



# Central Scene

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

May 2013

## Central to Adopt New Hymnals

As most of you know, the Worship and Music Committee recommended to the Session that Central Presbyterian Church adopt *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*, for the following reasons:

1. The new hymnals are more clearly organized for use in worship.
2. There are some 30 pages of liturgy that can be incorporated in worship and planning. This will make the hymnal more useful to the congregation in following and participating in worship.
3. The cost of the new hymnals is only \$15.00 per hymnal if ordered by June 1. The session will pay the cost of shipping.
4. Hymnals may be ordered as memorials or in honor of someone with an appropriate statement placed on the inside cover of the hymnal.
5. The new hymnal was endorsed by both the Pastor and the Choirmaster for its versatile utility in terms of use, and as guides for worship in various situations.
6. The new hymnal has the potential to help carry this congregation into the future due to its flexibility and the range of music selected for inclusion.

There were several concerns noted that will be addressed on individual basis, including disposition of the current hymnals (it is suggested that families who wish to retrieve memorial hymnals be allowed to do so, and that the others be placed for use in McElyea Hall), and expectations that memorial hymnals were to remain in the sanctuary forever (an unrealistic expectation). The Session addressed these concerns, and will make every effort to contact families of current memorial hymnbooks to determine their desires for disposition of those hymnbooks.

Erin has order forms for the new Hymnals in the office. The session determined that we will need approximately

150 new hymnals, and encourages all who wish to purchase a hymnal in memory or honor of a loved one as soon as possible. Please see Erin in the Church Office well before June 1, if possible.

We look forward with excitement and a renewed sense of purpose and belief to using *Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal*.

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## We're Going to Murry's!

All are invited to join us for what promises to be two fun-filled trips to Murry's Dinner Playhouse. The cost is \$35 per person. We will leave the church at 5 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Continue reading for more details!

### Steel Magnolias (June 8)

Familiar to many, this presentation is a humorous, yet poignant look at six Southern women and their eccentricities, who meet at a local beauty parlor to discuss men, love, and each other. It is full of laughs, tears and hair spray! "A Superb, Funny, Deeply Moving Play." - Daily News. Steel Magnolias is one of Murry's most popular shows, and it inspired the money making gem of a film that introduced the wonderful Julia Roberts! The deadline for reservations is **May 26**.

### Southern Crossroads (July 13)

A joyous, funny and frequently touching show set in the midst of the Great Depression, Southern Crossroads follows a traveling family of singers and musicians who arrive at their new gig finding the doors locked and the theater out-of-business. Knowing that "the show must go on," this gifted family of musicians decide to bring entertainment to the locals regardless, treating them to an old-fashioned, high-spirited Southern jamboree with songs like "Mountain Dew," "I'll Fly Away," "Midnight Special," and "House of the Rising Sun." The deadline for reservations is **June 30**.

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**Nursery Attendant:** Laura Cosner

**Youth Sponsors:** Marty Shell  
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**SESSION**

<b><u>Class of 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2014</u></b>
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.



Dear Friends,

Life is both strange and different and manages to take us, many times reluctantly, down certain paths. The seeming capricious nature of life at times may make us wonder if there is any order, or if all of life is nothing but chaos. Our Spring has certainly been replete with many bizarre changes. Think about our weather. On April 18, we were under a tornado watch along with frost warning for that following Saturday morning. Here it is the beginning of May, and still we seem to be caught in the throws between Winter and Spring, flip flopping back and forth almost daily from temperatures in the 80's to the possibility of record lows and even snow in parts of the state!

But even in the midst of our own climatic crisis, there are both constancies and patterns all around us. Ours is not a chaotic existence by design, but one of routines and distinct plans. Every year come rain or come shine the crocus poke their heads up through snow or mud. Consider the flight of the Monarch butterflies which migrate every year to the mountains in Mexico to winter even though several generations have come and gone since their last trip south. Think about the little hummingbirds who return every year almost to the day, and the trees which annually bud forth and bloom regardless of what our weather is doing.

We, too, are a part of that pattern of God's world. We are born, and we die. One generation follows another, and while there may be slight variances in our journeys, by and large they are all the same! God is always at work within the process of our lives to carry and sustain us through all the twists and turns of our very predictable lives. May we remain ever faithful to God in the same way that God is ever faithful to us. Thanks be to God.

Peace,

Dan



May 11

## A Note from the Choirmaster

Marty Shell

Thanks to the choir members that have taken on solo parts during our April selections! It is so great to have so many who are willing to share their talents in this way! Thanks to all who helped with the hymn fest during the Blue Moon service. It gave us all a glimpse of the selections that are offered in the new hymnal. Everyone enjoyed getting to share and sing during this service, and the fellowship and meal following was spectacular. Thanks again to everyone that made it all happen! We are always looking for anyone who would like to share their talents with our choir family. If you know of someone (or hear them singing well) just let one of the choir family know.

Marty

## It's Time for May Flowers!

Central's Presbyterian Women have planned a trip to Garvan Gardens for a walking tour of the magnificent gardens. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, May 11. We will see tulips, camellias, daffodils, other spring flowering bulbs and trees just beginning to leaf out. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and children under 5 are free. For those who would prefer not to do the walking tour, a 45 minute golf cart ride is available for a small charge. We plan to stop for lunch in Hot Springs before returning home. All are invited to join us. Sign up today on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or call the church office to reserve your spot.

## Trinity Village News

All are invited to an Antique Car Show on Tuesday, May 7, at 2 p.m., at Trinity Village off the Hall 4 patio. The show will feature a 1929 Model A with a rumble seat and various other antique vehicles provided by Orlen Morris & friends. We hope you will join us for this fun and unique event.

A Blessing of the Pets will be held Wednesday, May 8, at Trinity Village at 4 p.m. in the McGeorge Garden. All are invited to bring their pets and participate in the service.

## Central Notes

- ▶ **Theology on Tap:** On May 12, from 7-9 p.m., Laura and Dan will host 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. We hope that many of you will choose to engage the challenges of being Christian in a modern world.
- ▶ **The Morning Circle Will Meet** on Tuesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Perdue Library.
- ▶ **Central's Presbyterian Women's Circles and the Men of the Church Will Not Meet** during the Summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **Sunday, May 19, Is the Day of Pentecost.** The Pentecost offering will be received that morning during worship. Proceeds from this offering go to help children at risk, youth and young adults.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, May 19, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, May 19, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **The Church Office Will Be Closed**, Monday May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.
- ▶ **Our Annual Summer Youth Trip** is right around the corner. This year we will travel to Magic Springs. For more information or to sign-up, see the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or call the church office. Deadline to sign-up is June 2.
- ▶ **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.**



## *Gifts to the Church*



### *In Honor of Laura Festa's Birthday*

Loretta Owen-Undesignated

### *In Loving Memory of Barbara Simpson*

Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Youth Trip

Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Suzy VonTungeln-Playground

Rose VonTungeln-Playground

### *In Honor of Hollis Hughes, Jr.*

Marlyn and Buster Simpson

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**Memorial Day - May 27, 2013  
Office Closed**

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## 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.



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## 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 7:00 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Ballroom Dance:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday - 8 to 11 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Blue Moon Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 5 p.m. - McElyea Hall

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

**Dominos:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday - 1 to 3 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Lions Club Dinner Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday - 7 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**Men of the Church Breakfast Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday - 8 a.m.

**Monthly Fellowship Luncheon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - 12:30 p.m. - McElyea Hall

**NAMI Meetings:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 7 p.m. - Youth/Activities Bldg.

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

**Presbyterian Women Evening Circle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday - 6:30 p.m. - Perdue Library

**Presbyterian Women Morning Circle:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library

**Presbyterian Women Weekend Circle:** To Be Announced

**Regular Session Meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 4:30 p.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall

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

**Youth Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*



The newsletter deadline for the **June** issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, May 20**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



## Important Dates May

- 03-05 *Annual Men's Retreat*
- 07 **Antique Car Show** - Trinity Village - 2 p.m.
- 08 **Blessing of the Pets** - Trinity Village - 4 p.m.
- 09 *Ascension of the Lord*
- 11 **Trip:** Garvan Gardens - 8:30 a.m.  
**Trip:** Murry's Dinner Theater - 5:00 p.m.
- 12 **Theology on Tap**- 7 to 9 p.m. - The Festa's
- 14 **Morning Circle** - 10 a.m. - Perdue Library
- 19 *Day of Pentecost*  
Pentecost offering received during morning worship  
**Fellowship Luncheon** - following worship  
**Session** - following luncheon - Conference Room
- 20 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 26 **Deadline for "Steel Magnolias"**
- 27 *Memorial Day*  
**Office Closed**

## Youth News

Central's Youth, ages 12 and under, will meet on May 19, at 4:30 p.m. Our lesson will be "The Sower." We thank everyone who supports our youth group activities by providing meals and supervision. We couldn't do it without you! If you would like to volunteer for future youth activities, please let one of our youth sponsors know.

Our Annual Summer Youth Trip is right around the corner! On June 15, we will travel to Magic Springs in Hot Springs, AR. We plan to leave the church at 9:00 a.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Participants should bring a swim suit, towels, dry clothes to change into afterward, and extra monies for snacks and souvenirs. The cost for the trip is \$25 per person and the deadline to register is June 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the board in McElyea Hall if you would like to travel with us.

We have many fun activities planned this summer. All youth are welcome to participate, so we encourage you to invite a friend or two! Be sure to watch your weekly bulletin and upcoming issues of the *Central Scene* for details.

# ASCENSION CRAFT

Use this craft to remember where Jesus is now and the promise of his return.

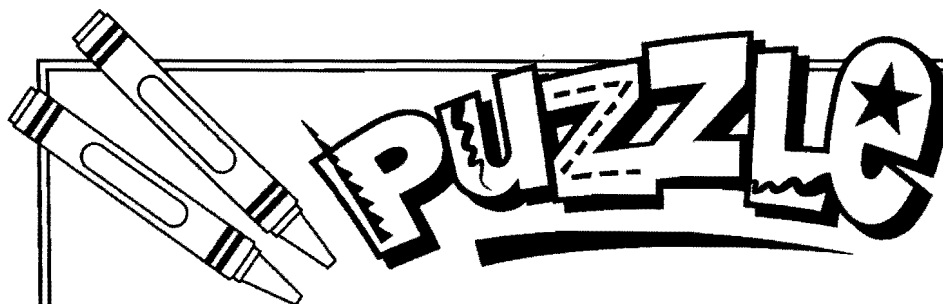


## What you need:

- An adult to help
- 4 cotton balls
- Blue plastic cup
- Glue
- Scissors
- White paper
- Markers or crayons
- Fishing line (about 14")
- Paper clip

## What you do:

1. Set the cup upside down. Pull apart the cotton balls, forming cloud shapes, and glue them around the cup.
2. With an adult's help, poke a hole in the bottom of the cup.
3. On the paper, draw and cut out a Jesus figure. Color both sides.
4. Poke a hole atop Jesus, string fishing line through the hole and tie a knot.
5. String the other end through the hole in the cup. Tie the end to a paper clip.
6. Pull up the paper clip to take Jesus into the clouds.



## LOOKING INTO THE SKY

As Jesus ascended into heaven, two angels had a message for his disciples.

Directions: Underline the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write it on the line below to complete the angels' message in Acts 1:11, NIV.

1. strange  
same  
odd

2. Lazarus  
Jesus  
Martha

3. who  
then  
there

4. pear  
been  
apple

5. taken  
cat  
dog

6. sky  
from  
earth

7. you  
work  
toil

8. desk  
chair  
into

9. house  
hallway  
heaven

10. can't  
will  
won't

11. breakfast  
come  
lunch

12. nose  
back  
mouth

13. see  
the  
hear

14. oval  
round  
same

15. way  
girl  
boy

16. his  
her  
you

17. white  
have  
black

18. one  
seen  
two

19. go  
low  
high

20. sea  
heaven  
ocean

"This \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Acts 1:11, NIV

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11, NIV

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02 Dale VonTungeln	19 Mildred Gaunt
03 David Perdue	20 Heather Cogburn
04 Ruth Holland	23 Jayme Varnell
07 Frank Merritt	23 Lurline Elam
11 Kyle Judkins	28 Adam Cogburn
14 Brady Vick	29 Laura Cosner

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

19 Mr. and Mrs. Jameson Massey  
20 Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reeves

*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 May

##### Sunday, May 5

##### *6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:9-15; Ps. 67; Rev. 21:10, 21:22-22:5; John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

##### Sunday, May 12

##### *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34; Ps. 97; Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

##### Sunday, May 19

##### *Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21 or Gen. 11:1-9; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b; Rom. 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21; John 14:8-17 (25-27)

##### Sunday, May 26

##### *Trinity Sunday*

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15