



Central Scene

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

January 2013

Central Notes

- ▶ **We Are Pleased to Announce** the newly elected Sessional Class of 2014. They are Pat Drewett, Lan Kelley, Tommy Dunlap, Jo Weaver, and Dr. Bill Detmers.
- ▶ **Session Training Will Be Held** Saturday, January 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ▶ **A Congregational Meeting Will Be Held** Sunday January 13, to elect a new trustee.
- ▶ **Theology on Tap:** On the second Sunday of each month, Laura and Dan are hosting at their home a time to gather for discussions about our faith. This is an informal time to talk about all of the issues we encounter in studying God's word. You are encouraged to bring your favorite libation, along with all of your questions about the faith. This month, we will meet on January 13, from 7-9 p.m., and hope that many of you will choose to engage the challenges of being Christian in a modern world.
- ▶ **The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Meet** for their regular breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 19. Following breakfast, we will work on completing our new playground. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, January 20, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, January 20, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **The Church Office Will Be Closed** Monday, January 21, in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- ▶ **On Friday, January 25, We Will Travel** to The Village in Star City for dinner at the local steakhouse. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. We hope you will join us!
- ▶ **Volunteer Needed:** We are in need of someone who is willing to take on the care of the plants around the church. Most require watering at least once a week. Depending upon the weather, some may require more but generally once a week is sufficient. If you would be willing to contribute to our church's atmosphere in this way, please call the church office. "With what we get, we make a living. With what we give, we make a life." Winston Churchill
- ▶ **When Making Special Gifts to the Church** (memorials, honorariums, benevolent giving, etc.), **please write separate checks for each gift and designate what each gift is for on the memo line of the check.** This helps ensure that contributions are recorded and maintained correctly.
- ▶ **2013 Offering Envelopes** are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

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Nursery Attendant: Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors: Marty Shell
George Mosley

SESSION

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Lawrence Fikes	Bill Detmers
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
George Mosley	Pat Drewett
Dana Neal	Lan Kelley
Laura Pierce	Tommy Dunlap

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

Dear Friends,

As we begin a new year, we each have the opportunity to start all over again. The Jews celebrated the year of Jubilee during which debts were erased, and life began anew with the slate wiped clean. Now, true enough, the year of Jubilee happened only once every 50 years but none the less, it was a time to begin again. Similarly as we begin this year, we too have the ability to wipe the slate clean and to begin once again. What are the things we would like to leave behind us? Perhaps it is painful memories of loss, sickness, a troubled marriage, or financial challenges and burdens. Well, no matter what has been chasing us in the past, we do have the opportunity to change things in the future. We can become more responsible about our financial affairs. We can take better care of ourselves both physically and emotionally. We can choose to seek help for our troubled relationships. We can take advantage of opportunities to receive help that we need both physically and emotionally.

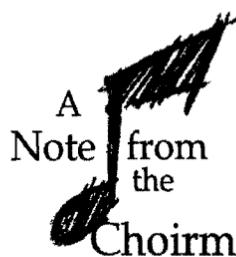
All of these things are possible if we step up and decide to manage our own affairs rather than allowing our affairs to manage us. For anything to change and be different, we first have to do our part which is to make the changes we can. But, if we are trying to manage, manipulate, or control any of these desired changes in another human being we will find that we will fall flat in our efforts.

So as this new year begins, let us each pledge to do the things that we can. Let us be comforted by the fact that it is God who is a part of all our relationships and the events of our lives. Grant us the wisdom to trust God to do God's part! Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Dan





A Note from the
Choirmaster

Marty Shell

hot breads and foods in fellowship with the traditional Wassail. Thanks to everyone for making this event a great success!

Thanks to our hand bell choir, Laura Pierce, Amber Poss, Lou Shell and Gary Johnson, who performed for us on December 9, as they presented *Prepare the Way* to help us reflect and prepare our hearts and minds for the Christmas season.

We certainly enjoyed a great blessing and treat from our choir in their performance of *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem* by Pepper Choplin. We thank our soloists, Rick & Laura Pierce, Amanda Chandler and Nevada Mills, and a huge thanks to all the choir that worked so hard with extra rehearsals and many hours of their personal time learning this wonderful Cantata. You led us back to Bethlehem and gave us a fresh new perspective of the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to everyone for making this a very special Christmas season.

We hope everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!!

Marty

Gifts to the Church

In Honor of Jo Weaver

Phoebe Spharler and Lyle Lovelace-Undesignated

In Loving Memory of Rev. John Shell

Shirley and Dave Gallaher-Playground Fund

In Loving Memory of Sue Smith

Suzy VonTungeln-Playground Fund



In the Mailbag

January 2013

Dear Central Family,

Zac and I would like to extend our deepest thanks to everyone at Central for all the many prayers, support, love, and continued encouragement during the huge loss of our precious daughter, Danleigh.

This church family has been a "Rock" to us during both happy and sad times. We love each and every one of you. Words could never be enough to share what this church has always meant to us. We also would like to thank each member for their generosity to us.

With love,

Laura and Zac Cosner



**LIFE
IS PRECIOUS**



Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

*We would like to thank everyone who adorned the
sanctuary with poinsettias this Advent Season*

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Patsy & Al Glover
Jo Weaver

The (Bill) VonTungeln Family
Lynda Vick & family
and Nell Horne,
Jemmie D. Moseley & Family

Mary Kientz
Sue & Frank Merritt

Bonnie Rauls
Erin Faucette Shaw and Ryan

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Laura & Zac Cosner

Dana Neal & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Buchanan
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Marie Bennett
Laura & Rick Pierce
Karen & David Perdue
Elise & Jim Argue

Gary Johnson
Robert, Carol & Emil Brown
and Sydney & Laura Hayes

Tommy Dunlap & Marty Shell

For the Glory of God

In memory of Clarence & Edith Lyon and Weldon & Juanita Glover

In memory of J. T. Weaver

In honor of and in appreciation for my caregiver, Roxanne

In memory of Nancy VonTungeln

In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon Horne

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Jr.

*In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. B. Bryan Moseley, and
Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Sr.*

In memory of Sonny Kientz and Bob St. Clair

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William D. Merritt, Mr. & Mrs. John R.
Kitchens, Sr., John R. Kitchens, Jr., and Peggy Wilson*

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Brown and Robert W. Rauls

*In honor of the Faucette, Johnson, Versey, & Kincade Families and
Ruby Carey*

*In honor of the Shaw, Hall & Coleman Families, and in remembrance of
Cleashindra Hall*

In memory of Murray Reichen

*In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, Sonny & Joyce Boshers, Janet &
John Reeves, Kay Reeves, Charles E. Moore, Harvey & Dona
Graumann, John & Mary Cosner, Jim Smedley, Dora VonTungeln,
James Ray Doss, Peggy Wilson, Bettie Jo Isabel, Sonny Kientz, Jack
Perdue, Murray Reichen.*

In memory of Betty Ward

In honor of Beatrice and Grady G. Magee

In memory of Jerry Lackey and Randy Lackey

In memory of James "Red" Bennett

In memory of Jane & Bill Mullikin

In memory of Jack Perdue, III

In honor of Ruby O. Carey and Karen & David Perdue

In memory of Oneida and Bob Orgain

In honor of Cynthia, Matt, & Anna Johnson

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. George M. Brown and Mr. & Mrs. Bunyan
Bell*

*In memory of Margie Watson, Nell & Bob Dunlap, Georgia Diffey,
Randi Shell, and Lester Shell*

Memorial & Gift Opportunities

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!

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 continue work on our playground 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!

Memorial Bricks

If you have thought about making a lasting memorial to someone dear, now is a wonderful time to purchase a memorial brick on the sidewalk leading to our North entrance 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.



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!

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

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

Ballroom Dance Lesson: 2nd Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

Ballroom Dance: 2nd Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

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

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

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

Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting: 3rd Saturday - 8 a.m.

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

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

Noon Bible Study: Thursday - 12 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

Presbyterian Women Weekend Circle: To Be Announced

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

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

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

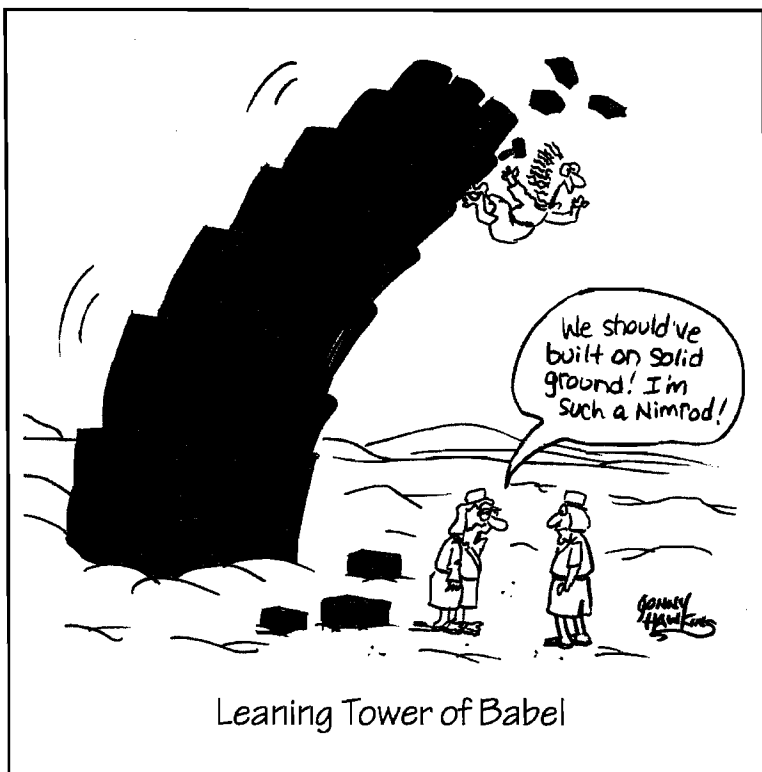
Weight Watchers: Monday - 5:15 p.m. - Youth Activities Building

Youth Group: 2nd & 4th Sundays - 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

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

Deadline

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



Important Dates January

- 01 New Year's Day
- 06 Epiphany of the Lord
Communion
PW General Meeting
- 08 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 12 **Session Training** - 9a.m. to 3 p.m. - conference room
- 13 **Congregational Meeting** - end of worship
Theology on Tap: 7-9 p.m., The Festa's home
- 14 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 19 **Men's Breakfast Meeting and Work Day** - 8 a.m.
- 20 **Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship
Session - following luncheon - Conference Room
- 21 **Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**
Office Closed
- 22 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 25 **Dinner Trip:** The Village in Star City 5:30 p.m.

Youth News

What an opportunity we shared as the youth presented, *Don't Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas*, an advent comedy on holiday stress written by Christine Ferguson. Our youth presented the many 'Grouches' that attempt to spoil our holiday season and help us forget the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks to our many volunteers that helped to make our fellowship meal a real hit following the play. Everyone shared a laugh or two (or three) as they could identify with one or more of the 'Grouches.'

Be sure to watch your weekly bulletin and *Central Scene* for information about the 2013 Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3, and other upcoming youth events. Thank you for supporting our youth here at Central!!



As you head into 2013, create a special journal for the new year.

What you need:

- Spiral notebook (with a plain-colored cover)
- Foam letters, numbers and shapes
- Stickers
- Jewels and glue (optional)

What you do:

- Decorate the notebook cover with letters and numbers. Options include "2013," "Journal" or your name.
- Decorate with foam shapes, stickers or jewels.
- Write in the journal daily – or whenever possible – recording life events, thoughts, prayer requests and more.
- Keep the journal private or share it with your friends and family.



PLANS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Want to start the new year off right?
Remember to always ask God for guidance.

Directions: Write each word (or word part) in the correct numbered box to complete Proverbs 16:3, NIV.

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Answer: "Commit to the LORD whatever you do and he will establish your plans." Proverbs 16:3, NIV

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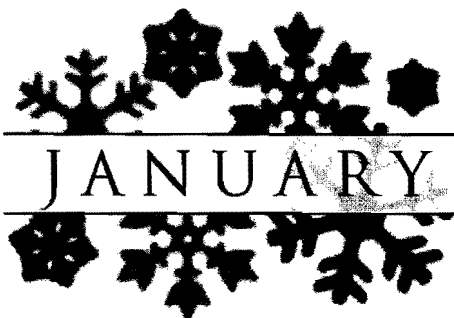
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14 Jo Weaver	28 Weston Vick



Lectionary Readings for the Month of January

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany of the Lord

Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12; Matt. 2:1-12

Sunday, January 13

Baptism of the Lord

Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sunday, January 20

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

Sunday, January 27

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21