



Central Scene

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Upcoming Events

January 8

PW Installation Service

January 15

Monthly Potluck

Session will meet after potluck

Jan 22nd

PW Meeting after service

No Choir Practice until January 25 at 6:30pm

Noon Bible Study on Thursdays

Newsletter Deadline for the February issue of Central Scene is Monday 27. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.

Choir News

Thanks to the combined choirs of Central and First Presbyterian for bringing our very special cantata this year. Invitation to a Miracle, by Joseph M. Martin was a huge success. Thanks to everyone. From our narrators, Lawrence Fikes and Kitty Rubenstein, soloist: Amanda Chandler, Young Ju Oh, Laura Costner, Benjimen Neal, Barbara Rhinehart, Sound and lighting by Tommy Dunlap, for Benjimen Neal bringing us a beautiful Alto Sax presentation of The Advent Rose. And to Emma Butram for supplying keyboard back up on hymns and service music and to lead us into the service with "O Come, O Come Emmanuel", duet by organ/piano. Thanks to all who helped make this a very special Advent season. To the many volunteers who helped decorate and put away all the wonderful Christmas decorations and helped make our church speak of the season. We are blessed and grateful for all!

Thanks to Gabrielle Caudill for sharing her talents on Christmas Eve by bringing us "O Holy Night" along with other volunteers to help us make our candlelight service one to remember. We certainly hope all have celebrated a blessed and wonderful Advent/Christmas season. We hope the new year will bring many blessings and a prosperous year to all.

Marty will be traveling to a couple of music conferences in January and will be out for three weeks. The choir will resume rehearsals on Jan. 25. Mr. Donald Walker will be at the organ leading worship.

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.

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.

A word from our Pastor:



So Abram went...

The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. ... So Abram went... Genesis 12:1 and 4



"Life is a journey"... of course, you have heard this expression before. It is something of a cliché. But what does it really mean? If the life really is a journey, do we have a final destination? Does anyone know? Ralph Waldo Emerson once said; "life is a journey, not a destination." I think Emerson urges us to focus on the 'present' instead of the 'end' because he too failed to find the final destination. If life is a journey, there must be a final destination. Without the final destination, our life is just an arrow shot into the empty air. There has to be a target. There has to be a meaning. So we all try to find the target. In our fanatical search for the target, some lands on the material, and some on the fame or the power. But soon we realize that they are not the final destination of our life, but they are mere instruments for our journey. The truthful answer is that we do not know. We do not know where we are going. And we do not know what we are going to do. The only thing you and I know is that God knows. This is the point where "the trust" or "the faith" become our guidepost.

When God called Abram to be the first Hebrew, he did not know where he was going (*He went out, not knowing whither he went.* Hebrews 11:8). But, he just went..... Because he did, he became a part of the eternal story. Sometimes we attempt to ask; where are you taking me to, God? what are you trying to do with my life, God? God does not answer to those questions. Instead, He reveals Himself to us and demand us to trust Him. Because He himself is the final destination of our life journey.

The new year has come. Another phase of our life journey has just begun. Yet, we do not know where we are going. We do not know what we are going to do. But we know for sure. God is with us and He knows all.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jai Kwak

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Kay Cromwell

Youth Advisory Team

Marty Shell

Maggie Shell-Howsen

Dana Neal

SESSION

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (clerk)

Marty Shell

Class of 2018

Kay Cromwell

Maggie Howsen

Mike Kelley

Dana Neal

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Pat Drewett, Lee and Stacy Drewett, Derick and Samantha Drewett and grandchildren

In memory of Mike Drewett

David and Karen Perdue

In memory of Richard/Jack Perdue III

VonTungeln Family

In memory of Nancy VonTungeln

W.D. Bubba VonTungeln III Family

In memory of Nancy, W.D. VonTungeln, SR., Dora E. VonTungeln, Jonathan L. Harding, Danleigh Joyce Cosner.

Dana Neal

In memory of Mary H. Ward

Mamie Chavarria

In memory of my mother, father and brother

Jemmie D. Moseley, Martin Jr., Susan and Curenda

In Honor of Pastor Jai and Young Kwak

In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr.

B.J. & Janice Goodman

In memory of Howard & Norma Adams

Nelson, Jeff, Spencer Buchanan

In Honor of Beatrice B. Magee and Audrey Brooks

In memory of Judy D. Buchanan

Zac, Laura and Langston Cosner

In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner

George and Denise Mosley

In memory of Franklin and Barbara Simpson, Marion Brantley, Danleigh Cosner, Billy Mosley and Sue Williams

Valerie Reichen, Donna and Martin Shipman

In memory of Murray Reichen

Lynda, Brady and Adam Vick

In memory of Earl W. Vick and Nell and Leon Horne

Brianna, Kodee, Jacob and Weston

Elise and Jim Argue

In memory of Ruby Carey, Oneida and Bob Orgain

January 2017												
Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat
												31
1		2		3		4		5		6		7
						No Choir Practice		Noon Bible Study				
8		9		10		11		12		13		14
PW Installation Service		Circle I meets at 6:30				No Choir Practice		Noon Bible Study				
15		16		17		18		19		20		21
Fellowship Luncheon Session						No Choir Practice		Noon Bible Study				
22		23		24		25		26		27		28
PW Meeting after service						Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study				
29		30										

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In loving memory of Cheryl Fox

Lawrence Fikes

Betty Coles

Jemmie Moseley

In loving memory of Lewis BlueRock

Barbara Harris

In Loving Memory of M.L. Elyea

Lawrence Fikes

Jimmy & Sheila Horn

Bea Magee

In Honor of Bea Magee

Henry Buchanan

Jemmie Moseley

Suzy VonTungeln

Lurline Elam

The story behind the song - Go Tell It on the Mountain

Composer John W. Works Promotes African American Folk-Work with Go Tell It on the Mountain

In 1907, John W. Works III, a professor at Fisk University and a professional musician, compiled and published *Folk Songs of the American Negro*, a songbook designed to preserve and promote African American Folk-Work. Included in this book was Works' arrangement of the song *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (author unknown). This song was known to have been sung by African American slaves since as far back as at least 1865.



In the 1960s Peter Paul and Mary took the liberty to re-write some of the lyrics of *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, renamed it *Tell it on the Mountain*, and recorded it as a Civil Rights theme song. In the 1990s, musician Art Paul Schlossel re-wrote the lyrics for kids and renamed the song *Go Tell It on the Swingset*. It has been popular for many years as a Christmas Carol, and is also sung in some settings as a praise song.

In one format or another since its conception, the anthem of *Go Tell It on the Mountain* has been sung in the fields, on buses, in the streets, in churches, on school choir platforms and in concert halls. And it has been recorded by more than 20 popular artists, including such big names as Frank Sinatra, Dolly Parton and Simon & Garfunkel.

Go Tell It On The Mountain:

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When low above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed our Savior's bi--rth.

Refrain

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,

Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light

Refrain

And lo! When they had heard it,
They all bowed down to pray,
Then travelled on together,
To where the Baby la--y.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas mo--rn.

Refrain

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Isaiah 52:7)

<http://www.sharefaith.com/guide/Christian-Music/hymns-the-songs-and-the-stories/go-tell-it-on-the-mountain,-the-song-and-the-story.html>

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

Y W A Y L X P H C H H M Q D H
K N N T Y I G R Q V O E G M B
W I U A W C N N I R U W R Y R
O V N R T E A C H E R S R O G
R W Q G X T R V E K S A O M D
S O M C H R I S T N M T E K E
H R O V B G H V L M S H S O H
I S T Y L O O U G I E E H C Q
P H H U A D U O B L E B R Y J
E I E Y Z V S E H N M A G I D
D P R O N Y E T V A E G H L Q
G B O R N H E E A S T R I B T
T P B K F B G A V E R H W C E
P M W I C I N E J Y C S T A R
M M B Q D D L V M V T X L X Y

PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD

http://www.sermons4kids.com/wise_men_wordsearch.htm

Epiphany Year A	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<u>Epiphany of the Lord</u> January 6, 2017	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
<u>Baptism of the Lord</u> January 8, 2017 <i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
<u>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</u> January 15, 2017	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
<u>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</u> January 22, 2017	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
<u>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</u> January 29, 2017	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12

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Happy Birthday

05 *Hester Insley*
05 *Jemmie Moseley*
09 *Logan Mosley*
09 *Weston Mosley*
10 *Benjimen Neal*
12 *Donald Walker*
19 *Tommy Dunlap*
19 *Randy Neal*
26 *Alexander Perdue*
27 *Avery Peyton*
28 *Weston Vick*