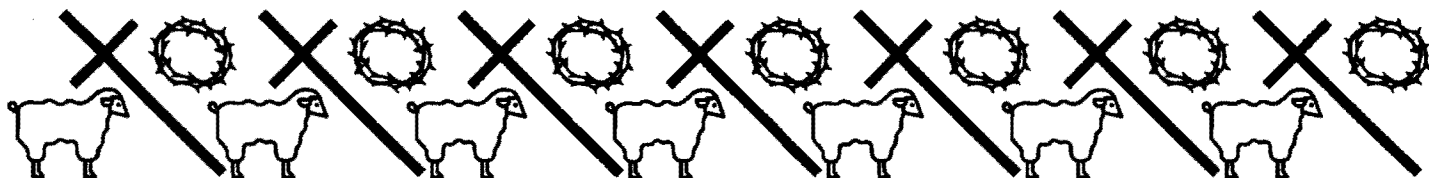
Today, the Shrove Tuesday pancake tradition lives on in Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Australia. It is most often associated with the United Kingdom, where it is simply known as Pancake Day, with a traditional recipe that looks to all the world more like a French crepe rather than the 'mile-high' stack so popular on National Pancake Day in America.



On March 9, an **Ash Wednesday Service** will be held at Central Presbyterian. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

Ash Wednesday begins the day after Shrove Tuesday and is the first day of Lent as celebrated by the Western Churches. For 14 centuries the season of Lent has been a time for self-examination and penitence in preparation for Easter. The name comes from the Saxon *lengten-tide*, referring to the lengthening of the days and the coming of spring. This 40-day period of abstinence recalls the fasts of Moses, Elijah, and Jesus, all of which—according to scripture—lasted 40 days. It was originally begun in the Western Church on a Sunday. However, since Sundays were feast days, in the latter part of the sixth century Pope Gregory I moved the beginning of Lent ahead four days.

Pope Gregory is also credited with having introduced the ceremony that gives this day its name. When public penitents came to the church for forgiveness, the priest would take some ash (made by burning the palms used on Palm Sunday of the previous year) and mark their foreheads with the sign of the cross as a reminder that they were but ashes and dust. Eventually the practice was extended to include all who wished to receive ashes.



Monthly Financial Report Reformatted

You may have noticed that the monthly financial report on page 3 of the *Central Scene* looks a little different. It has been reformatted in an effort to present a clearer picture of our financial status. Below is a reformatted report for December 2010. If you have any questions or comments about the new format, please contact our Budget & Finance chair, Al Glover, at 870-247-0718.

Financial Report	December	2010	Year	2010
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$12,517	\$10,837	\$134,362	\$128,018
Texas Foundation Interest	\$10	\$2,067	\$16,908	\$24,800
Busick Trust Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Miscellaneous	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Operating Revenue	\$12,517	\$12,904	\$153,270	\$154,818
Expenses	<u>\$19,642</u>	<u>\$16,889</u>	<u>\$207,757</u>	<u>\$202,663</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>-\$7,115</u>	<u>-\$3,985</u>	<u>-\$54,487</u>	<u>-\$47,845</u>

Central Notes

- ▶ The Evening Circle will meet Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, March 8, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ Central will host a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m., in McElyea Hall. All are invited to attend. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family and the meal is "all you can eat."
- ▶ An Ash Wednesday Service will be held at Central on March 9, at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to join us for this special service.
- ▶ The Men of the Church will have a breakfast meeting Saturday, March 19, at 8 a.m. in McElyea Hall. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ▶ The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon will be held Sunday, March 20, following morning worship.
- ▶ The Session will meet Sunday, March 20, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ Dan will be on vacation March 21 through 27. Rev. Dr. Debra Carl Freeman will be our guest pastor on March 27.



The newsletter deadline for the April issue of Central Scene is Monday, March 21. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Important Dates March

- 01 NAMI Family-to-Family classes begin
7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.
- 02 **PW Trip:** Fordyce, AR - 10:30 a.m.
- 07 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue
Library
- 08 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue
Library
Pancake Supper - 5:30 p.m. - McElyea
Hall
- 09 **Ash Wednesday Service** - 5:30 p.m.
- 11 Domino Group - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea
Hall
- 13 Daylight Saving Time begins
Baby Shower: A. Chandler - 2 to 4
p.m. - McElyea Hall
- 19 **Men's Breakfast Meeting** - 8 a.m. -
McElyea Hall
- 20 **3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon** -
following worship
Session - following luncheon -
conference room
- 21 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 25 Domino Group - 1-3 p.m. - McElyea
Hall

Youth News

We now have some celebrities among us! We had the wonderful opportunity on Sunday, February 20, to attend the production of *The Talking Eggs* presented by The John McLinn Ross Players of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. To our surprise, Weston & Allie Mosley and Kodee Vick were among a selected group of attendees for a cameo appearance in the production. With audience participation, the 'trees' would sway as the wind blew through the forest, and as 'the talking eggs' would relentlessly scream, "take me, take me!" It was a wonderful performance and everyone had a delightful time! Thanks to all who made this possible, from donors to chaperones! We are blessed to have our church family supporting our youth programs!

*We are tickled PINK and happy to say
a precious little DEAR is on the way!*

*You are invited to a Baby Shower
honoring
Amanda Chandler*

*Sunday, March 13, 2011
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Central Presbyterian Church
McElyea Hall*

*Given by: Rose & Suzy VonTungeln
Laura Cosner and Denise Mosley*

Amanda is registered at Babies R Us and Wal-Mart

Forgiveness BRACELET

Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins, and he tells us to forgive other people, too. Make and wear this craft as a reminder that you are forgiven — and should be forgiving.

What you need:

- Clear plastic bottle (about 16 oz.)
- An adult to help
- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Permanent black marker
- Glue or clear tape
- Thin ribbon or yarn
- Small hole punch

What you do:

1. Remove any label from the bottle. Have an adult help you cut the bottle in half, width-wise. At the middle, cut out two identical half-inch-wide strips.
2. Cut out paper the same size as the plastic strips.
3. On the paper, write "Forgive, and you will be forgiven" (Luke 6:37, NIV).
4. Place the paper between the two plastic strips.
5. Cut and glue the ribbon or yarn to run along the top and bottom of the verse, framing the words.
6. Punch a hole at each end, through all three layers.
7. Tie the bracelet to your wrist with ribbon or yarn.

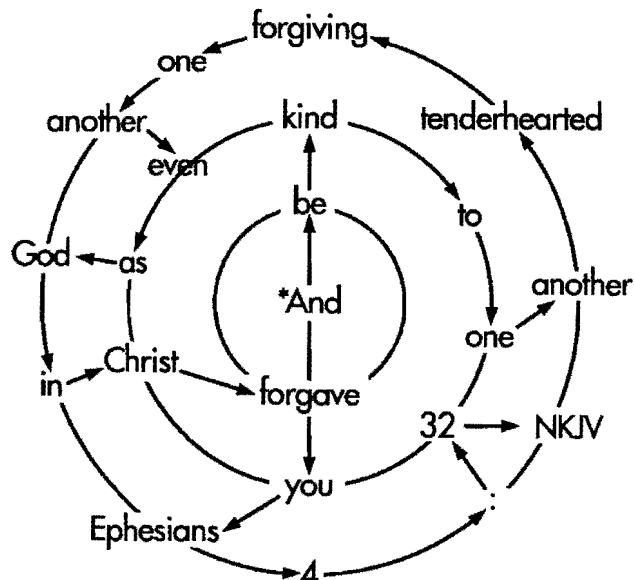


WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,

_____."

Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

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06 Jim Smedley	20 Agnes Bradley
07 Laura Festa	23 Bea Magee
12 Nell Horne	25 Mary Shannon Fikes
13 Ryan Shaw	26 Sydney Hayes
14 Grady Magee	28 Carol Brown
16 Emma Massey	

Lectionary Readings for the Month of March

Sunday, March 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exod. 24:12-18; Ps. 2 or Ps. 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9

Wednesday, March 9

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isa. 58:1-12; Ps. 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6, 16-21

Sunday, March 13

1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

Sunday, March 20

2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 27

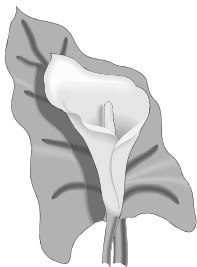
3rd Sunday in Lent

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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Easter Lilies

The church office is accepting orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. Please fill out the form below, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is April 10.

Donor(s)

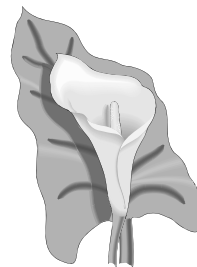
In Honor of:

In Memory of:

No. of Lilies _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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