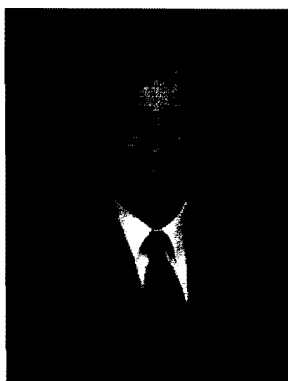


Central Scene

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

February 2013



Jimmy Horn

My first introduction to Central Presbyterian Church came at age 12 when two of my buddies asked me to join the newly formed Boy Scout troop at their church. Since I lived only four blocks from the 16th and Poplar location of the church it was just a short hop on my bike, so I said sure! Mr. Jack Perdue, Sr., or "Papa Jack," was the Scoutmaster. We chose the number 44 for our troop since

that was the year of our charter. My years in scouting were very good and brought me into contact with many great people

My membership at Central Presbyterian dates only back to the early 1960's. Joining this church was the second best decision I ever made (next to marrying Sheila, of course). The Rev. Bob Shepperson was the pastor at that time, and I will never forget how patient and kind he was in helping me to find answers to my questions and in addressing my concerns. You see, I grew up Baptist and they have a different view about many things. I smile when I remember what one of my friends at work said after he had visited a Presbyterian Church, "those folks stood up and said that they believed in the Catholic church." (While we say that it doesn't mean the Roman Catholic Church but the Church Universal.)

Central Presbyterian was home for our two sons and two daughters. God blessed us with clergy, teachers, and members who were excellent role models for our children. When our boys were young, the church decided to

sponsor another Boy Scout troop and our two boys joined and enjoyed scouting, too. I have been blessed to have many great days with this congregation, and one of the best was the day I walked our daughter Janet down the aisle to be married.

I have been honored to serve this congregation both as a Deacon and an Elder over a period spanning almost three decades. Frankly, there were many times when I felt inadequate to meet the challenge. It has been a time of learning about our denomination and our congregation. I know that it is our love and acceptance for each other that sustains us through the conflicts that are inevitable and seem to be a part of the human experience. Yes, we have a beautiful facility; but our brightest light comes from our people. My prayer is that will never change.

When people thank me for singing in the choir, I say that it is I who receive the greatest blessing. Our two sons were in Junior High School when they insisted that I join the choir along with them. Their Junior High choir director was also the choir director here, and he tapped them for our church choir and they in turn tapped me. Although I loved music, I had never sung with a choir and didn't anticipate that it would last very long. However, my good friend Sonny Kientz was a member of the choir then so I knew it wouldn't be dull. It has been now 40 plus years and I still love it!

Thanks to all the wonderful people that I have been associated with here at Central, past, present, and hopefully future. Membership here has been a major highlight in my life and certainly one which I will cherish. Thanks, Central, for being my church home.

Annual Men of the Church Chili Supper Set for February

Our Annual Chili and Cornbread Supper is set for Saturday, February 2. This year's proceeds will go toward the Annual Men's Retreat in May. Dinners are \$6 per person and \$18 for families. Drop by between 12 and 5 p.m. for a meal, or take it to go. To go dinners will include a small cup of shredded cheese and a bag of Fritos. We'd love to see you there!

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Dana Neal
Laura Pierce

Class of 2014

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Jo Weaver
Pat Drewett
Lan Kelley
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,

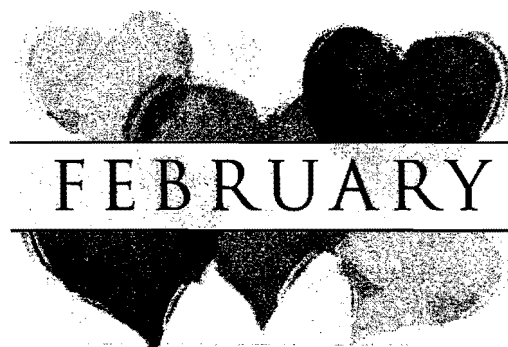
February is the time for love and the time for celebration. During this month we remember those that we love, and we take special opportunity to celebrate those relationships. Funny how the people who enrich our lives the most are usually the people we spend the least time in remembering, appreciating, and thanking. It is so easy for us to take for granted those who contribute in the richest ways to the quality of our lives, those people that stick by us and love us despite our idiosyncrasies and oft time strange notions and beliefs. Along with our opportunity to remember those we love and care about, certainly comes the chance for us to celebrate the beginning of Lent.

As we begin our Lenten preparations, we are in the throes of *Mardi Gras* and/or *Carnival* season. In English, these terms refer to the events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after Epiphany, and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday, referring to the practice of the night before the beginning of Lent to eat rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday. The day before Ash Wednesday is also referred to as Shrove Tuesday, from the word shrive, meaning "to confess."

So as we begin our journey into the events of February, let us confess not just our love, but also the places in our heart from which we need to seek sanctuary and forgiveness.

Peace,

Dan





A Note from the Choirmaster

Marty Shell

Your choir is currently working on our Lent and Easter selections. Mark your calendars for our Ash Wednesday Service on February 13, at 5:30 p.m.. Watch the bulletin for the latest information on this and other opportunities to enjoy the choir at Central.

If you would like to join us in our music ministry here at Central, we have a number of opportunities for you to consider. You can share your vocal talents by singing in the choir, or you can join our Hand Bell choir, no experience required. If you play another musical instrument, just let us know and we would be excited to work with you in sharing your special talent. Join us as we celebrate our faith in worship!

Marty

2013 Souper Bowl of Caring: Get in the game!



The Souper Bowl of Caring is an effort to glorify God and care for *the least of these our brothers and sisters* by encouraging people to give one dollar (or more) as they leave worship Souper Bowl Sunday, February 3.

The first Souper Bowl was launched by the Senior High Youth Fellowship of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC, in 1990. The partnership has grown from 22 churches the first year to tens of thousands of congregations representing every U.S. state, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Your \$1.00 bill is your ticket to being a Central team player in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Our youth will collect your donations as you leave worship. All the proceeds will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Hungry and hurting people everywhere are counting on you. So bring at least a buck, and get in the game!

Pancakes Anyone?

Central Presbyterian Church will host a **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on February 12, 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." Everyone is invited to come and join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. Please be sure and bring a friend. Call 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. Historically, Shrove Tuesday marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period.

Ash Wednesday Service to Be Held at Central

On February 13, 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 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.

CELEBRATE
Diversity



Grady Guy Magee, age 83, of Springdale, formerly of Pine Bluff, died Monday, January 7, at the North Hills Lifecare and Rehabilitation Center in Fayetteville. Funeral services were held Thursday, January 10, at Central Presbyterian Church with Dr. Dan Festa officiating. Burial followed in Bellwood Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Ralph Robinson & Son Funeral Directors.

Grady was born March 14, 1929, in Tyronza, Arkansas, a son of the late Guy D. and Ruby Bowen Magee. He was reared and educated in Blytheville, graduating from Blytheville High School as President of the Senior Class. He later attended Draughons School of Business in Little Rock. He was a veteran having served in the United States Navy in the Pacific for four years in the 1950's and in 1960, he moved to Pine Bluff where he was employed as Supervisory Accountant and Budget Analyst in the Comptroller Division of the Pine Bluff Arsenal retiring in 1969. He was a member of Central Presbyterian Church where he

served as Chairman of the Board of Deacons, an Elder of the Session, the governing board of the church, Chairman of the Budget and Finance Committee for several years and various other church committees. He enjoyed photography and traveling both abroad and in the United States.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark C. Magee of Pine Bluff in 1972 and a step-daughter, Linda Buchanan Douthit of Russellville, in 1987.

Survivors include his wife, Beatrice Horton Magee, whom he married January 3, 1978, in Pine Bluff; son David B. Magee of Little Rock; daughter, Kelly Magee Loveland of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania; three step-sons, Nelson N. Buchanan of Pine Bluff, Frank D. Buchanan of Springdale and Henry H. Buchanan of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren and nine step-great grandchildren.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to Central Presbyterian Church.



Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Grady G. Magee

Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated
Gretchen and Scotty Douthit-Undesignated
Ann Woolley-Choir Fund
Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated
Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated
Mildred Gaunt-Choir Fund
Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated
CPC PW Morning Circle-Undesignated
Ms. Ruth S. Bryant-Undesignated
Suzy VonTungeln-Playground Fund
Marie Bennett-Undesignated
Patsy and Al Glover-Choir Fund
Mary Wooten-Undesignated

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.

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.





The newsletter deadline for the March issue of *Central Scene* is Tuesday, February 19. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



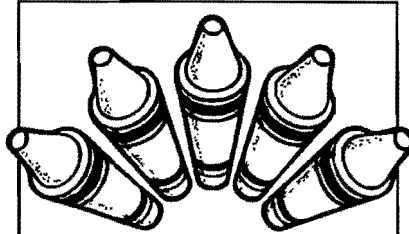
Important Dates February

- 02 **Men's Annual Chili Supper** - 12 to 4 p.m.
- 03 **Souper Bowl of Caring** - end of worship
- 10 *Transfiguration of the Lord*
Annual Youth Valentine's Banquet - following worship
Theology on Tap: 7-9 p.m., The Festa's home
- 11 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 12 **Evening Circle** - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library
- 13 *Ash Wednesday*
Service - 5:30 p.m.
- 16 **Men's Breakfast Meeting and Work Day** - 8 a.m.
- 17 **Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship
Session - following luncheon - Conference Room
- 18 *President's Day* - **Office Closed**
- 19 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 24 **Youth Meeting** - 12 & under - 4:30 p.m.

Youth News

On February 3, following the morning worship we will participate once again in the Souper Bowl of Caring. In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. Since then, they have mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need. See page 3 for more information or visit www.tacklehunger.org.

Everyone is invited to join us for the Annual Youth Valentine's Banquet on Sunday, February 10, following morning worship. The menu features a salad bar, loaded chicken breast with rice pilaf, green beans, yeast rolls, and a very tasty dessert provided by Rose & Suzy! The meal cost is \$10.00 per person, \$18.00 per couple, or \$25.00 for families of 4 or more. Pictures will be available for \$2.00. Join us for fun and fellowship! Thank you in advance for supporting our Youth and their outreach.



Crayon Heart

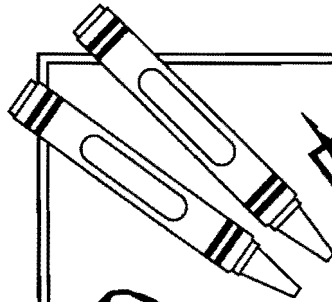
Make heart-shaped crayons as a reminder that the things of God should be written on our hearts.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Oven
- Oven mitt
- Heart-shaped silicon mold (available at craft stores)
- Old crayons

What you do:

1. Heat oven to 230 degrees.
2. Remove paper wrappers from crayons. (This is easier if you soak crayons in cool water first.)
3. Break crayons into small pieces. Place pieces into heart-shaped mold, filling them about two-thirds full.
4. Bake for 15 minutes or until crayons have completely melted.
5. When the heart-shaped crayons are cool, remove them from the mold.

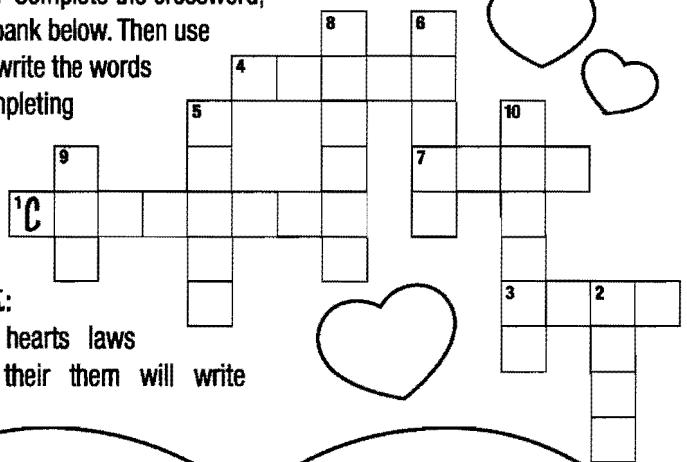


PUZZLE

ON THEIR HEARTS

God made a special promise about a relationship he wants to have with people who love him.

DIRECTIONS: Complete the crossword, using the word bank below. Then use the numbers to write the words in the heart, completing God's promise.



WORD BANK:

covenant God hearts laws
minds people their them will write

"This is the 1) _____ | 2) _____
put my 3) _____ in 4) _____ 5) _____ and
6) _____ 7) _____ on 4) _____ 8) _____
| 2) _____ be 4) _____ 9) _____,
and they 2) _____ be my
10) _____."

HEBREWS 8:10, NIV

Answer: "This is the covenant ... I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people." Hebrews 8:10, NIV

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14 Mike Drewett	23 Hollis Hughes
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Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

01 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Detmers
24 Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baran
27 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roop
28 Mr. and Mrs. Steven Howsen

Lectionary Readings for the Month of February

Sunday, February 3

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, February 10

Transfiguration of the Lord

Ex. 34:29-35; Ps. 99; 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36
(37-43)

Wednesday, February 13

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, February 17

1st Sunday in Lent

Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16; Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke
4:1-13

Sunday, February 24

2nd Sunday in Lent

Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luke
13:31-35