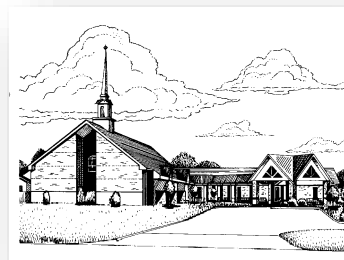


# Central Scene

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.



Picture of the Church with the new Steeple.

## Upcoming Events

**Ladies will take a trip to Keo for lunch & shopping Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from the church at 10am. Please let Laura Cosner know if you plan to attend.**

**Women's Circle will meet Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church library.**

**Fellowship luncheon will be May 19<sup>th</sup> & the Session will meet following lunch.**

**Central Circle of Comfort will have a support meeting Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the church library.**

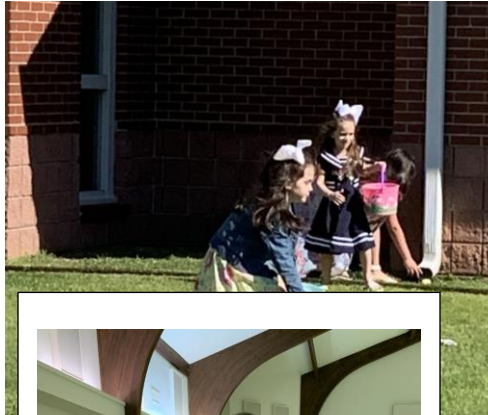
**Senior Sunday will be June 2<sup>nd</sup> to acknowledge our graduating high school seniors Benjimen Neal & Brynne Massey.**

**Save the date!! The youth will take a trip to Crenshaw Springs Waterpark Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. The church will cover cost of admission, children will need to bring money for concession food. More details to be announced soon.**

**Sunday School 9:45 am**

**Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am**

# Holy Week At Central



# History of Hymns

## "As the Deer"

by Martin Nystrom

"As the Deer," written in 1981, is one of the most popular songs in the contemporary Christian musical (CCM) genre written in the latter twentieth century. Martin J. Nystrom (b. 1956) is a native of Seattle, Washington. After graduating from Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma (BME, 1979), he served as musical evangelist with Christ for the Nations, Dallas, Texas [ [www.cfni.org](http://www.cfni.org)] and produced five praise and worship albums for Hosanna! Music, Mobile, Alabama.

Though Mr. Nystrom had not intended to perform the song publically, he shared it with a friend at Christ for the Nations before returning to Seattle. His friend introduced it to the others at the Institute, and it became a favorite. Contrary to his website, the composer appears to have written closer to 250 songs. He travels extensively in the United States and Asia, participating in conferences and retreats.

After paraphrasing the first verse of Psalm 42, the song reflects on this passage, continuing in the first person perspective of the psalm:

You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.

The second section draws upon the familiar biblical images of "strength and shield," concluding with the sentence cited above.

Most of Mr. Nystrom's songs are composed as a single stanza. The compilers of the Canadian United Church hymnal Voices United (1995) asked Lydia Pederson to write two additional stanzas to paraphrase the remainder of the psalm. Pedersen is former music director at Royal York Road United Church in Toronto, and an active member of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. An additional attempt at two stanzas appears in the Covenant Hymnal: A Worshipbook (1996).

The editors of the two hymnals that requested additional stanzas noted that the original song felt incomplete when viewed in the context of the entire psalm. Selections of Psalm 42 follow:

"My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? (verses 2, 3, KJV) . . .

"I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God? Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God" (verses 9, 10, 11, KJV).

On the one hand, the effectiveness of the original song is found in its simplicity; the singer can internalize and memorize the song, offering this sung prayer directly to God. On the other hand, the poignant questions of the remainder of the psalm echo the questions of many worshipers in their lives. Singing additional stanzas, however, changes the experience from a simple prayer to God to the experience similar to singing a multi-stanza hymn. One solution is to retain Mr. Nystrom's original stanza and insert it between spoken sections of the psalm as a refrain.

Regardless of the approach to incorporating the song into worship, one cannot deny the effectiveness of "As the Deer" as sung prayer in myriad settings around the world. Mr. Nystrom attended a conference in Korea in the 1990s that began with 100,000 Korean Christians singing his song – a dramatic witness of its power.

### "As the Deer"

**1- As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after you  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you**

#### **(Refrain)**

**You alone are my strength, my  
shield  
To you alone will my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship you**

**2 - You're my friend and you are  
my brother  
Even though you are my King  
I love you more than any other  
So much more than anything**

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## Central Presbyterian Church

### Directory Update

Please assist us in updating information for a new church directory. We ask that you return this form to the church office (6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603), place in the offering plate, or in the designated area in the church narthex. Our goal is to have all information collected by August 1, 2019 and a new directory published this fall.

*Provide the following information for each member of your household. Use a second form if necessary:*

First and Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (month/day): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Lectionary Readings for May 2019

Third Sunday of Easter— May 5	Fourth Sunday of Easter— May 12	Fifth Sunday of Easter— May 19	Sixth Sunday of Easter— May 26
Acts 9:1–6 [7–20]	Acts 9:36– 43	Acts 11:1– 18	Acts 16:9–15
Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148	Psalm 67
Revelation 5:11–14	Revelation 7:9–17	Revelation 21:1–6	Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5
John 21:1–19	John 10:22–30	John 13:31–35	John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9



**In Loving Memory of**  
**Edith May Kelley**  
**(Mike Kelley's**  
**Mother)**

*Walter and Bernice  
Collins*

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through Synod of the Sun and the  
Presbytery of Arkansas.

### Directory

Office Number (870) 879-9074  
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Website: www.centralprespb.com

### Secretary:

Justine Anton

### Nursery Attendants:

Laura & Zac Cosner

### Presbyterian Women Moderator:

Kay Cromwell

### Session

#### Class of 2019

Zac Cosner

George Mosley

Brad VonTungeln

Logan Mosley

#### Class of 2020

Laura Cosner

Suzy VonTungeln

Denise Mosley

Jemmie Moseley

#### Standing Committee Moderators:

Zac Cosner

Suzy VonTungeln

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George Mosley

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Budget & Finance

Fellowship & Nurture

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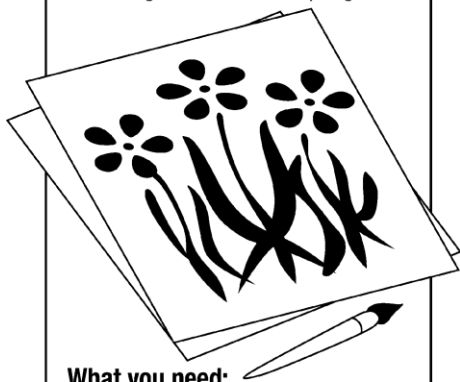
Worship & Music

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the June issue of  
Central Scene is May 18. Please let us  
know if you would like to continue your  
subscription by emailing us at  
office@centralprespb.com.

# SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.

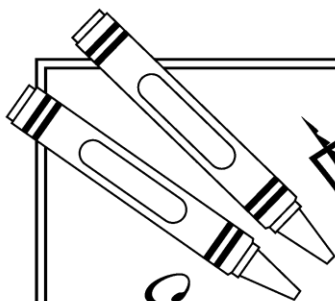


## What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

## What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



# PUZZLE

Spring has sprung!

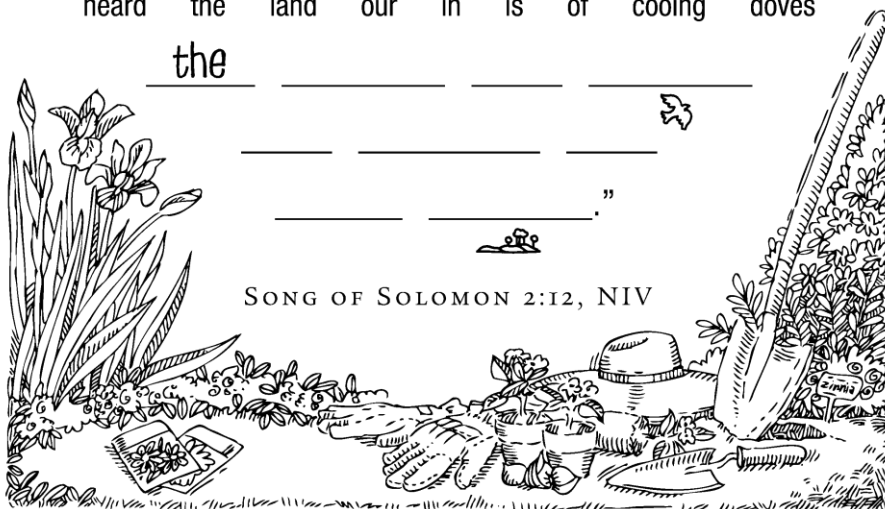
God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

*Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.*

earth on appear the Flowers

" \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 singing come the of has season  
 the \_\_\_\_\_

heard the land our in is of cooing doves  
 the \_\_\_\_\_



SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV

Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth;  
 the season of singing has come,  
 the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	9	10	11 Women's Trip to Keo
12	13 Women's Circle 6:30 pm	14	15 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting	20	21 Central Circle of Comfort 6:30 pm	22 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	30	31	

## Events:

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Women's Trip to Keo

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6:30 pm

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Central Circle of Comfort  
6:30 pm

**May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship Luncheon  
Session Meeting

**Sunday School 9:45 am**  
**Young Adults Sunday**  
**School 9:45 am**

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

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03     *David Perdue*  
04     *Ruth Holland*  
11     *Kyle Judkins*  
14     *Brady Vick*  
19     *Mildred Gaunt*  
20     *Heather Cogburn*  
23     *Jayme Varnell*  
23     *Lurline Elam*  
28     *Adam Cogburn*  
29     *Laura Cosner*



19     *Mr. and Mrs. Jameson Massey*  
20     *Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reeves*