

# 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

**Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
PW Circle at 6:30pm

**Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Luncheon  
Session Meeting

**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Our Annual "Trunk Or Treat" will be held Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm. We will be giving out lots of candy & need everyone to decorate their "trunks" to join in the fun. We will also have a bounce house for all the children to enjoy. Hope to see you all there!!

**Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Vespers Trinity Village at 4:00pm

**Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**  
Central's Annual Bake Sale & Rummage Sale will be held Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11:30 am. We are in need of cakes, pies, candies & casseroles. Please let Laura Cosner know if you are available to provide any of these goodies.

We also will be collecting items for our rummage sale. Some popular selling items in the past have been books, cookbooks & fashion jewelry. Please bring to the fellowship hall if you have items to donate.

**Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30pm**

**Noon Bible Study Thursdays**

**Evening Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30pm**

## Isabella Graham & The Power of Faith



Isabella Graham, circa 1770.

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ISABELLA MARSHALL GRAHAM (1742-1814) was an educator and philanthropist who worked tirelessly to assist women and orphans on both sides of the Atlantic. She grew up in Lanarkshire, Scotland, was confirmed in the Presbyterian Church by John Witherspoon, and followed her husband, the military doctor John Graham, to the New World—first to Canada, then Antigua. John died of fever in 1774, a tragedy that shaped Isabella's life. Alone in a foreign land, penniless, pregnant, and with three young children to care for, she made the arduous crossing back to Scotland.

While leading a boarding school in Edinburgh, Isabella dedicated herself to helping others survive misfortune. She realized that if every poor person in her neighborhood set aside a single penny each week, the gathered funds could assist contributors during times of special need. The idea spurred the organization of The Penny Society, later known as The Society for the Relief of the Destitute Sick. After the Revolutionary War, John Witherspoon encouraged Isabella to bring her gift for benevolence to the infant United States. She again crossed the ocean in 1797, becoming the first director of New York's Society for the Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children, a group that helped families ravaged by yellow fever and showed the way for future women-led charities.

Isabella went on to serve the Orphan Asylum Society and the Society for the Promotion of Industry amongst the Poor. Her Christian faith formed the bedrock of her life and her legacy after death. The Power of Faith, a biography with collected writings, tells the story of Isabella Graham's boundless compassion.



Isabella Graham, circa 1810.

<http://www.history.pcusa.org/history-online/presbyterian-history/heritage-sunday/heritage-sunday-2017>

## Central Presbyterian Church

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...a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through Synod of the Sun and the Presbytery of Arkansas.

### Directory

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**Clerk of the Session:** Betty Coles

**Presbyterian Women Moderator:**

Kay Cromwell

### SESSION

#### Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (Clerk)

Weston Mosley

#### Class of 2018

Kay Cromwell

Mike Kelley

Lynda Vick

Bill VonTungeln

### Standing Committee Moderators:

Betty Coles

Laura Cosner

Kay Cromwell

Mike Kelley

Denise Mosley

Lynda Vick

Budget & Finance

Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Building & Grounds

Education

Worship & Music

### Newsletter Deadline

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

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	4 Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30	5	6	7
8	9 PW Circle 6:30pm	10 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	11 Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30	12	13	14
15 Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting	16	17 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	18 Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30	19	20	21
22	23	24 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	25 Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30	26	27	28 Trunk Or Treat 4:00pm
29 Vespers at Trinity Village 4:00pm	30	31 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30			

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Luncheon

-- Session Meeting

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**Noon Bible Study**

Thursdays

**Choir Practice**

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

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Thursdays at 6:30pm

## **The Choir Corner**

On Grandparent's Day the children of the church joined the choir in presenting "The Butterfly Song" along with giving out special treat bags to all grandparents. It was a wonderful Sunday & we are always looking for more voices to join us.

## **Youth**

Our kids headed to Jr. High Youth Quake again on September 22nd . Zac Cosner took the youth back to Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center for an exciting weekend!!

## **Bible Studies**

We have several opportunities in the week to join in a bible study. On Thursday we have a noon group & a 6:30 pm group , please consider taking part in one of these times of study & fellowship.

## **PW News**

**PW Evening Circle will meet**

**Monday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**



## **MEMORIALS**

- ✿ Richard Perdue by
  - Jeff & Kristi May
- ✿ Dan Loomis by
  - Rose Von Tungeln

## Daily Scripture Readings October 2017

<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost October 1, 2017</b>	<b>*Ex. 17:1-7;</b>	<b>Ps. 78:1-4,12-16</b>	<b>Phil. 3:4b-14</b>	<b>Matthew 21:23-32</b>
<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2017</b>	<b>*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<b>Phil.3:4b-14</b>	<b>Matthew 21:33-46</b>
<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2017</b>	<b>*Exodus 32:1-14</b>	<b>Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23</b>	<b>Phil. 4:1-9</b>	<b>Matthew 22:1-14</b>
<b>20th Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2017</b>	<b>*Exodus 33:12-23</b>	<b>Psalm 99</b>	<b>1 Thess. 1:1-10</b>	<b>Matthew 22:15-22</b>
<b>21st Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2017</b>	<b>*Duet. 34:1-12</b>	<b>Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17</b>	<b>1 Thess. 2:1-8</b>	<b>Matthew 22:34-46</b>



## History of Hymns:

### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Joseph Scriven was a man acquainted with grief. Born in County Down, Ireland, he aspired as a young man to follow in his father's footsteps as a Royal Marine, but his poor health made that impossible. Then he fell in love and was engaged to be married, but his fiancée drowned before their wedding could take place.

To put as much distance as possible between himself and that tragedy, Scriven then moved to Canada. While living there, he became engaged again, but his fiancée became ill and died before they could be married.

In his grief, Scriven determined to devote himself to a life of service. He was especially known for carrying a bucksaw and cutting firewood for people in need.

Scriven received word that his mother was ill. He couldn't afford to return to Ireland, so he sent his mother a poem in the hope that it would comfort her. The poem began, “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!” He later submitted a copy of his poem to a religious journal, where it was published. A few years later, in 1866, he died.

But his poem lived on in ways that he could never have imagined. Ira Sankey, a musician who worked with Dwight L. Moody, published it in a book of hymns, and Moody had it sung in his evangelistic meetings. Soon “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” was one of the best-known hymns in America. Missionaries took it abroad, where people sang it in many languages.

This hymn has maintained its popularity for a century and a half—probably because a man acquainted with grief—who happened also to be acquainted with faith—helps us to see that faith can triumph over grief.

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### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all  
our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything  
to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O  
what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is  
there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who  
will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?

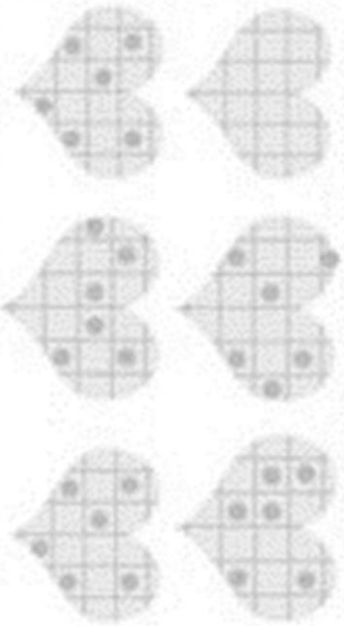
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take  
it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake  
you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield  
you; you will find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised  
Thou wilt all our burdens bear  
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all  
to Thee in earnest prayer.  
Soon in glory bright unclouded there  
will be no need for prayer  
Rapture, praise and endless worship  
will be our sweet portion there.

Write a Valentine or love-themed word that starts with each letter below.

V \_\_\_\_\_  
 A \_\_\_\_\_  
 L \_\_\_\_\_  
 E \_\_\_\_\_  
 N \_\_\_\_\_  
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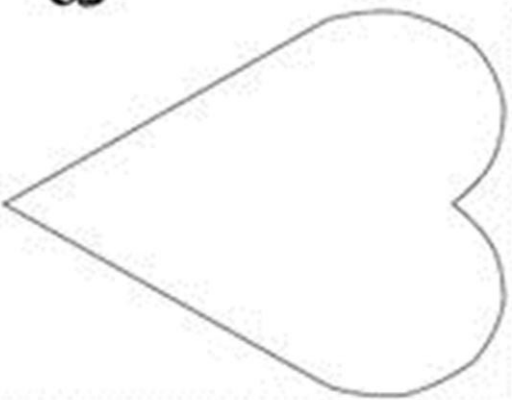
Which two hearts have the same pattern?



Trust  
 in  
 the  
 Lord  
 with  
 all  
 your  
 heart

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

**We love  
 because  
 He first  
 loved us**



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03	Raymond Turner	14	Laura Hayes
05	Mary Wooten	14	Greer Cromwell
05	Laura Pierce	17	Fletcher Perdue
05	Amber Poss	17	Lauren Fikes
08	Langston Cosner	22	Betty Coles
		30	Billy VonTungeln



18	Mr. and Mrs. Rich Cromwell
29	Mr. and Mrs. Zac Cosner

*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.*