

Central Scene

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

June 2013

We're Going to The Village!

Join us for a bus trip to The Village in Star City, AR, on Friday, June 29. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. to catch a big mess of fish! We will return when everyone finishes eating and shopping. Come one, come all, for plenty of good fun and fellowship. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you would like to travel with us.

Vacation Bible School Dates Set

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at Central on August 1 - 3. The program will be held Thursday and Friday evenings and during the day on Saturday.

Be sure to check the July issue of the Central Scene for more details on what promises to be a fun and faith filled event!

Presbyterian Women Host Brunch at Trinity Village

The Presbyterian Women of Central Presbyterian Church will host a Brunch on Wednesday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m., in the Great Hall at Trinity Village. Everyone is invited to attend and join the residents at Trinity Village for this wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food and fellowship with one another.

A variety of finger foods and treats will be served. The residents at Trinity Village look forward to this event every year and we encourage even more of Central's family and friends to come and join the fun.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Annual School Supply Distribution Set for August

The Annual Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply distribution will be August 13, 14, & 15, this year. This program provides basic school supplies to children of low-income families. The children served by this program are from all schools in Jefferson County, grades kindergarten through 12th grade.

Central has been asked to help support the School Supply Program again this year by collecting **60 three-ring binders**. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. Additionally, good, clean school uniforms can always be used. Neighbor to Neighbor tries to provide at least one uniform to the children that need them.

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering to Be Received

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be received on June 16, during morning worship. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

The deadline for school supplies is Friday, August 2. For more information, contact Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.

everyone is
welcome

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Nursery Attendant: Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors: Marty Shell
George Mosley
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SESSION

Class of 2013

Lawrence Fikes
Steven Howsen
George Mosley
Dana Neal
Laura Pierce

Class of 2014

Bill Detmers
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.



Dear Friends,

Last month, I went on a weekend retreat with the Men of the Church. It was a great weekend in most respects and challenging in others. We floated the Buffalo River in some pretty bizarre and extreme weather conditions for the beginning of May. While we have agreed that what happens on the Buffalo stays on the Buffalo, I do think that there were some lessons of value that I am going to share with you.

First, stay open to whatever lies around the bend! None of us ever knows what is around the next corner. It may be smooth sailing, or we may hit rough water and have to work feverishly to remain afloat. Truly this is a metaphor for life. There will always be challenges in life. Our job is to figure out how to navigate safely the rough patches.

Second, remain open to wonder and awe. While drifting along the river there were beautiful bluffs that arose around us. These bluffs were punctuated by sparrows that would swoop and dive, coming within feet of us, and then zip along in another direction only to venture towards us yet again. It was awe inspiring to watch their seemingly aimless wanderings lead them in very purposeful directions. May we be so moved!

Thirdly, while bruises may arise throughout the course of our lives, fortunately healing usually happens. Bruises resolve and disappear and our lives go on seemingly untouched by the events of the incident. If we're fortunate enough to not carry scars from the experience, we'll always carry memories of the immense power of nature. We will remember the wonder and awe of the world around us, the memories of the places and times with which we have been graced, a sense of gratitude for safety, and the ability to live yet another challenged day.

May our challenges be small, our coping great, and our sense of gratitude unbounded!

Grace and Peace,

Dan

BE UPLIFTED

A Note from the Choirmaster

Marty Shell

Have you discovered someone who has a hidden musical talent? Please let one of the choir know! We do have a chair or two that could be filled, and would love to have them join us!

Marty

The Fun Continues!

All are invited to join us for another trip 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!

***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**.



June 16

Central Notes

- ▶ **Central's Presbyterian Women will have a General Meeting** Sunday, June 9, in the Perdue Library, following morning worship.
- ▶ **Theology on Tap:** On June 9, 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.
- ▶ **Central's Presbyterian Women's Circles Will Not Meet** during the Summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.
- ▶ **The Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering will be received** during morning worship on June 16.
- ▶ **The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, June 16, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.
- ▶ **The Session Will Meet** Sunday, June 16, in the conference room, following the luncheon.
- ▶ **The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting** on Saturday, June 22, at 8 a.m., in McElyea Hall.
- ▶ **Central Will Host Trinity Village Vespers** in the Great Hall on June 30, at 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.
- ▶ **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.



Major Edward F. "Bud" Elam, United States Army Retired, 90, of Pine Bluff, AR, passed away Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at Davis Life Care. A Graveside service by Ralph Robinson & Son was held Thursday, May 23, 2013, at Graceland Cemetery with Dr. Dan Festa officiating.

He was born January 16, 1923, in Kingsland, Ark., to Lillie and Edward F. Elam, Sr. He was orphaned at the age of 5 and was raised by his aunt and uncle, Lucy and Charles Offutt. He was drafted in the United States Army in 1943 and served in Germany and Japan during World War II, receiving the Bronze Star medal in Germany. He also served in the Korean War. He rose in rank from Private to Major during his 20 years of service, retiring in 1964. After retiring he attended Texas A&M College for 3 years, majoring in Wildlife Science. He was last employed for several years as a buyer for W & A Mfg. Company, retiring a few years ago.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing golf. He was a member of Central Presbyterian Church, former member of Pine Bluff Evening Lions Club and Clements-Offutt Deer Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; aunt and uncle; a sister, Marguerite Burns and two step sisters. He is survived by his wife, Lurline G. Elam, whom he married in 1969; step children, Sandra McFalls, Lynn Lord (Jim), Tom Goodbar (Linda); step grandchildren, Laura Lord, Chris Lord, Scott McFalls, Leah Via, Tom Jackson; several great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; two special nephews, Bob and Bill Burns and a niece, Judy Frederick.

Memorials may be made to Central Presbyterian Church, 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603, or Arkansas Children's Hospital, 1 Children's Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

Gifts to the Church



In Loving Memory of Major Edward F. "Bud" Elam

Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

Sheila and Jimmy Horn-Undesignated

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Atkinson, III-Undesignated

Suzy VonTungeln-Playground

Bernice and Walter Collins-Undesignated

Bonnie Rauls-Choir

Ann Woolley-Choir Fund

W & A Manufacturing Company-Undesignated

Jimmy Williams-Undesignated

Jo Ann Clemmons-Undesignated

Mary Ellen Harrod-Undesignated


Betty J. Perryman-Undesignated

Jemmie Moseley-Undesignated

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated

Bill VonTungeln-Undesignated

Mildred Gaunt-Choir Fund



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 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!

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

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

Presbyterian Women Evening Circle: Will Not Meet During the Summer

Presbyterian Women Morning Circle: Will Not Meet During the Summer

Presbyterian Women Weekend Circle: Will Not Meet During the Summer

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. - 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.



The newsletter deadline for the **July** issue of *Central Scene* is **Monday, June 17**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



Important Dates June

- 02 Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Richard Frothingham
- 08 Trip: *Steel Magnolias*
- 09 **PW General Meeting** - following worship - Perdue Library
Theology on Tap- 7 to 9 p.m. - The Festa's
- 15 **Youth Trip:** Magic Springs & Crystal Falls - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- 16 **Father's Day**
PW Birthday Offering received during morning worship
Fellowship Luncheon - following worship
Session - following luncheon - Conference Room
- 17 **Newsletter Deadline**
- 21 **Trip:** The Village, Star City, AR - 5:30 p.m.
- 26 **PW Trinity Village Brunch** - 10 a.m. - Trinity Village Great Hall
- 30 **Trinity Village Vespers** - 4 p.m.
Deadline: *Southern Crossroads*

Youth News

We have several day trips planned for this summer season. Prepare to enjoy a ride or two at Magic Springs, or just soak up all the water in Crystal Falls on Saturday June 15. We are planning another day trip for July 20, to the Discovery Museum. Be sure to watch the bulletin board in McElyea Hall for further details about this event. Also, don't forget that Vacation Bible School is just around the corner in August.

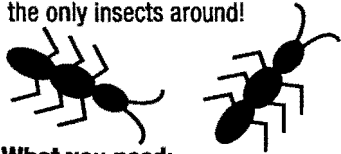
We have many fun summer activities planned for our youth. All youth are welcome to participate so we encourage you to invite a friend or two! Be sure to watch your weekly bulletin and upcoming issues of the *Central Scene* for more details.





ANTS ON A HILL

Make this fun snack for a summer picnic — and hope these ants are the only insects around!



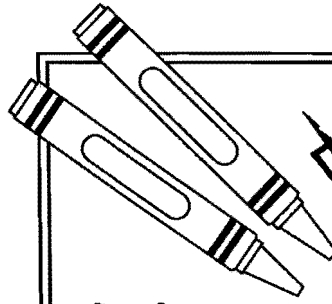
What you need:

- one box instant chocolate pudding mix
- milk
- graham crackers
- zippered baggies
- rolling pin
- clear plastic cup
- chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries



What you do:

1. Make the pudding according to directions on the box.
2. Put one whole graham cracker (four rectangles) into a zippered baggie. Seal and crush the crackers with a rolling pin.
3. Fill half the plastic cup with spoonfuls of chocolate pudding (dirt).
4. Add the crushed graham crackers (sand hill).
5. On the hill, place chocolate chips, raisins or dried cranberries (climbing ants). Enjoy!



PUZZLE

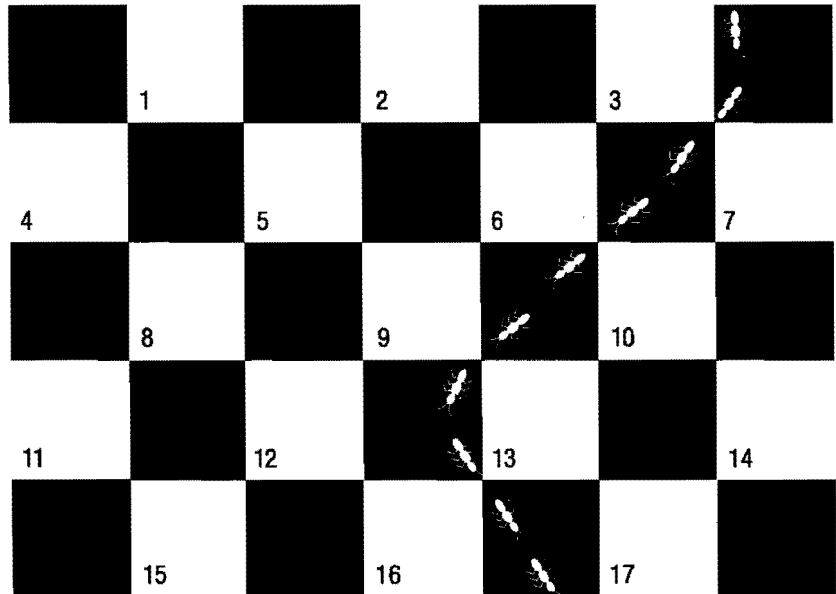
The ants go marching...



God created amazing insects and says we can learn lessons from their hard work.

Directions: Use the word bank below to fill in the tablecloth grid for ant-based wisdom from Proverbs 30:25, NIV.

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| 4. of | 6. strength | 15. summer | 12. food | 9. store | 2. are |
| 8. they | 3. creatures | 5. little | 7. yet | 10. up | 14. the |
| 1. Ants | 16. Proverbs | 17. 30:25 | 13. in | 11. their | |



Answer: "Ants are creatures of little strength, yet they store up their food in the summer." Proverbs 30:25, NIV

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08 Bernice Lackey	17 Tana Perdue
10 John Armer Baran	17 Clarence Rittelmeyer
11 J. B. Hercher	19 Tommy Wooten
13 David Judkins	20 Bill Detmers
13 Maggie Shell Howsen	25 Paul Perdue
13 Ben Poss	26 Kay Cromwell

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

16 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chandler
16 Mr. and Mrs. Ben Poss
21 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes
27 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cogburn

Lectionary Readings for the Month of June

Sunday, June 2

9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 18:20-21 (22-29) 30-39; Ps. 96; Gal. 1:1-12;
Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, June 9

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Ps. 146; Gal. 1:11-24; Luke
7:11-17

Sunday, June 16

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14), 15-21a; Ps. 5:1-8; Gal. 2:15-
21; Luke 7:36-8:3

Sunday, June 23

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:1-4 (507) 8-15a; Ps. 42 and 43; Gal. 3:23-
29; Luke 8:26-39

Sunday, June 30

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal. 5:1, 13-25;
Luke 9:51-62