



Central Scene

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

August 2011

56th Annual Grady Lions Fish Fry to be held in August

Held on the third Thursday in August, about 1500 people come out to enjoy fish, french fries, hushpuppies, and watermelon provided by the Lions Club of Grady, AR. This has been an annual event in Grady since the formation of the Lions Club there in 1956.

This year's event will take place August 18, 2011, in the Ned Harding Pecan Grove at Grady. Starting around 4:30 that afternoon, you can enjoy great fish and fellowship provided by the Lion's Club, a non-profit organization. The food and fun will go on until the last person leaves.

~~There is a sign-up sheet in McElyea Hall for those who~~ wish to go to the fish fry. We plan on taking the church bus and will leave around 4 p.m. We will return around 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.

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, hotel, and transportation. Rooms are double occupancy unless otherwise requested or noted. The church bus only accommodates 15 people so reserve your spot today!

We're Going to See *The Music Man*!

On August 27, we will travel to Murry's Dinner Playhouse in Little Rock to see Meredith Wilson's razzle-dazzle musical classic, *The Music Man*. This production is sure to lift your spirits with its toe-tapping tunes and heart-lifting marches. Enjoy this piece of Americana as salesman, Harold Hill, charms and scams a small Iowa town and a lovely librarian into believing that anything can come true! All are invited to join us for Murry's presentation of one of Broadway's best musicals.

A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you would like to go. We will leave the church at 5:15 p.m. and will return around 11:00 p.m. The cost of the show is \$33 for adults and \$15 for kids.

News That You Can Use

The following is a financial tip for charitable giving from Texas Presbyterian Foundation:

Situation:

I have just converted my regular IRA to a Roth IRA and will have a considerable amount of taxes to pay as a result. Is there anything I can do to reduce my tax bill and provide for my church and favorite charities at the same time?

Solution:

By using non-retirement assets that you would be setting aside for the tax liability, you can establish a donor advised fund at Texas Presbyterian Foundation in the same calendar year that you convert to the Roth IRA. You will receive an immediate tax deduction for charitable distributions that you can make in future years and at the same time reduce the amount that would otherwise be paid in taxes.

For more information, tips, and charitable giving options visit www.tpf.org.

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Cromwell

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Rose Von Tungeln
Suzy Von Tungeln

SESSION

Class of 2011

Jane Judkins
Bubba VonTungeln
Amanda Chandler
George Mosley
Alvin Glover

Class of 2012

Zac Cosner
Laura Festa
Mike Kelley
Jemie 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.

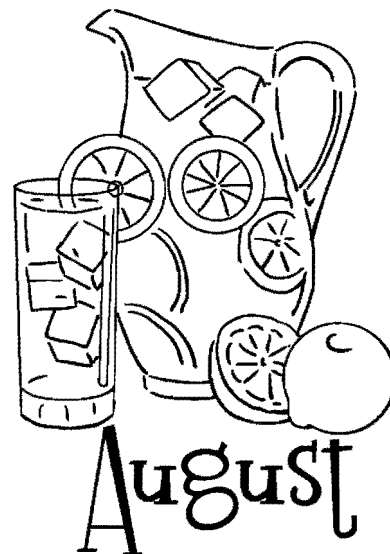
FROM THE PASTOR

With the coming of August, our focus tends to turn towards the beginning of school and our youth. Two weeks ago I had the occasion to be in the nursery with several of our young members and they asked me, "When will we get some playground equipment so we can go outside and play?" It was one of those very innocent questions from which I experienced a real sense of embarrassment. I felt impotent to answer, and as many of you know there are few times I am rendered speechless. This was one of them. First, I was taken aback that the children were so aware and had noticed that there was no playground equipment, and secondly that they would think that I, as their pastor, would somehow be able to rectify the problem. While flattered at their sense of confidence in me, I also knew that the only thing I could do was to make an appeal on behalf of our children.

Fortunately, we have received a couple of lovely donations towards the purchase of playground equipment, but as of yet our resources do not come anywhere near to meeting the cost of the new equipment. Our youth are indeed the future of the church, and we are blessed to have such a "crop" of lovely children. However, if we fail to show them that we value them and all of the ways in which they contribute to the life of this congregation then I would have to ask, "Are we living up to the mission to which we have been called by Christ?"

Grace and Peace,

Dan

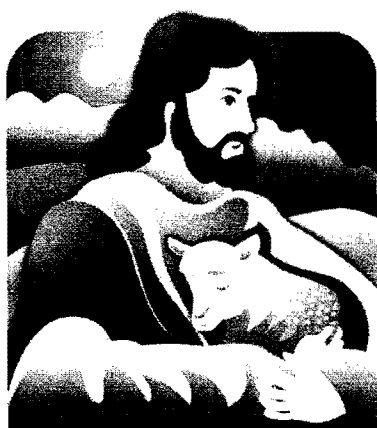


Financial Report	June	2011	Year	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$8,289	\$10,329	\$59,207	\$61,973
Texas Foundation Interest	\$0	\$1,333	\$8,242	\$7,999
Busick Trust Interest	\$0	\$2,000	\$8,383	\$12,000
Operating Revenue	\$8,289	\$13,662	\$75,832	\$81,972
Expenses	<u>\$17,113</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>	<u>\$105,114</u>	<u>\$105,192</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>-\$8,824</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>	<u>-\$29,282</u>	<u>-\$23,220</u>

A
Note from
the
Choirmaster
Marty Shell

We are very grateful for our choir family and their diligence working through the summer. We have all been blessed with their willingness to share their talents with us in worship. We have also enjoyed sharing some of our favorite selections with you this summer. After all that hard work, it has been great to get a day or two off from rehearsals!

Central's choir family is always looking for opportunities for you to share your talents! If you or someone you know who would like to join, please let one of us know. We always have an extra robe or two that you could fill!



"The LORD is
my shepherd,
I shall not want."

Psalm 23:1, NRSV



James Smedley, 92, of Pine Bluff died Thursday, July 14, 2011, at his home. Funeral services were held Saturday, July 16, 2011, in the Chapel of Ralph Robinson & Son Funeral Directors with Dr. Dan Festa officiating. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

He was born March 6, 1919, in Camden, to W.A. and Miriam Smedley. The family moved to Pine Bluff in 1929. He enrolled in Pine Bluff schools, and graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1937.

He was employed by the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad (Cotton Belt) and then Southern Pacific Railroad, as a brakeman and conductor, retiring as a conductor in 1980. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the 791st Railway Operating Battalion in Iran, handling freight that would assist Russia in defeating Germany. He was awarded the Commemorative Medal by the Russian Government. He was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, Woodmen of the World, and

served as President Arkansas Jurisdiction, 1965-1969. He was a 50 year member of Jacob Brump Lodge #160, F.& A.M., Scottish Rite Bodies, and a member of the Sahara Center. He was also a member of VFW Post 4455 in Pine Bluff. He touched many lives in his 92 years, and will be missed by many, especially his church family.

Mr. Smedley was preceded in death by his wife, Anemone "Ann" Reid Smedley, whom he married March 1, 1974.

Survivors include his daughters, Myra Rinehart of Rison, Lu Ann Colling of Russellville, step-daughter, Diane Simmons of Sherwood, step-son, D.E. Wallace of Sevierville, Tennessee, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71603.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Paul Wooley

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Mildred Gaunt-Choir
Al & Patsy Glover-Choir
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Choir
Mr. and Mrs. Grady Magee-New Van
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated
Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated
Bonnie Rauls-Choir
Jim Smedley-Choir
Suzy VonTungeln-Choir
Jo Weaver-Undesignated
The Sheraton Park Neighborhood Watch Group °° Brynn Kochel-Undesignated
Vernell and Ernest Cullins-Undesignated
Mary Wooten-Undesignated

Connie and Bill Detmers-Choir
Agnes Hughes-Choir
Rose VonTungeln-Choir
Ann Foerster-Undesignated
Betty Coles-Undesignated
Mildred Patterson-New Van
Gail and David Davis-New Van
Carolyn and Tommy Mebane-Choir
Mr. and Mrs. George Walker-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of James "Jim" Smedley

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Jo Weaver-Undesignated
Ann Woolley-Choir
Mary Wooten-Undesignated
Connie and Tom Simmons-Undesignated
Bonnie Rauls-Choir
Rose VonTungeln-Choir
Suzy VonTungeln-Choir
Dale VonTungeln-Undesignated
Judge and Mrs. Lawrence E. Dawson-Undesignated
Linda Shibley-Undesignated
Rev. and Mrs. John Shell-Undesignated
Ginger and Randy Crowder-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Kerrie Tucker

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated

Memorial & Gift Opportunities

Playground Equipment

We are 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.

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.

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!



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 (will resume in September)

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library (will resume in September)

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. (Will resume in September)

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.

The newsletter deadline for the September issue of Central Scene is Monday, August 22. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Important Dates

August

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| 03 | No Choir |
| 04-06 | Vacation Bible School |
| 18 | Grady Fish Fry |
| 21 | 3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon -
following worship |
| | No Session |
| 22 | Newsletter Deadline |
| 27 | Trip: Murry's Dinner Playhouse |
| 31 | No Choir |



**Our Bible Study
& Fellowship Luncheon!
Every Thursday at Noon**

Youth News

Our trip to the Crater of Diamonds State Park was a huge success. The extreme heat did offer a bit of a challenge as we all dug for that special find. An umbrella and the shade trees were some of our best friends while digging. Unfortunately, no one found a big diamond, but lots of looking and sifting through the dirt did reward a few with some of the other mineral finds. Following the exhausting dig, a quick dip in the pool was a well received and refreshing experience. We enjoyed a quiet ride home after a fun-filled day! Thanks for all who helped to make this trip happen. We took a full bus of 15 on the trip, and all had a wonderful experience.

It is almost time for school to begin, and summer will once again be another memory. We thank all who helped us provide the many youth events that our kids were able to enjoy this summer! We will resume our regular Sunday evening youth program in September. If you would like to be a volunteer for our youth program, please let one of our youth sponsors or Education and Nurture committee members know.

HERO Sandwich

To celebrate the Bible's many heroes, make this sandwich for a picnic.

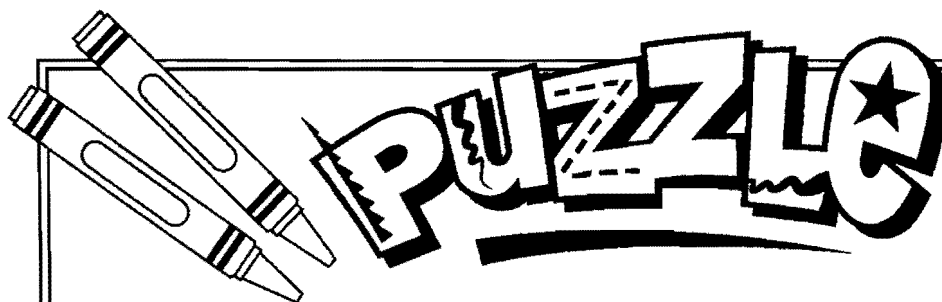
What you need:

- An adult to help
- Shredded lettuce
- Olive oil and vinegar
- Seasonings (salt, pepper, oregano)
- Italian crusty bread (six inches per person)
- Mayonnaise
- Sliced meat
- Sliced cheese
- Sliced tomato
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Toothpicks
- Tape



What you do:

1. Drizzle shredded lettuce with oil and vinegar; sprinkle with seasonings.
2. Cut bread in half lengthwise and spread mayo on both halves.
3. On bottom half, layer meats, cheese, tomato and lettuce.
4. Top with other half of bread. Cut in half.
5. Cut paper into small triangles. Write your favorite Bible heroes' names on them.
6. Tape the triangles to toothpicks to make pennants. Stick in sandwich halves. Enjoy!



action★packed faith

The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

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| Noah | 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life. |
| Stephen | 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants. |
| Abraham | 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side. |
| Luke | 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent. |
| Nehemiah | 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature. |
| Josiah | 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death. |

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 4, Luke 1, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 2.

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06 Lawrence Fikes	24 Charlotte Perdue
06 Val Reichen	24 Mary Kientz
07 Mildred Patterson	28 Allison Moseley
13 Robert Brown	29 Brynne Massey
17 Ansley Howsen	29 Shelburn Lee
20 Broc Detmers	29 Anna Slaten

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

09 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brown
11 Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Judkins
13 Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Glover
14 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Drewett
15 Mr. and Mrs. George Moseley
17 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kelley
18 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt

Lectionary Readings for the Month of August

Sunday, August 7

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28; Ps. 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33

Sunday, August 14

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 45:1-15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matt. 15:(10-20) 21-28

Sunday, August 21

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 1:8-2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20

Sunday, August 28

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Rom. 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28