



# Central Scene

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

August 2013

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Grady Lions Fish Fry to be held in August

Held on the third Thursday in August, about 1500 people come out to enjoy fish, french fries, hushpuppies, and watermelon provided by the Lions Club of Grady, AR. This has been an annual event in Grady since the formation of the Lions Club there in 1956.

This year's event will take place August 15, in the Ned Harding Pecan Grove at Grady. Starting around 4:30 that afternoon, you can enjoy great fish and fellowship provided by the Lion's Club, a non-profit organization. The food and fun will go on until the last person leaves.

There is a sign-up sheet in McElyea Hall for those who wish to go to the fish fry. We plan on taking the church bus and will leave around 4 p.m. We will return around 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at (870) 879-9074.

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## We're Going to see *South Pacific*!

All are invited to join us for another trip to Murry's Dinner Playhouse on Saturday, August 24. 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!

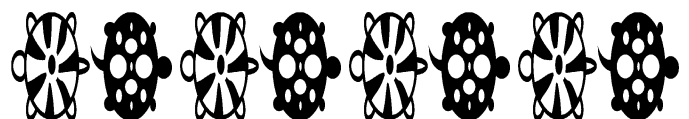
Rodgers and Hammerstein's Pulitzer Prize winning *South Pacific* spins a romantic tale of love and loss on a tropical island naval base during World War II as two couples - U.S. Navy nurse Nellie Forbush and French plantation owner Emile de Becque, along with Lt. Joe Cable and a young local native girl - fall in love. You'll be tapping your toes to all your favorites like "Honey Bun," "There's Nothin' Like a Dame," "Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair," along with the classic "Some Enchanted Evening." The deadline to sign up for this special presentation is **August 18**. Sign up today!

*Friend of the Church, Mildred Patterson, shared with us this article from the July, 2007 Trinity Village newsletter. We think it's a great article and have decided to share it with you again.*

## How To Stay Young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight & height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay them.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with you your entire life is you. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

And always remember: life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.



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**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,

As most of you know, this is my last article as I will be leaving Central Presbyterian Church at the end of the month to pursue a call in a different community and state. I do so with a rich sense of thanksgiving for all of the many wonderful things I have learned from each of you. These are things I will treasure and carry with me as I leave Pine Bluff.

As I go, I leave knowing that we are coming to the end of summer. The leaves will soon begin to turn. This is a time for enjoyment of the bounty of the fall harvest and the goodness of God's blessings to us. And in much the same way that fall is the awareness of good things to come, it is also a prerequisite for the bleak and barrenness of winter, without which we would never experience the richness of the spring bursting with new life.

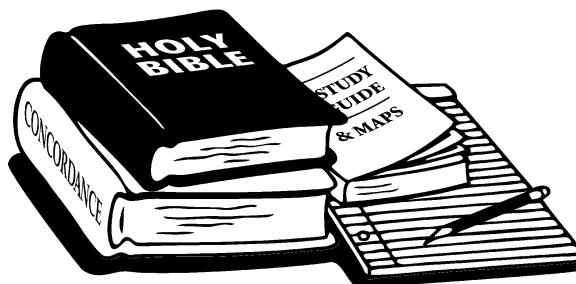
Change is rarely easy for any of us, and as we view the future it is easy to see only the emptiness before us. But, to do so is to forget that even in the midst of change our gracious and loving God is ever present with us to guide us on our journey.

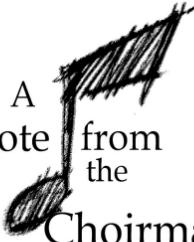
My prayer is that God will continue to guide you all in the coming days and weeks and months. I also pray that God's richest blessing will be with you all both this day and forever more.

Lovingly, Grace and Peace,

Dan

*Be*  
**Nourished**





A  
Note from  
the  
Choirmaster

Marty Shell

month, so our choir family plans to be a bit cooler and casual. We hope you have been blessed with our selections through the summer session. We will get back to our normal schedule as we move toward the fall season.

While we wish them the best in their new adventure and new chapter in their life, we hate to see Dan and Laura leave us at the end of the month. We will truly miss them.

Marty

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*All of the Women of the Church are Invited  
to a  
**Baby Shower**  
For*

**Laura Cosner**

*Saturday, September 7  
3:00 p.m.*

*Summit Baptist Church  
901 Ridgway Road  
Pine Bluff*

August is here, summer is winding down, and it is once again time to go back to school. We are continuing our “best of the best” selections throughout this month. We are also looking a little more casual this month as well. August is typically a very hot



Thanks to everyone who participated in and volunteered at **Kingdom Rock!!**

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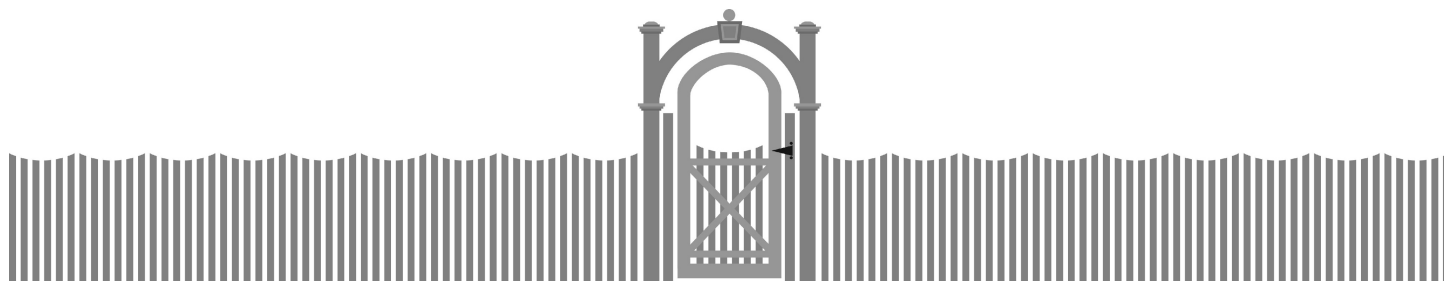
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***En theos***

Enthusiastic people stand out in a crowd because “they radiate their own private ray of sunshine.” So say Doug Fields and Joshua Griffin in *Live Large. Be Different. Shine Bright.* (Simply Youth Ministry).

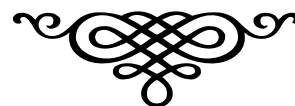
The word *enthusiasm* comes from the Greek phrase *en theos*, which means “in God.” The authors write that “God is the source of energy, vitality and power for those who have come into a relationship with him through his Son Jesus Christ.” They offer these suggestions for becoming more enthusiastic:

- Stay connected to God, plugging your life into the Creator of life. Remember to “take delight in the LORD” (Psalm 37:4, NIV).
- If your life is overloaded, prioritize your activities. It’s tough to be enthusiastic when you’re tired.
- Start and end each day with enthusiasm. Bookend your days by reciting Psalm 118:24 (NRSV) — This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.





## Gifts to the Church



### *In Loving Memory of Ruby Orgain Carey*

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated  
Bea Magee-Undesignated  
Connie and Bill Detmers-Undesignated  
Lurline Elam-Undesignated  
Mary Kientz-Undesignated  
Vertie Temple Zappe-Undesignated  
Patsy and Dave King-Undesignated  
Jane Lamar-Undesignated  
Katibel Perdue-Undesignated  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen LaFrance, Jr.-Undesignated  
Katie LaFrance-Undesignated  
Suzanne and Howard Wiechern-Undesignated  
Susan Breshears-Undesignated  
Frances Unsell-Undesignated  
William C. Mann, III-Undesignated  
Melissa and Rick Tucker-Undesignated  
Dr. and Mrs. David Nixon-Undesignated  
Carolyn and Tommy Mebane-Choir

### *In Loving Memory of Bradley Tarkington*

Karen and David Perdue-Undesignated  
Katibel Perdue-Undesignated  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen LaFrance, Jr.-Undesignated  
Katie LaFrance-Undesignated  
Melissa and Rick Tucker-Undesignated

### *In Loving Memory of Bud Robinson*

Melissa and Rick Tucker-Undesignated

### *In Loving Memory of Carl Purnell*

Mary Shannon and Lawrence Fikes-Undesignated

### *In Loving Memory of Allison Hutchinson*

Bill VonTungeln-Undesignated

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## How to View Death

For the believer, the time of death becomes far less daunting a factor when seen in the light of eternity. Although death remains an enemy, an outrage, a sign of judgment, a reminder of sin and a formidable opponent, it is, from another perspective, the portal through which we pass to consummated life. We pass through death, and death dies. And the more a Christian lives in the consciousness of God's presence here, the easier it is to anticipate the unqualified delight that will be experienced in God's presence there.

—D.A. Carson



## Untapped Resources

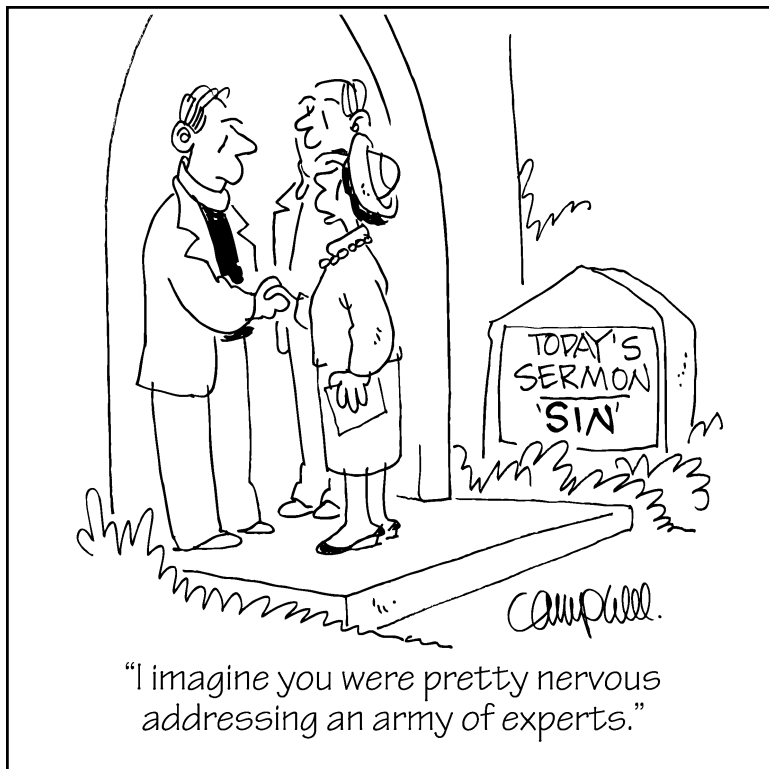


While taking photos of the earth, the space shuttle Columbia made a surprising discovery: Underneath the harsh Sahara Desert were 26 lakes, as well as miles of underground rivers. That region's inhabitants face tough conditions because those abundant resources haven't yet been tapped.

Churches often suffer a similar problem. Congregations can't reach their full God-given potential unless people discover and use their gifts. When we tap into our talents, however, God promises that we "will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" (Isaiah 58:11, NIV).

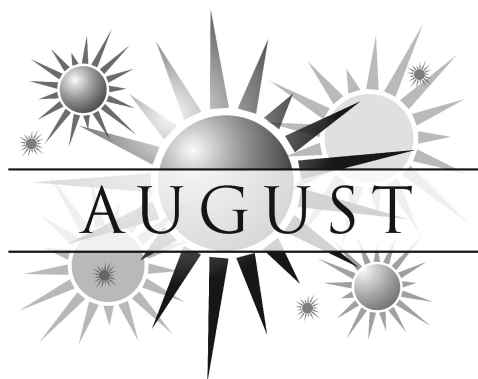


The newsletter deadline for the **August** issue of **Central Scene** is **Monday, August 19**. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.



## Important Dates August

- 15** Trip: Grady Fish Fry - 4 p.m.  
**18** Congregational Meeting - end of worship  
Fellowship Luncheon - following worship  
Deadline to sign up for *South Pacific*  
**19** Newsletter Deadline  
**24** Tip: Murry's Dinner Playhouse - *South Pacific* - 5 p.m.



## Youth News

Wow, what a fantastic summer of events! Thanks to all that have made the youth summer trips a huge success. On Saturday, July 27, we shared the fun with 23 children, parents and chaperones. Such a great time was had by all on a trip to CiCi's Pizza and a few neighboring businesses, and then on to the Discovery Museum in Little Rock. Everyone enjoyed the many exciting exhibits they had to offer. We learned about the human body and how it works, how different things are made, how sound affects things, how energy is generated, how to make clouds indoors, and so much more! Some even laid on the nail bed (with real nails!). Thanks again to all who helped make this trip happen!! We were all blessed by the fun and fellowship together.

Watch the next edition of the newsletter as we unveil the fall line up for our youth programs. We look forward to this exciting time in our church year.




Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

#### What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

#### How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



# GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.

Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

**WORD BANK:** is in is at if in as is in with

God \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
(dark) (her)

there \_\_\_\_\_ ness \_\_\_\_\_ ....  
(yes) (light) (none)

But \_\_\_\_\_ we \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(run) (dark)

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_,  
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship \_\_\_\_\_ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all . . . But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



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**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

01 Mr. and Mrs. James Hayes  
09 Mr. and Mrs. Emil Brown  
11 Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Judkins  
13 Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Glover  
15 Mr. and Mrs. George Moseley  
17 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kelley  
18 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt

### **Lectionary Readings for the Month of August**

#### **Sunday, August 4**

*18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Hosea 11:1-11; Ps. 107:1-9, 43; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

#### **Sunday, August 11**

*19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isa. 1:1, 10-20; Ps. 50:1-8, 22-23; Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

#### **Sunday, August 18**

*20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Isa. 5:1-7; Ps. 80:1-2, 8-19; Heb. 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

#### **Sunday, August 25**

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; Heb. 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17