

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.

Word from Pastor

Corinthians 15:12-19 (NASB)

¹²Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. ¹⁵Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; ¹⁷and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied.

It seems like most Christians talk about the Cross often. We do that because in the Cross we witness the sufferings and pains of human life and also the Love of God that embraces who we really are. The modern world that we are living in tends to deny the pain and suffering of human beings. This world tames us to see only the pleasurable part of human life. It tells us to avoid pain and suffering in whatever way. But because we try to turn our faces away from the very reality of human beings, this world becomes a very hard and very cold place. And even though we try to avoid facing the reality of being human; we all are aware of it simply because it is inevitable for us to live without any pain or suffering. Pain is a



Upcoming Events

April 2nd

Congregational meeting to vote on Session Members

April 9

Passion/Palm Sunday

Joint service at 1st Presbyterian
11:00 am

Meal following service will be available for a small fee.

Session meeting following lunch

April 13

Maundy Thursday Service at
6:00pm
Communion
Potluck

April 14

Good Friday
Prayer meeting will be held three times 7AM, Noon, 7PM

April 16

Easter
No Fellowship luncheon and/or Session meeting

Easter Schedule

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Easter Egg Hunt
10:00am Easter Service with Communion (earlier service time)
Noon Bible Study on Thursdays
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part of being human. And in the Cross, God embraces the pain of all humanity. It is difficult for a preacher to say; "God loves your pain." But it is true. I do not mean that God enjoys your pain, but He loves the painful part of your life too. His love is big enough to encircle all your pain and suffering. He just loves your whole being. In the Cross, we witness the great love of God that embraces and upholds the whole human life.

Yet, if it is only the Cross we cherish, then Christianity fails. The apostle Paul cut to the crux of Christianity with his statement on the Resurrection: "But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain." What Paul tries to tell us that the resurrection of the Christ, who also was a perfect man, testifies the future resurrection of all mankind. Robert S. Candlish said that "The fact of the resurrection of Christ and the belief of a general resurrection are intimately and inseparably connected" (Life in a Risen Savior). Because Christ rose from the dead, you too will be risen. Without proclaiming the Resurrection, not only the resurrection of the Christ but also the resurrection of the all believers, Gospel is not truly a Gospel. Yes! Jesus died for our sins. Jesus Christ who came to us as the Immanuel God suffered and died on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins. But He rose again! His resurrection is the perfect proof and absolute guarantee of your resurrection. In Christ is the new life! In Christ, we find the life that is everlasting! "This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Happy Easter, everyone!
Rev. Jai Kwak

For Central Scene

Central received a grant from the Catherine Oudin Bellingrath Beautification Endowment for landscaping the area in and around church property and the entrance leading to the sanctuary and main church facility. Mr. Wayne Bixler, Landscaper, has completed work on the project and there have been nothing but positive comments from members. Comparing the "before" and "after" pictures shows how much this improvement was needed. The grant and landscaping has made a great improvement in the appearance of our church and is greatly appreciated

Letter to the Church

To Dear Church members:

I'm sorry to be so late in Thanking all of you. The things you did when my sister died (Mary Wooten). Then in January I also lost the fourth and last of my brothers. So, I've kind of been in a fog. Many of you knew Kelly Shandy. All of you have been kind and thoughtful. I'll never forget you nice people.

Love you
Hester Insley

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Kay Cromwell

SESSION

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (clerk)

Class of 2018

Kay Cromwell

Mike Kelley

April 2017															
Sun				Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
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										Noon Bible Study					
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Congregational meeting								Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study					
9				10		11		12		13		14		15	
Palm Sunday Joint Service at 1 st Presbyterian Session meeting				Circle I meets at 6:30		Pass Over		Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Maundy Thursday Service 6:00pm Potluck No Bible Study at noon		Good Friday Prayer meeting 7:00Am Noon 7:00PM			
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Easter Breakfast 8:00am Egg Hunt 9:00 am Worship 10:00am								Choir Practice 6:30 pm		Noon Bible Study					
23				24		25		26		27		28		29	
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Address Change for

Val Reichen
 St. Bernards Villa
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Gifts to the Church

Easter Lilies

Donor	In Honor of
Jemmie Moseley	Zac Laura & Lanston Cosner The George Mosley family
Lynda, Brady & Adam Vick Brianna Rodriguez, Kodee, Jacob & Weston Vick	In Memory of Earl W. Vick Nell & Leon Horne
Rose VonTungeln	In Honor of: The Cosner & Mosley Family Jai & Young Kwak
Laura, Zac & Langston Cosner	In Memory of: Daneligh Joyce Cosner John & Janet Reeves Franklin & Barbara Simpson Dora & Nancy VonTungeln
Karen & David Perdue	Glory of God
Betty Coles	In Honor of Central Presbyterian Church

Daily Scripture Readings

Easter Season, 2017

April 16 to June 3, 2017

Date	Psalms	OT	Epistle	Gospel
Sun 1 Apr 16	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 113, 114	am: Exod 12:1-14 pm: Isa 51:9-11		am: John 1:1-18 pm: John 20:19-23
Mon Apr 17	am: 93, 98 pm: 66	Jon 2:1-9	Acts 2:14, 22-32	John 14:1-14
Tues Apr 18	am: 103 pm: 111, 114	Isa 30:18-21	Acts 2:26-47	John 14:15-31
Wed Apr 19	am: 97, 99 pm: 115	Mic 7:7-15a	Acts 3:1-10	John 15:1-11

Thur Apr 20	am: 146, 147 pm: 148, 149	Eze 37:1-14	Acts 3:11-26	John 15:12-27
Fri Apr 21	am: 136 pm: 118	Dan 12:1-4, 13	Acts 4:1-12	John 16:1-15
Sat Apr 22	am: 145 pm: 104	Isa 25:1-9	Acts 4:13-31	John 16:16-33
Sun 2 Apr 23	am: 146, 147 pm: 111, 112, 113	Isa 43:8-13	1 Pet 2:2-10	John 14:1-7
Mon Apr 24	am: 1, 2, 3 pm: 4, 7	Dan 1:1-21	1 Jn 1:1-10	John 17:1-11
Tues Apr 25	am: 5, 6 pm: 10, 11	Dan 2:1-16	1 Jn 2:1-11	John 17:12-19
Wed Apr 26	am: 119:1-24 pm: 12, 13, 14	Dan 2:17-30	1 Jn 2:12-17	John 17:20-26
Thur Apr 27	am: 18:1-20 pm: 18:21-50	Dan 2:31-49	1 Jn 2:18-29	Luke 3:1-14
Fri Apr 28	am: 16, 17 pm: 134, 135	Dan 3:1-18	1 Jn 3:1-10	Luke 3:15-22
Sat Apr 29	am: 20, 21 pm: 110, 116, 117	Dan 3:19-30	1 Jn 3:11-18	Luke 4:1-13
Sun 3 Apr 30	am: 148, 149, 150 pm: 114, 115	Dan 4:1-18	1 Pet 4:7-11	John 21:15-25

History of Hymns: “Because He Lives”

Gloria and William J. Gaither

The words were written by two of the longest-lasting performing couples of Christian contemporary music, Gloria (b. 1942) and William J. (b. 1936) Gaither. “Because He Lives” was awarded the recognition of Gospel Song of the Year for 1974 by the Gospel Music Association and the American Society of Composers and Publishers (ASCAP).



Gloria and William J. Gaither

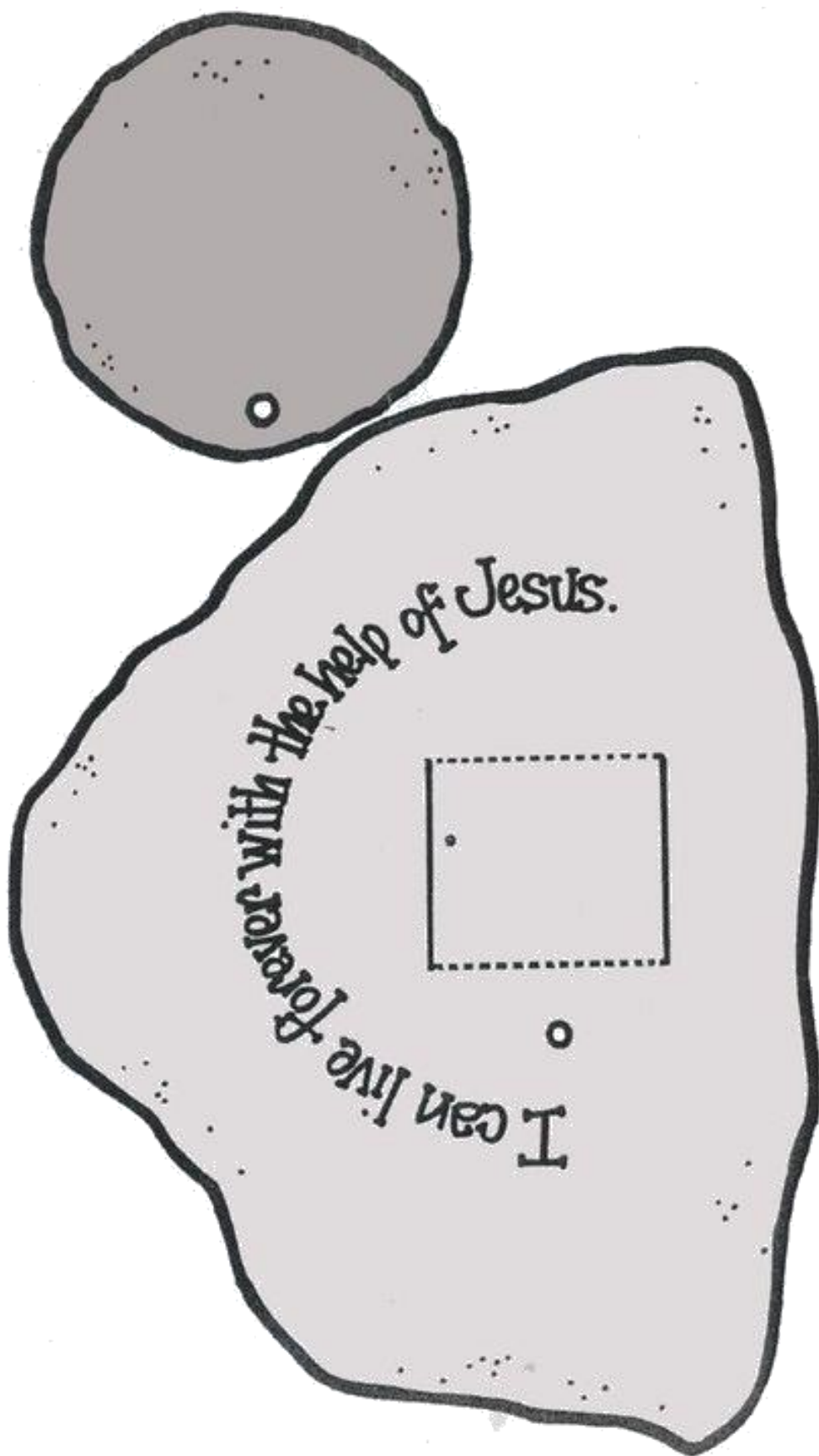
“Because he lives” [1971] was written in the midst of social upheaval, threats of war, and betrayals of national and personal trust. It was into this world at such a time that we were bringing our third little baby. Assassinations, drug traffic, and war monopolized the headlines. It was in the midst of this kind of uncertainty that the assurance of the Lordship of the risen Christ blew across our troubled minds like a cooling breeze in the parched desert. Holding our tiny son in our arms we were able to write:

“How sweet to hold our newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
his child can face uncertain day because He lives.”

One sunny day in the early spring, Bill, Gloria and Bill’s father George walked across the paved parking lot at their small A-frame offices. George called Bill and Gloria’s attention to a spot they had not noticed. He pointed out a tiny blade of grass that had pushed aside layers of dirt, rock and concrete to reach the sunshine of the world above. It had such a strong will to live; it had overcome all the odds to fulfill its destiny. That blade of grass became a symbol to the Gaithers of how God works in His creation. And it inspired Gloria to write a song expressing the hope that was shaped by the resurrection of Jesus, as well as that blade of grass and the birth of her son.

“God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus; He came to love, heal and forgive. He lived and died to buy my pardon; An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. ... How sweet to hold a newborn baby; and feel the pride and joy he gives; but greater still, the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain days because He lives. ... Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future, And life is worth the living just because He lives!”

http://www.oleantimesherald.com/lifestyles/rev-mcdowell-the-story-behind-the-gaithers-because-he-lives/article_2d73f288-ccaa-11e3-9d7f-0019bb2963f4.html



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