

Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church



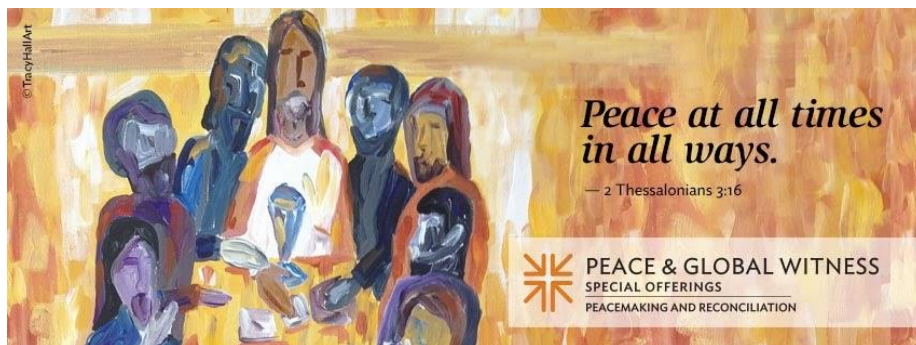
Church Mission Statement

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.

Remember Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday, October 6th.



Upcoming Events

Directory update forms are available in the Narthex and the website. We'll use these to build a new Church Directory available in the fall and a new CPC Prayer Chain phone list.

PW will have a short meeting following worship September 8th. PW Circle will meet Monday September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

September 15th is our monthly Fellowship Luncheon following the worship service. All Members, Visitors, and Guests are invited to join in this fellowship meal.

The Session will meet following the fellowship luncheon.

Jr. High Youthquake will take place Sept. 27-29th at Ferncliff Camp and Conf. Center. If you have a youth in 6th through 9th grade interested in attending, please let Zac Cosner know.

Mark your Calendars! Trunk or Treat will be taking place on Saturday October, 26th from 5-7pm. We'll have a bounce house, Candy, and Games! We Hope to see you there!

Sunday School 9:45 am

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am

History/ of Hymns

By C. Michael Hawn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

by Mark Beggs, Special Contributor

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Charles Wesley

UM Hymnal, No. 384

**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.**



Charles Wesley (1707-1788) was a prolific hymn writer of the 18th century. Coming from a musical family, he left a lasting legacy of congregational song.

The youngest of 18 children, Charles possessed prodigious talents that soon blossomed. Little did he know that “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling,” would rise to become one of the most popular and consistently vocalized Christian songs.

Writing hymn texts that are solidly based on the Scriptures gives them an appeal across denominational lines. It is estimated that during his lifetime, Wesley penned more than 9,000 poems of a spiritual nature, 6,000 of which are hymns. His writings were passionate and well-crafted, conveying the true essence of Christian teaching.

Wesley married Sara Gwynne in 1749. She was a constant companion to him on his evangelical journeys. Only five of their eight children survived infancy. Charles Wesley Jr. (1757-1834) and Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) were musical like their father, and his daughter Sarah (1759-1828) was gifted in spiritual poetry.

A substantial number of his writings were completed while riding on horseback to his evangelical meetings. What really set Charles apart from other hymn writers was his effective use of scriptural allusions, providing a spiritual roadmap whereby individuals could imagine a Christ-centered life.

Scholars suggest that he was able to compose about 10 lines of verse daily for 50 years. Charles’ brother John sometimes served as editor to his hymns. John’s typical response was, “some were good, some were mediocre, and some were exceptional.” John can also be credited with improving the singability of Charles’ hymns.

Both John and Charles were instrumental in changing the spiritual environment of Britain during the 18th century. In doing so, they formed the bedrock of what Methodism has become worldwide. Their unwavering devotion to expressing Christian spirituality through hymns has impacted individuals across all denominational lines.

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” was first published in a collection of hymns entitled Hymns for those that Seek, and those that Have, Redemption in the Blood of Christ (1747). The incipit (opening line) was a play on the opening line of John Dryden’s (1631-1700) poem “Fairest Isle, All Isles Excelling” set to music by Henry Purcell (1659-1695) in the generation before Charles Wesley was born.

The tunes BEECHER or HYFRYDOL typically accompany the text in most hymnals. The hymn is written around a progression of thoughts: (1) our prayers for the Holy Spirit, (2) praying for the return of our Lord through the second coming, and (3) prayers for the finalization of his new creation.

In comparing hymn stanzas across several denominations, very minor variances did occur, mainly in single word changes. However, in the Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal) stanza two is omitted. The original stanza expressed the Wesleyan concept of the “second rest.” When Charles referred to this in his hymns, it specifically applies to the “second birth,” “second blessing,” “second gift.” All of these are directed toward achieving full “sanctification” or “Christian perfection.” This is an important theological tenet of Methodist preaching from the very beginning.

There is no better way of describing the culmination of adhering to the biblical teachings of Christ, than in stanza four of this hymn. Wesley’s phrase, “changed from glory into glory” is almost a direct quotation from 2 Corinthians 3:18 (KJV). Wesley describes that day in heaven when “we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.”

We are fortunate to be the recipients of the poetic genius of Charles Wesley. He influenced Methodism more than any other hymn writer. Upon hearing of Charles’ death, an elderly Londoner asked, “Who will write poetry for us now?” What better way to be thought of, than by your poetic and spiritual impact on congregational song?

Mr. Beggs, a Master of Theological Studies student at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, studies hymnology with Dr. C. Michael Hawn.



After-School snack

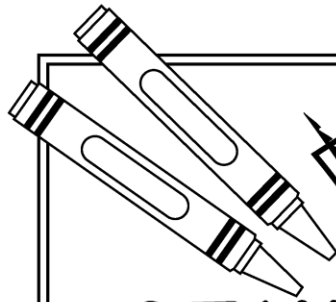
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



PUZZLE

STAY NOURISHED



Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own ;

 the  and shun .

This will bring  to your 

and nourishment to  bones.

 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

“Central’s Kid’s Corner”



Langston Cosner was recognized with the “student of the week” award at Friendship Academy on August 30th 2019.

We are very proud of her!!

If your family has something they would like to share in our monthly newsletter please email Justine at justine.anton@hotmail.com or the church at office@centralprespb.com.

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Budget & Finance

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Building & Grounds

Education

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October issue of Central Scene is September 20. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.

Lectionary Readings for September 2019

Twenty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 1

Jeremiah 2:4–13
Psalm 81:1, 10–16

Hebrews
13:1–8, 15–16
Luke 14:1, 7–14

Twenty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 8

Jeremiah 18:1–
11

Psalm 139:1–6,
13–18
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–33

Twenty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 15

Jeremiah
4:11–12, 22–28

Psalm 14
1 Timothy
1:12–17
Luke 15:1–10

Twenty-Second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 23

Jeremiah
8:18–9:1

Psalm 79:1–9
1 Timothy 2:1–7
Luke 16:1–13

Twenty-Third
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 30

Jeremiah
32:1–3a, 6–15

Psalm
91:1–6, 14–16
1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31



In Loving Memory of

Catherine Risinger

Jemmie Moseley

Ann Woolley

Sheila Horn

Lawrence & Mary Shannon Fikes

Betty Coles

Walter & Bernice Collins

*A gift of a beautiful new rocking
chair was given to the nursery by*

Danny & Nina Reeves

in loving memory of

Danleigh Joyce Cosner.

**Correction from August Newsletter*

*In Honor of Lawrence Fikes &
Mary Shannon Fikes*

Jemmie Moseley

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Directory Form Deadline	2	3	4 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	5	6	7
8	9 PW Circle will meet Monday September 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the library.	10	11 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	12	13	14
15 Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting	16	17	18 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	26	27 Jr. High Youthquake at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center	28
29	30		Choir Practice 6:30 pm			

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Session Meeting

September 1st

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September 27-29th

Jr. High Youthquake
at

Ferncliff Camp and
Conference Center

**Sunday School
for All Ages at
9:45 am**

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

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09 Lisa Perdue
19 Danny Reeves
29 Ann Perdue
29 Lynda Vick



05 Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Wooten
06 Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cromwell
23 Mr. and Mrs. David Perdue

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.