

Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church



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.

Upcoming Events

June 18

Father's Day
Fellowship Lunch
Session Meeting

June 24

Trip to Keo, will leave the church at 10 am.

July 20

Trinity Brunch will be at 10 am. Volunteers to make goodies are needed. Let Kay know if you can help.

Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:30pm

Noon Bible Study on Thursdays

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A coup! Oppression! And the Liberation.

“In the fall of 1983, a coup occurred on the Western Caribbean island of Grenada. Cuban-backed communists overthrew the government and installed a totalitarian dictatorship. Under the martial rule, the people instantly lost their freedom and liberty. Over one hundred dissenters, including fifty children, were rounded up and marched into the fort of the capital city of St. George. They completely disappeared. A local pastor relayed the terror of living in the midst of this oppression. He believed that these innocent children were killed and dumped at sea.

This ploy did not go unnoticed. President Ronald Reagan quickly deployed a military rescue team to Grenada. They struck in the middle of the night. Within a day, the island was free again. The people of Grenada learned that liberty is most precious when it is suddenly taken away.”

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There also was a coup in the churches in Galatia. Jewish believers (Judaizers) slipped into the churches built by Apostle Paul and tried to turn them upside down through legalism. They declined the core message of Paul's teaching that salvation was through grace by simple faith in Christ. Instead, they taught that "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved." (Acts 15:1) Their coup was successful. They stole the hearts of the Galatian Christians along with their freedom and liberty in Christ. They submitted to circumcision and other Old Testament laws to gain God's approval. They quickly became slaves of the laws. They were no longer free in Christ.

Going the legalists' way is deserting the Christ, Paul asserted. You'd have to perform well enough for God to save you. But, it would not do any good. Go ahead and try it. You'll fail, no matter how hard you try. Try controlling your tongue, or your mind behind it, just for a day. Well, you may be able to control yourself for few days or a week, but you will soon find yourself stuck in the vicious cycle of failing that only bring you the guilt conscience.

Paul Zahl once said that "the law crushes the human spirit; grace lifts it. The story of the Bible is the story of this perpetual war between law and grace" in his book *Grace in Practice: A Theology of Everyday Life*. Apostle Paul too took the challenge of legalism as a spiritual war. And to liberate the Galatians from the evil presence of legalism, Paul sent a six-chapter defense of grace known to us as "Galatians." In this letter, Paul went to the frontline against the legalism and defended the freedom in Christ with a sound theological argument. Because the message of Galatians frees Christians from the oppression of legalism, it has been called the "Magna Carta" of Christianity.

So, let's dig into this book. Let's listen to apostle Paul's voice, his message about the freedom we have in Christ. I have done two sermons on this precious book already. I will bring more about the freedom we receive through the Gospel of Christ. The truth will set you free!

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July issue of Central Scene is Monday June 19th. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.

Daily Scripture Readings June 2017

Day of Pentecost June 4, 2017	*Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
Trinity Sunday June 11, 2017	*Genesis 1:1-2, 4a	Psalm 8:2	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Second Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2017	*Genesis 18:1-15	Psalm 116:1-2	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:30-10:8
Third Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2017	*Genesis 21:8-21	Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39

In Memory of



- ✿ Val Reichen by
 - Patsy Glover
 - Mildred Gaunt
 - Bernice and Walter Collins
 - David Perdue
 - Joe E. Cook
 - Betty Coles
 - Deborah Medlock
- ✿ Dale Vontungeln by
 - Mary and Lawrence Fikes
 - Jimmy & Sheila Horn
 - Jemmie Moseley

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study 6:30	2	3
4 Pentecost Sunday Wear Red	5	6	7 Choir Practice 6:30pm	8 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study 6:30	9	10
11	12	13	14 Choir Practice 6:30pm	15 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study 6:30	16	17
18 Father's Day Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting	19	20	21 Choir Practice 6:30pm	22 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study 6:30	23	24 Trip to Keo Leaving Church at 10:00am
25	26	27	28 Choir Practice 6:30pm	29 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study 6:30	30	

Don't Forget Sunday June 4th is Pentecost Sunday!

Wear RED!

On The Day of Pentecost in the church year, fifty days of Easter and ten days after the Ascension it is custom in many churches for the people in the congregation to wear red on the Day of Pentecost as well. We wear red to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.



Day of Pentecost

On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

The notion of Easter as a season of 50 days ending at Pentecost is patterned after the ancient Jewish festival of seven weeks that extended from the beginning of the barley harvest (on the second day after the beginning of Passover) to the end of the wheat harvest at the Festival of Weeks or Shavuot (see Deuteronomy 16:9-12). The Festival of Weeks later came to be called Pentecost ("50th day") by Greek speaking Jews. In Jewish tradition, Shavuot also marks the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai; this liturgical link may inform Paul's discussions of the law and the Spirit (see Romans 8, 2 Corinthians 3 and Galatians 3).



A 15th century German depiction of Pentecost.

History of Hymns:

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Charles Wesley wrote something like six thousand hymns during his lifetime. He spent much of his life on horseback traveling from church to church, so you might wonder how he accomplished this. A part of the answer is found in the fact that he was naturally gifted — poetry welled up in him, allowing him to express his deep faith through hymns. Another part of the answer is that he organized himself for his task. He developed a kind of shorthand so that he could quickly jot down ideas as they came to him. He carried note cards in his pocket so that he could record his thoughts even while riding a horse. When he reached his destination, he would transform his rough notes into finished verse.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” is one of Wesley’s greatest hymns. The hymn is really a prayer — a prayer to Jesus, who is “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling.” It invites Jesus to make his dwelling in us — to visit us with his salvation — to enter our hearts. It invites him to take away our love of sinning — to set our hearts at liberty. It concludes by asking Jesus to finish his new creation (we are his new creation) so that we might be pure and spotless — perfectly restored — ready for heaven.

As you sing this hymn, keep in mind that it is a prayer — that you are asking God to dwell in you — to visit you with his salvation — to enter your heart.

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Love divine, all loves
excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth
come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all
compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou
art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy
loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of
sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always
blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts
above,
pray, and praise thee without
ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into
glory,
till in heaven we take our
place,
till we cast our crowns before
thee,
lost in wonder, love, and
praise.

In my FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

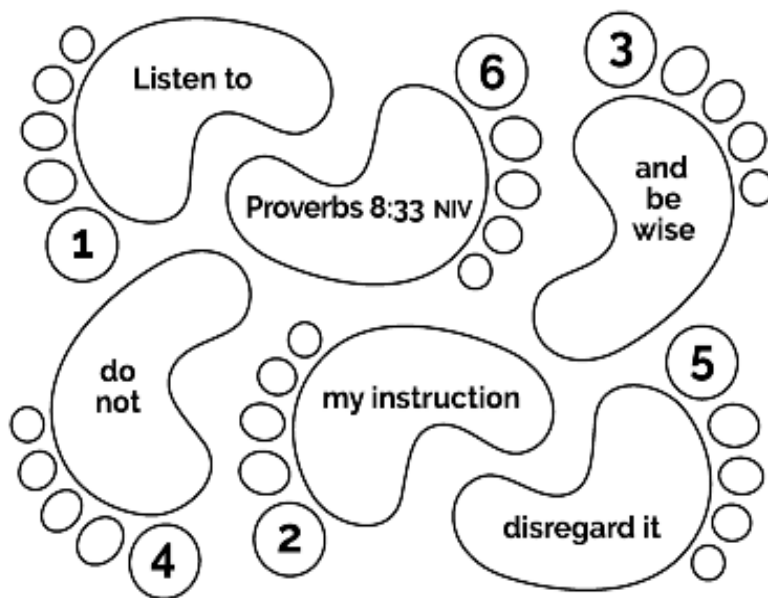
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



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_____ : _____
_____ ; _____
_____ "

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

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02 Bradley VonTungeln
08 Bernice Lackey
10 John Armer Baran
13 David Judkins
13 Maggie Shell Howsen
17 Tana Perdue
17 Clarence Rittelmeyer
19 Tommy Wooten



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



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.

Youth News

This summer, CPC is planning on several day trips for the youth including a trip to Magic Springs. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for dates and signup information. We hope all the kids have a wonderful summer!

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations and best wishes to our High School graduates, Sydney Hayes & Austin Howsen. Sydney plans to attend Arkansas Tech in the fall to study nursing. Austin has enlisted in the Army. He will be leaving for basic training in August. We are so proud of both of you!

Choir News

Summer is here and the choir is getting ready to perform favorites new and old in the coming weeks! We invite everyone to submit a favorite anthem and we will see if we can fit it in our schedule!

In addition, The Choir will enjoy a time of fellowship with a dinner trip in June. This is to thank all the choir members for their hard work and sacrifice to provide beautiful music during our worship services.

As always, if you would like to join us, please let one of the choir members know. There is always room for one more voice!

Presbyterian Women's News

The Presbyterian Women plan to take a shopping trip, with a light lunch, to Keo on June 24th. Everyone is invited to join us. Please check the bulletin board for a signup sheet to let us know whom we can expect to attend. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and we hope everyone can join us!

The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering will be received this month. The Birthday Offering is a PW offering received in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support.

News from the Men's Group

The men of the church would like to thank everyone who has helped us finish several projects around the church recently. We have re-stained the playground, painted all of the outdoor signage around the building, and had Geo Cals Vinyl Decals apply new wording to all of the repainted signs as well. If you see something around the building that needs some attention please feel free to add it to the job jar on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of each month for breakfast and would love to have you join us! Thank you for your support of our Men's Group.