



Central Scene

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

July 2011

While You Roll out Those Crazy, Lazy, Hazy Days of Summer...

Avoid the Clear and Certain Damage of Those Rays!!!

This is a word for stewardship of health from one of your parish nurses. That would be me © - Laura (Festa).

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) advises the following as best health practices related to the sun.

1. Generously apply water resistant sunscreen with an SPF factor of at least 15 that provides broad-spectrum protection from both UVA and UVB rays.
2. Use a **generous sized golf ball application of sun screen** in one palm and spread that over your entire exposed body, **repeating the application every two hours while you are in the sun**. Look for the **AAD Seal of Recognition on the products that are best resources for skin protection**.
3. Remember the vulnerability of a potential balding spot, your ears, and your neck in addition to all other exposed skin surfaces. Wear a broad brimmed hat, and sunglasses that protect your eyes from UVA and UVB rays as well.
4. Remember if you perspire heavily, or swim, you have removed your sun screen; when in doubt reapply.
5. The water and sand reflect the damaging rays of the sun, increasing your likelihood of a sun burn.
6. Tanning beds are certain damage. They can cause skin cancer and wrinkling and that is repeatedly validated in the literature.
7. On your birthday, check your birthday suit! If you notice anything changing, growing or bleeding on your skin, see a dermatologist. Skin cancer is very treatable when caught early.
8. Lastly, when in doubt, check it out! Have a dermatologist inspect any skin that demonstrates recent change, growth or bleeding that does not heal. Use a mirror to inspect surfaces that are not readily visible.

Presbyterian Women's News

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be received on July 17, during morning worship. The Birthday Offering is a PW offering normally collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Annual School Supply Program Set for August

The Annual Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply distribution will be held on August 9, 10, and 11, this year. This program provides basic school supplies to children of low income families. The children served by this program are from all schools in Jefferson County, grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

Central has been asked to help support the School Supply Program again this year by collecting **150 three-ring binders**. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. The deadline is August 3.

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SESSION

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
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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.

FROM THE PASTOR

"Summer time and the livin is easy"... So spoke George Gershwin in his famous folk Opera about life in the deep south, (actually it was set in Charleston, S.C., the home of Dr. Poinsett). Well, to some extent, I have to agree with Mr. Gershwin. When the weather is hot, it is important for each of us to slow down and take life a little easier. However, Mr. Gershwin never indicated that life ceased when it gets hot – only that it becomes more deliberate.

Much like the earth goes through its seasons of change and restoration, so, too, do we humans. It is important for each of us to do a personal assessment as well as a corporate assessment to determine if in fact the trajectory upon which we find ourselves bears any resemblance to the place wherein God has called us to be. To that end, I am going to be asking the session to examine the goals that they established for themselves during their officer training and to assess their fulfillment or achievement of those goals.

If we never explore where we are, we'll never know when we actually arrive at our destination. Throughout the Biblical narrative, there are examples of those who aimlessly wandered. In particular, if we examine the story of the Hebrew people wandering in the desert for forty years, we will find a people who initially lacked a sense of identity or direction.

As with any body of people, whether wandering in the desert of Mt. Sinai or of the struggling areas of Southeast Arkansas, we each are on a specific journey. May God grant us the wisdom to search out our next 'right' step. Blessings and Happy Summer!

Peace,

Dan



Financial Report	May	2011	Year	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$11,250	\$10,329	\$80,917	\$51,644
Texas Foundation Interest	\$0	\$1,333	\$8,242	\$6,666
Busick Trust Interest	\$0	\$2,000	\$8,383	\$10,000
Operating Revenue	\$11,250	\$13,662	\$67,542	\$68,310
Expenses	<u>18,481</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>	<u>\$88,001</u>	<u>\$87,660</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>\$-7,231</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>	<u>-\$20,459</u>	<u>-\$19,350</u>

A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

Summer is here! We hope to share some of the choir favorites during our summer season. If you have a favorite selection that you would like to hear, please let a member of the choir know.

Thanks to those who volunteered to sing in the mass choir for the community Patriotic concert at First Baptist. You helped to make this event a wonderful success. The community is grateful for you sharing your talent.



Join us for a Rainforest Adventure!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at Central on August 4th - 6th. This year's program is Rainforest Adventure; a fun filled, God-centered VBS program designed to help kids experience the importance of Stewardship. The program will be held Thursday and Friday evenings and during the day on Saturday.

Be sure to check the August issue of the Central Scene and our church website (www.centralprespb.com) for more details on what promises to be a fun and faith-filled event!



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of J. E. Monk
Pat and Mike Drewett-Nursery Wish List

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In Loving Memory of Peggy Wilson
Entergy Retiree Club-Undesignated

In Memory of Edward Self
Bill VonTungeln-Vera Lloyd

In Honor of John Armer Baran
Myra Baran-Undesignated

In Honor of Patsy & Al Glover
Dess Foote-Undesignated

Come Enjoy Historic Natchez, Mississippi in Fall 2011!

All are invited to join us on a trip to Natchez, Mississippi, on **October 12, 13, and 14**. We will take the church bus and stay in a hotel in the historic district. While there we will enjoy a night at the Natchez Little Theatre to see The Civil War Sesquicentennial, the Mississippi Medicine Show, Dinner at MonMouth Plantation, Natchez Fall Tour of Homes, and many more treasures of Natchez on the Bluffs. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or call the church office to make reservations. The approximate cost is \$500 per person which includes one dinner, 3 breakfasts, theatre ticket, house tour tickets and transportation. Rooms are double occupancy unless otherwise requested or noted. The church bus only accommodates 15 people so reserve your spot today!



Regular Group Activities at Central

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in the work of the church or community? Maybe you would like to find a positive way to increase your social interaction with others? Are you in need of support for a personal issue with which you are dealing? Central offers, or is host to, many groups and activities that could help you do all of those things and more. Below is a list of group activities here at Central. We invite and encourage you to participate in as many of these activities as you would like. We hope you will join us!

Youth Group: Sunday - 5:30 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon: 3rd Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Regular Session Meeting: 3rd Sunday - 1:30 p.m. - Conference Room

Blue Moon Sunday: 5th Sunday - 6 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Trinity Village Vespers: 5th Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

"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: Monday - 12:00 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. - Youth Activities Building

Square & Folk Dancing: Monday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle: 2nd Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library (Does not meet in summer)

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library (Does not meet in summer)

Ballroom Dance Classes: Tuesday - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

NAMI Meetings: 2nd Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

Central Choir: Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - Choir Room

Noon Bible Study: Thursday - 12 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

Lions Club Dinner Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday - 7 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Dominos: 2nd and 4th Friday - 1 to 3 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 2nd Saturday - 8 a.m. (Does not meet in summer)

Ballroom Dance Lesson: 2nd Saturday - 3:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Ballroom Dance: 2nd Saturday - 7 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

For more information on any of the activities listed, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.

Memorial & Gift Opportunities

Memorial Bricks

We have 20 newly engraved bricks on our front walkway! If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, **it is not too late** 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. Text must not exceed three lines of more than 15 characters (including spaces) per line. Bricks can be given in honor of a loved one, as well.

Landscape Fund

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, or just give a gift toward the completion of this project, please designate your desire on the memo line of your check or attach a note to your gift indicating your wishes.

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 Department

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 or honor someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details on how you can underwrite the purchase of new material for our growing music program.

Youth Program

Our Youth program is thriving! One way that you can support this growing ministry in our church is by providing a meal for one of the weekly youth group meetings. The average cost to feed the group is \$40, but any and all gifts are appreciated!

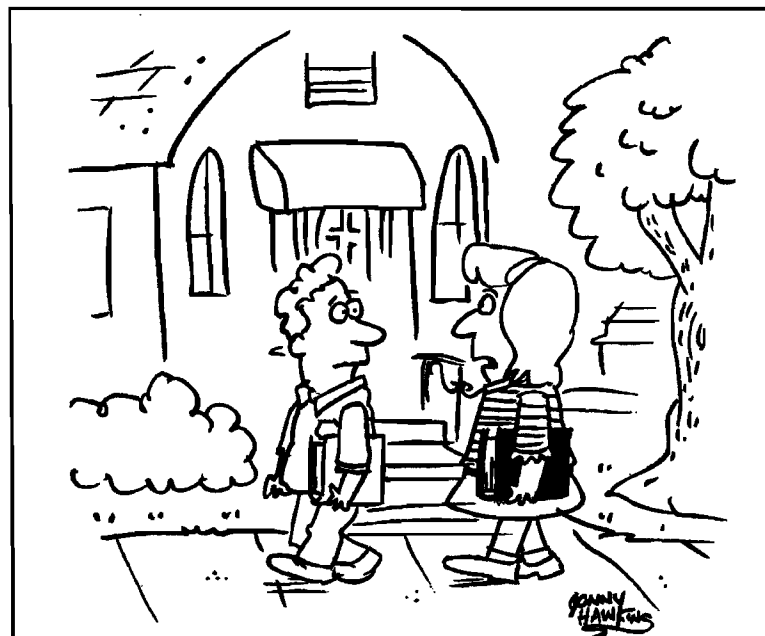
Youth Trip Fund

Each summer, our Youth take a vacation trip. We have traveled to many different locations like Magic Springs, Silver Dollar City, Six Flags and even Disneyworld! Our youth really look forward to this trip each year, and work hard fund-raising year round to help cover the costs of the trip. However, the cost of travel, food and lodging can be expensive. Your gift would go a long way to help offset these costs!





The newsletter deadline for the August issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, July 18**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



"They must have had some form of email.
The Apostle Paul wrote the epistles."

Important Dates July

- 03 Guest Pastor: Al Henager
- 04 Independence Day - Office Closed
- 05 Trip: Crater of Diamonds State Park
- 10 Communion
Stewards:
- 17 PW Birthday Offering Received
3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon -
following worship
No Session
- 18 Newsletter Deadline

SHINE

This Summer

Youth News

Thanks to all who helped provide us with our meals during our regular youth meetings. We are very grateful for your eagerness to share your talents with us and serve up some very tasty treats for our enjoyment.

Our Youth trip to Branson and Silver Dollar City was a huge success. We are thankful for the 12 youth and the 8 sponsors/chaperones who were able to make the trip. All had a great time watching movies in our 'new' bus, stopping at Pickle's Gap on Sunday, and enjoying all the great rides at Silver Dollar City. We even enjoyed the roller coasters and swings with all of their twists and turns that give one the feeling of a little (or big) tickle in your throat when going upside down and all around – it was just enough to turn a person inside out! A chance to play a rousing round of Miniature Golf and a visit to the Hollywood Wax museum rounded out our trip's activities. Wow! There was so much to do and see in such a short trip. No wonder it was so quiet, as most slept through the movies during the return trip! Thanks again to all who helped to make this event a wonderful success!

PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

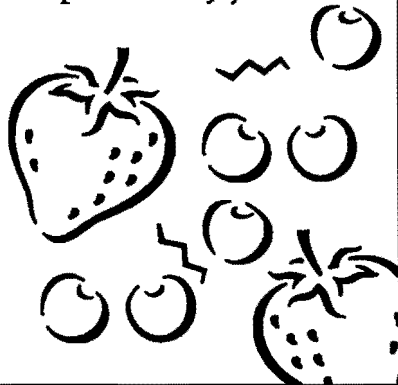
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

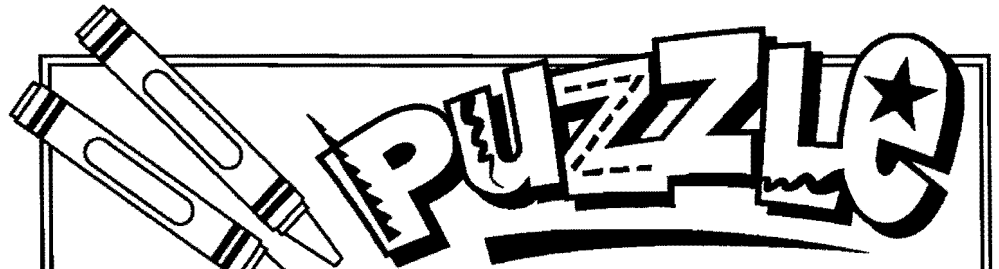
What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!





Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.

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Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

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Answers: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. (Galatians 5:1, NIV)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2011</h1>					1	2
3 Guest Pastor: Al Henager	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5	6 6:30 Choir	7 Noon Bible Study	8 Domino Group 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall	9 Trip: Crater of Diamonds State Park Ballroom Dance 7-11 p.m. - McElyea Hall
10	11	12 NAMI - 7 p.m. - YB	13 6:30 Choir	14 Noon Bible Study	15	16 Lions Club Officer Training - 9 a.m. - noon McElyea Hall
17 Fellowship Luncheon PW Birthday Offering received	18	19	20 6:30 Choir	21 Noon Bible Study	22 Domino Group 1-3 p.m. - McElyea Hall	23
24	25	26	27 6:30 Choir	28 Noon Bible Study	29	30 Lions Club Officer Training - 9 a.m. - noon Youth/Activities Bldg.
31		Ushers Kay and Jay Cromwell Lay Reader Bill Detmers			<div> June 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 </div>	<div> August 2011 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div>

Please see Regular Group Activities page for additional activities



01 Mac MElyea	18 Patsy Glover
02 Marty Shell	19 Brianna Rodriguez
06 Kelley Massey	25 Jacob Vick
12 Eugene Lackey	

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

07 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Vick
16 Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lackey

If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.

Lectionary Readings for the Month of July

Sunday, July 3

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Ps. 45:10-17 or S. of Sol. 2:8-13; Rom. 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 10

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112; Rom. 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 17

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 28:10-19a; Ps. 139:1-12, 23-24; Rom. 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 24

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45b or Ps. 128; Rom. 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, July 31

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15; Rom. 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21

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