



Central Scene

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

September 2011

Race For The Cure!

Mark your calendars for the Susan G. Komen "Race For The Cure" on Saturday, October 22! Central will organize a team again this year, and we can tell you the race is always a blast! Women can register for the 5k, 2k, or "Sleep In" race; men can register for the "3 Miles of Men." See www.komenarkansas.org for more details, and sign up for our Team "Central Presbyterian." If you don't want to participate, but DO want to make a difference, you can donate to our team or to an individual walker on the race website.

Mail-in registrations must be postmarked September 21. We will have team t-shirts, so please contact Laura Pierce at 501-960-4804 by Sunday, October 2, if you have a question or want to participate. Our team t-shirts will also include a list of our loved ones who have been touched directly by breast cancer, so please submit names of those you wish to honor or remember before October 2 as well. The online registration deadline for the Race For The Cure is October 9.

For more than 25 years, Komen for the Cure has played a critical role in every major advance in the fight against breast cancer, transforming how the world talks about and treats this disease, and helping to turn millions of breast cancer patients into breast cancer survivors. Come join us at this fun race for a worthy cause!

Hughes Paintings on Display at Trinity Village and Central

Our very talented church family members, Hollis Hughes and his mother, "Aggie" Hughes, have provided us with an enlarged pen-and-ink drawing of our current church which now hangs in the lobby at Trinity Village. It replaces the beautiful painting Hollis did of our former church home at 16th and Poplar, and will be displayed in the Narthex as soon as possible.

Hollis is currently working on a painting of our current facility. Once it is completed it will go to Trinity Village, and we will bring the pen-and-ink drawing to the church to be placed where it can be viewed and appreciated.

These paintings add so much to our decor and help us connect with wonderful memories of the many years spent worshiping in both facilities. We are exceedingly grateful to Hollis and Agnes for their generosity and miss them very much.



September 5 - Office Closed

PW Cluster V Fall Gathering to Be Held at Central

The Fall Gathering for Cluster V of the Arkansas Presbytery Presbyterian Women will be held Saturday, September 17. This year, Central's Presbyterian Women will serve as hosts. Registration and Fellowship begin at 9:15 a.m. The program is from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and will be followed by lunch. Worship will be led by Reverend Rebecca Spooner, Director of the Laurence Schmidt Center in Little Rock. The cost for the luncheon is \$7.50 per person and a nursery will be provided (if needed).

Volunteers are needed to help with this event. For more information, to volunteer, or to make reservations, please contact Betty Coles at 870-535-3729 (home), 870-550-0738, bcoles@cablelynx.com (email) or you may call the church office. The deadline to make reservations is September 14.

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Rose Von Tungeln
Suzy Von Tungeln

SESSION

<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Jane Judkins	Zac Cosner
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Festa
Amanda Chandler	Mike Kelley
George Mosley	Jemmie Moseley
Alvin Glover	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 fall comes the frequency of showers (we hope!) It also spells the beginning of additional activities at Church, at School, and in our lives in general. As these new activities "kick into gear", let us remember that each of us have choices about how we will spend our time. Will we spend our time in all "self focused" ventures or will we allow time for the sharing of gifts with others, either within our congregation or on our own?

A decision about the use of our time and our resources is always one of those things about which we can make decisions. We can decide to do some volunteer work in the church library, church office, schools or helping out at Neighbor to Neighbor. Or we may chose to sit back and grumble and grouse about things over which we have no control.

One choice that each of us have is over the ability to be grateful. The more we can focus our efforts on being grateful the fewer opportunities we will have available to complain about injustices or things that we dislike about our lives. May each of us have the wisdom to reach out to others and out of gratitude and in love, live life more fully aware of all of the many blessings with which we have each been imbued. May God's love ever be present upon our lips and in our hearts!

Grace and Peace,
Dan

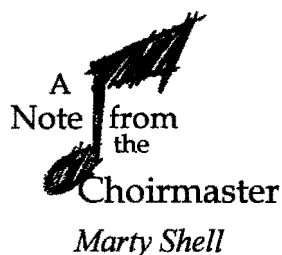
Five-week Study Series to Be Offered at Central

Beginning September 28, and running through October, 26, a five week series on *Living Faithfully In the Public Square* will be held at Central Presbyterian Church. We will begin with a light supper at 5:30 p.m., and end at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. Please let us know if you would like to attend by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or calling the church office.

Living Faithfully in the Public Square was written by retired Presbyterian minister, James Watkins. This course deals with the political obligation implicit in our faith. Today, it is no longer a question of whether religious people should be involved in the formation of public policy, but rather a question of who will be there and what they will say. The study offers Biblical and Theological guidelines to help Christians focus their public actions.

Financial Report	July	2011	Year-to-Date	2011
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Revenue				
Pledges & Contributions	\$10,223	\$10,329	\$69,430	\$72,302
Texas Foundation Interest	\$0	\$1,333	\$8,242	\$9,332
Busick Trust Interest	\$4,217	\$2,000	\$12,600	\$14,000
Operating Revenue	\$14,440	\$13,662	\$90,272	\$95,634
Expenses	<u>\$16,743</u>	<u>\$17,532</u>	<u>\$121,857</u>	<u>\$122,724</u>
Operating Net Income/(Loss)	<u>-\$2,303</u>	<u>-\$3,870</u>	<u>-\$31,585</u>	<u>-\$27,090</u>

Note: We have received \$19,221 from the Belair Church Operating Account that was closed, \$5,943 from the Merle Reichen Estate Trust, and \$46, 626 from the Jack Perdue Estate Trust that does not appear above. These unbugeted funds received have allowed us to postpone withdrawing over \$27,000 from our Foundation Trust Balance that was projected in the 2011 Budget through July, 2011.



Summer is winding down, school is back in session, and (hopefully) the temperatures will soon be much cooler. Our summer choir session is coming to a close, and our fall work will soon begin. Your choir family has been reviewing selections for the Christmas Cantata. We will make the final decision soon and begin working on it this month. If you would like to be a part of this exciting time in the calendar year of our church family, please let me or a member of the choir know of your interest. We love having new members join us as we lead worship through music. We are grateful for everyone sharing their talents with us!



To my Central Church Family,

Thanks to all for your prayers, memorials, flowers, visits, food, and loving concerns during my recent loss. I love all of you.

Ann Woolley

Thank you for you donations of notebooks, binders, tablets, folders, pencils, crayons, pens, glue sticks and money! Your generous support helped us to provide school supplies to approximately 500 students of all ages. Our prayer is that they will be eager to learn and that their teachers will have the wisdom and skills to teach and inspire them.

God bless you.

Charlotte England,
Executive Director



Dear Friends,

We at Neighbor to Neighbor want to express our appreciation to all of you who helped to make this year's school supply program a huge success. As hundreds of young people return to school you can be proud to have helped them to start the year with the supplies they need.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Rosemond Miller

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Choir

Mary Kientz-Choir

Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated

Suzy VonTungeln-Playground

Ann Tucker Woolley-Choir

Lynda Vick & Family and Nell Horne-Playground

In Loving Memory of James Smedley

Lynda Vick & Family and Nell Horne-Playground

In Loving Memory of Paul Woolley

Mary Kientz-Choir

Lynda Vick & Family and Nell Horne-Choir

Mr. and Mrs. David Judkins-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Kaye (Songer) Gammon

Lynda Vick-Playground

In Loving Memory of Carl "Bubba" Harris

Barbara Bluerock Harris-Playground

Central Notes

- ▶ **Mark Your Calendars** as a reminder to be present in worship on Sunday, September 11, as we officially begin our new Christian education year with Rally Day Sunday activities. During worship we will install new teachers and also recognize and show our appreciation for all who participate in the education and nurture of our members.
- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Morning Circle Will Meet** Tuesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting** Saturday, September 17. We will meet at 8 a.m. at Central and travel from there to our breakfast destination (TBA). Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, September 18, following morning worship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, September 18, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **A Presbyterian Women General Meeting Will Be Held** Sunday, September 18, in the Perdue Library, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **The Choir Will Not Meet** Wednesday, September 21.
- ▶ **There Will Be a Congregational Meeting** on September 25, to elect a Nominating Committee.
- ▶ **The Choir Will Meet** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., September 28 through October 26.
- ▶ **We Are Planning Another Trip** to Murry's Dinner Playhouse to see their presentation of Purlie on Saturday, October 1. We will leave the church at 5:15 p.m. Sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or call the church office if you would like to attend.

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

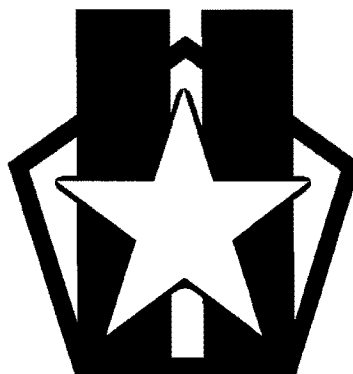
In years past, one of the ways in which members and friends have remembered loved ones was to purchase new music for the choir as a memorial dedicated to that special someone. If you would like to remember or honor someone special with a memorial gift of music, please contact the church office for details 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 fundraising 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!



Remembering 9/11



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

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library

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.

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 October issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, September 19**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Important Dates September

- 04 Guest Organist: Donald Walker
- 05 *Labor Day* - Office Closed
- 11 **Rally Day** - morning worship
- 12 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 13 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 17 **PW Cluster V Fall Gathering** - CPC - 9:15 a.m.
Men of the Church - breakfast meeting - 8a.m. - meet at CPC
- 18 **3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship
Session - following luncheon - conference room
PW General Meeting - following luncheon - Perdue Library
- 19 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 21 No Choir
- 25 **Congregational Meeting** - end of morning worship
- 28 *Living Faithfully In the Public Square* study series begins - 5:30 p.m. - CPC

Youth News

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a wonderful success! We had a great time together learning about stewardship through activities, crafts, games, music, and just having fun! It would not have been possible without all the hard work of all the volunteers, those who were visible and those who did the 'behind the scenes' prep work, pulling everything together to keep everything running tight and on time! Thanks again to everyone!

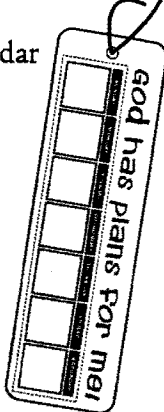
Our youth will return to our regular Sunday evening meetings in September. We look forward to sharing our time together. If you would like to volunteer to help prepare our supper meals, teach a class, or lead music or games, let one of the youth sponsors know. We are in need of additional leaders to help us as we are growing and working on some new ideas for fall. Watch the bulletin for details on our first meeting! Thanks again for all your support of our youth and their programs.

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



PUZZLE

GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

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Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

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Happy Birthday

03 William Graves	19 Danny Reeves
08 Sue Merritt	23 Martha Roop
09 Lisa Perdue	28 Mildred Turner
09 Amanda Chandler	29 Ann Perdue
16 Tom Foote	29 Lynda Vick

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

05 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wooten
06 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cromwell
11 Mr. and Mrs. John Pickell
23 Mr. and Mrs. David Perdue
26 Mr. and Mrs. Bud Elam

Lectionary Readings for the Month of September

Sunday, September 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 12:1-14; Ps. 149; Rom. 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20

Sunday, September 11

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 14:19-31; Ps. 114 or Exod. 15:1b-11, 20-21;
Rom. 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

Sunday, September 18

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 16:2-15; Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45; Phil. 1:21-30;
Matt 20:1-16

Sunday, September 25

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exod. 17:1-7; Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil. 2:1-13; Matt.
21:23-32