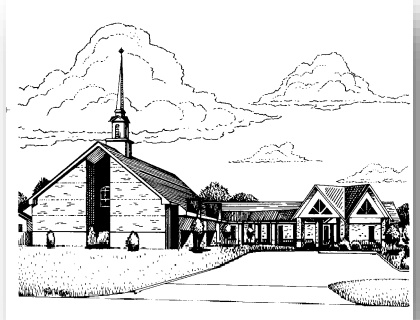




# Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church



## Upcoming Events

### Feb 4th

The men of the church will be holding a chili fundraiser on Saturday at 11:00am. Dine in or carry out

### February 5

Souper Bowl of Caring. Donations of cash and canned goods will be taken up following worship. We will be collecting for Neighbor to Neighbor

### February 12

Annual Valentine's Banquet Luncheon. Following the morning service

### February 19

Fellowship luncheon  
Session Meeting

### Noon Bible Study on Thursdays Newsletter Deadline

for the March issue of Central Scene is Monday 20. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at [office@centralprespb.com](mailto:office@centralprespb.com).

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***God's Grace is greater than all your sin.***



### A word from our Pastor:

God's grace is greater than all your sin. Even though His wrath, His judgment is imminent, God still is patient and therefore opened up a way for our salvation. Because His Grace is greater than all our sin, in most passionate and effective manner God delivers His chosen ones from the judgment of God, that is the salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Talking about the salvation of God, I wonder, I truly wonder, how in the world could something like that happen? All those disgusting things that I have done. And yet, God loves me and takes me out of my sins. And He wants to use me to do His ministry. What about you? Can you think of your life without or apart from the Grace of God? In my case, nothing, absolutely nothing in my life make sense without the Grace of God. Listen again what Apostle Paul says: "21 for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles." What Paul says here is that human beings are

seeking earthly things instead of the glory of immortal God. We desire earthly things. For such futile, momentary, absurd things we desire, we use our body, mind, and spirit which were created by God, according to His own image. We are like a harlot. We are like a prostitute who ransoms her God-given body for a handful of money. We are giving what is holy to dogs and pigs every day. Yet, His Grace is greater. Like the old hymn says it beautifully, "Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all my sin." But the grace of God is not only great enough to "pardon and cleanse within." It is also powerful. Powerful enough to transform your whole life. God will transform your entire life and use it for His ministry. Even through the most painful, hurtful experiences of your life, God will do marvelous, wonderful good.

Pastor Jai Kwak

CPC Landscape

We are pleased to announce that Central has received a \$3,000 grant from the Catherine Oudin Bellingrath Beautification Endowment. The purpose of the grant is improvement in the landscape area in and around the church property and entrance leading to the sanctuary and main church facility. Work will be done by Mr. Wayne Bixler, Landscaper.

Men’s Annual Chili Luncheon set for January

The Men's Chili Luncheon will be Saturday, February 4, at 11 a.m., in McElyea Hall. Dine in or To-go orders also will be available for purchase.

Choir News

Thank you, choir, and thank you Central for allowing me to be absent for a few weeks. My first week out was to attend the National Sacred Music conference which was held at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. I was able to meet many new colleges from around the country, fellow Presbyterians, Lutheran, Methodist, a couple of Baptist, and one Roman Catholic. Read through a lot of music, performed in a hymn festival and attended a number of workshops. My second week was a vacation week. My last week was to attend the bi-annual meeting of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians conference, held at

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Maggie Shell-Howsen

Dana Neal

SESSION

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Denise Mosley

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University Presbyterian Church in Austin, TX. Attending a number of workshops, meeting new colleges and visiting with those I had met before. Read through new music, heard our famous Dr. Rev. Ted Wardlaw from Austin Seminary speak to us, attended a wonderful choral concert [on Friday night](#). They brought in a college choir, a youth choir and the University Presbyterian church choir all performed separately and closed the concert with the combining of all three choirs to finish the concert. It was truly a rich blessing to hear the glorious voices blend with the organ, piano and additional instruments to fill the sanctuary with such an angelical sound. [On Saturday morning](#), we were welcomed by an address from J. Herbert Nelson II, the stated clerk of the PCUSA. I am grateful for the time off and to attend these conferences. Thank you again! Would you like to share your talents in music? Just let one of the choir know of your interest. We have an extra chair or two!

#### Church Mission Statement

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others

#### 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.

#### Youth News



We are participating in the Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser again this year. Please bring a can good or two or your donations which will be collected following the worship [on Feb. 5, 2017](#). All proceeds and canned goods will be given to Neighbor to Neighbor.

Mark your calendars and join our Youth as they bring you their Annual Valentine's Banquet Luncheon. This will be held following the morning worship [on Feb. 12, 2017](#). Please plan on staying for lunch as we will be featuring Suzy's famous lasagna, spaghetti, sauce, salad

and desserts. Adults: \$8.00 per person, kids 6-12 \$5.00, young ones 5 and under free. Join us as they raise money for their youth fund. Thank you in advance for supporting your youth.

# February 2017

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Th U		Fri		Sat
29		30		31		1		2		3		4
						Choir Practice 6:30 pm						Chili Fundraiser @11am
5		6		7		8		9		10		11
Souper Bowl of Caring						Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study				
12		13		14		15		16		17		18
Valentine's Banquet Luncheon		Circle I meets at 6:30				Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study				
19		20		21		22		23		24		25
Fellowship Luncheon Session						Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study				
26		27		28		1		2		3		4
						Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study				
29		30										

## Story Behind Hymn: In the Garden

Here is the account of how this beautiful hymn was written—from the hymn-writer C. Austin Miles himself:

One day in April, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened at my favorite chapter, John 20--whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power and charm.

As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, Rabboni!

My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the fight blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. it was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away.

John, in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John.

As they departed, Mary reappeared; leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into His face cried, Rabboni!

I awakened in sunlight, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music.

### ***In the Garden***

*(1) I come to the garden alone,  
While the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear,  
falling on my ear,  
The Son of God discloses.*

#### ***CHORUS:***

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.*

<http://songsofpraises.blogspot.com/2012/07/in-garden.html>  
[http://www.tanbible.com/tol\\_sng/sng\\_inthegarden.htm](http://www.tanbible.com/tol_sng/sng_inthegarden.htm)



*(2) He speaks, and the sound of His voice  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody  
that He have to me  
Within my heart is ringing.*

*(3) I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go;  
through the voice of woe,  
His voice to me is calling.*



# Love Your Enemies

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:43-44

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	Q	W	H	A	U	D	K	F	Z	J	P	S	Y	I	V	R	B	E	M	N	L	C	X	T	G

1. 12-17-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 22-1-16-19 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 19-16-15-22 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 9-17-15-19-21-7-13 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 17-19-3-5-17-7 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 26-1-1-7 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 4-5-25-19 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 19-21-19-20-14 \_\_\_\_\_

ENEMY	GOOD	EVIL	LOVE
REWARD	FRIENDS	PRAY	HATE

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## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

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**In loving memory of Cheryl Fox**

Lawrence Fikes  
Betty Coles  
Jemmie Moeseley

**In Loving Memory of M.L. Elyea**

Lawrence Fikes  
Jemmie Moseley  
Jimmy & Sheila Horn

**In loving memory of Louis Bluerock, Jr**

Barbara Harris

Bea Magee  
Lurline Elam  
Suzy VonTungeln

**In Honor of Bea Magee**

Henry Buchanan

**In loving memory of Wanda Vining**

Lawrence Fikes

Sheila Horn

Rose VonTungeln

A.T. Woolley

David S. King

J. Moseley

**In loving memory of Helen Gaunt**

Mildred Gaunt

### Thank you Note

We thank those who contributed to the Love Offering for the David Biggs family in the loss of David, Jr., son and brother. It was truly a blessing to receive this gift and is very much appreciated by all the family.

Thank you and May God Bless you.

Brianna Rodriquez & Wesley Biggs

### February 2017 Revised Common Lectionary

Fifth Sunday after the  
Epiphany—February 5  
Isaiah 58:1–9a [9b–12]  
Psalm 112:1–9 [10] 1  
Corinthians 2:1–12 [13–16]  
Matthew 5:13–20

Sixth Sunday after the  
Epiphany—February 12  
Deuteronomy 30:15–20 or  
Sirach 15:15–20 Psalm  
119:1–8 1 Corinthians 3:1–9  
Matthew 5:21–37

Seventh Sunday after the  
Epiphany—February 19  
Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18 Psalm  
119:33–40 1 Corinthians  
3:10–11, 16–23 Matthew  
5:38–48

Transfiguration of the Lord—  
February 26 Exodus 24:12–  
18 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99 2  
Peter 1:16–21 Matthew  
17:1–9

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### Happy Birthday

02     *Bonnie Rauls*  
12     *Darren Reeves*  
17     *Adam Vick*  
19     *Zac Cosner*  
21     *David Perdue, Jr.*  
23     *Hollis Hughes*

### Anniversaries

24     *Mr. and Mrs. Mark Baran*  
28     *Mr. and Mrs. Steven Howsen*