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# The Jot & Tittle

The newsletter of Central United Methodist Church

*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*  
(Matthew 5:18)

**October 16, 2011**

**Worship Services at Central**  
**Dr. Rob Blackburn, Senior Minister**

**Sunday Worship Services**  
at 8:45 and 10:55 am

**October 23**  
New Member Sunday

**Saturdays at Six Worship**  
6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

A nursery is provided  
during all worship services.  
Sunday School classes for  
all ages at 9:45 am.

Sunday worship is broadcast  
on 1310 WISE-AM at 9:00 am.

The Sunday worship service is live on  
[www.centralumc.org](http://www.centralumc.org) (you must have  
high-speed internet and Real Player).

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## Lydia Circle Bake Sale Sunday, October 16

The Lydia Circle is hosting a bake sale on Sunday, October 16, in the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds will go to the Kory Wawanaca Children's Home in Bolivia. There will be all kinds of goodies—stop by and purchase a delicious treat!



## Fall Festival and Chili Cook-off Sunday, October 23

Join us on Sunday afternoon, October 23, for an afternoon of festival fun and church fellowship. The **Fall Festival will begin at 4:00 pm with carnival games, arts and crafts, giant inflatables, face painting, balloon twisting artists, trick-or-treating, and more.** Wear your costume and bring a bag for treats!

Beginning at **5:15 we will have Rob's famous cake walk** on Church Street! This is always a favorite so be sure to bring plenty of cakes, cookies, and other dessert treats for this event. Cake and goodies can be brought to the Fellowship Hall that morning or brought to the event. Please call 253-3316 to let us know that you will be bringing a dessert.



Then at **6:00 we will enjoy a chili supper.** We will receive chili in the Fellowship Hall that afternoon. Tables and labels will be clearly marked for you to number your chili and keep it warm. This is a fun contest with prizes awarded to the winners so we need lots of chili entries! Hot dogs will also be provided for the kids.

So bring your neighbors, family, and friends and join us for a fun fall celebration.

## Central's Ministry Fair will be Sunday, October 30

Central will be having a Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 30, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to share information about many ministry groups within the life of the church.

The work areas and ministry groups will offer table displays, information, and representatives highlighting all the work they do.

This event is a great way to find out more about the various ministries of Central Church. We hope you can stop by some time throughout the morning.



—Tony Bell

### **Administrative Board meets Sunday, October 30**

There will be an **abbreviated Administrative Board meeting** in the Chapel on Sunday, October 30, immediately following the 10:55 worship service. The agenda will include a review of the Proposed 2012 Directory of Officials and upcoming Charge Conference Acceptances/Compensations.

### **Charge Conference on Sunday, November 20**

On Sunday, November 20, Central UMC will participate in the District-wide Charge Conference at Covenant Community UMC from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

### **Administrative Board meets Sunday, December 11**

The Administrative Board will meet on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda will include committee reports and approval of the 2012 Operating Budget.

### **Everyone is invited: Community Lunch on Monday, October 17, at 11:45 am**

There will be a Community Lunch Monday October 17, from 11:45 am -1:00 pm at the Haywood Street campus. The menu is chili with cheese and sour cream, coleslaw, cornbread/crackers, dessert, fruit and beverages. Entertainment will follow the meal. All are welcome, come enjoy the good food and fellowship.

### **New Member Class begins Sunday, November 6**

The next New Member Class begins Sunday, November 6. The group meets from 10:00 to 10:45 am in the Conference Room (Room 311) near the church office. The classes will be held the four Sundays in November. This is a great opportunity to meet to meet the ministers and other newcomers to the church, and to get detailed information on Central's programs, activities, and opportunities for service. We will learn about the history of Methodism, Methodist doctrine, and take a tour of the church building. All are welcome to come learn more about Central.

Contact Suzanne Brown at 253-3316 ext 324 or [sbrown@centralumc.org](mailto:sbrown@centralumc.org) for details.

#### **Jot & Tittle deadlines**

**October 26** is the deadline for the November 6 issue

**November 9** is the deadline for the November 20 issue

Please mail articles and information to Anne Frick at the church, leave notices in her mail box at the Reception Desk, or email info to her at: [africk@centralumc.org](mailto:africk@centralumc.org). All material is subject to editing.

#### **Foods for ABCCM:**

**canned beef stew, tuna, spaghetti and sauces, jelly  
(ABCCM includes these items in food bags  
given to hungry families in need)**

[ABCCM can break down larger packages if you prefer to buy items in bulk]

Bring food items to large box the Fellowship Hall

#### **2011 budget update**

As of September 25 our Central congregation has given \$1,208,112 to support our ministries and the operating budget. Thank you!

(This is up \$118,412 from the same time last year.)

## 300 pounds of candy needed for Fall Festival!

We are collecting bags of individually wrapped candy and small prizes for our annual Fall Festival on October 23. Please bring a bag of candy for the children and leave it at the Reception Desk. Thank you.

## Only 11 packs of Ann Vasilik "Mountain Twilight" note cards available

The Inquirers Sunday School class is selling packs of "Mountain Twilight" note cards which highlight Central UMC on the front. The cost is \$10 for 10 cards and envelopes.

The cards make great gifts. To purchase a pack of note cards, please call Joyce Shepherd at 684-7945. All proceeds go to class projects to help others.

## Consecration Weekend is coming November 12 and 13

On the weekend of November 12 and 13, we will be celebrating and consecrating our gifts to God in worship. Consecration Weekend is about financial stewardship and helping each of us reflect on how we can grow in faith as we give back to God out of a thankful heart.

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

**The Consecration program is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. It assumes that followers of Jesus Christ want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship, and thus encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"**

During the Saturdays at Six worship service and both Sunday morning worship services we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During our three worship services our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Weekend events through our Stewardship Committee and Administrative Board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Weekend worship.

Thanks in advance for your participation in Consecration Weekend events.

Jeff Joyce, Stewardship Chairperson

Outreach

## Fall and winter clothing needed at Haywood Street

There is a clothing closet at our Haywood Street campus that serves those in our community. However, the racks are nearly empty. If you have fall or winter clothing that you could donate, please bring it to the Haywood Street campus or leave it at the Reception Desk with a note that it is for Haywood Street.



—Doris Fuqua

## Shining Lights Journey Group welcomes new members

The Shining Lights women's Journey Group has openings for new members. Our monthly meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. We would love to share our friendship and faith as we begin a new study and discussion on October 18. Our N. T. Wright study on Ephesians promises to give us a "bird's eye view of one theme after another within early Christian reflection."

Please call Kitty McKeithen at 828-257-4018 or email [kittymckeithen@bellsouth.net](mailto:kittymckeithen@bellsouth.net) for information.

## New all-women's Sunday School class: What's your Story?

Join us for a new, **all Women's Sunday school class** that began September 18. This group will begin by studying famed author Max Lucado's *God's Story, Your Story*. This study asks, "Is there a cohesive storyline to your life's daily drama?"

"In *God's Story, Your Story*, you will be inspired to see how your own day-to-day story intersects with God's grand, overarching epic of everlasting redemption. Your journey of faith will come alive as you explore the divine narrative in New Testament and contemporary characters and discover how the Bible reveals God's plans for you today. With personal warmth and heartfelt examples, Max peels back the chaos and confusion of your story to reveal God's loving and orderly purpose and perspective.

Whether you are a Bible teacher or a fellow God-seeker, you'll discover how seeing your life as a chapter in this divine narrative enables you to trust your heavenly Father through any crisis that comes. According to Lucado, Your story indwells God's...Your life emerges from the greatest mind and the kindest heart in the history of the universe: the mind and heart of God."

For more information about this Sunday school, class please contact Kathryn Purnell at 450-1799.



## Congregational Care Concerns

Should you have pastoral care needs or know of someone in the hospital, please contact Rev. Julie Wilburn Peeler at 989-9659 or Maureen Carr, our Parish Nurse, at the church 253-3316.

## Introducing Central Cancer Care Team (CCCT)

Our mission is to share the love of Christ by reaching out to those in our church and community who are struggling with or have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis. We will have a monthly gathering with special guest speakers to discuss particular topics throughout 2011-2012.

**Everyone is invited to be a part of any Central Cancer Care Team gathering. You don't have to be a member of our church or have been diagnosed with cancer. Cancer affects all of us.** Everyone is welcome to be a part of this important ministry to our church and community!

**There is a Visitation Team for CCCT is available to help.** If you have recently been diagnosed with cancer or have been impacted by cancer in any way and feel like you need a friend to share your struggles with or to visit with you in the hospital, home, or treatment center, we now have a group of trained experienced folks who would love to connect with you. Please call Julie Wilburn Peeler for more details: 989-9659.

## Next CCCT program is Thursday, October 20

The Central Cancer Care Team next gathering will be on Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Misty Guinn with the YMCA will present the YMCA's Livestrong program.

More information will be coming but save this date and plan to attend.

I appreciate all your support and encouragement with this new ministry.

—Peace of Christ, Julie Wilburn Peeler

## Wonderful Wednesdays

### **Wonderful Wednesdays are back!**

Everyone is invited to attend the Wonderful Wednesdays dinner and activities. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Adults are \$7 each and children are \$4.

**So that we can be good stewards of the church's resources, reservations are a must.** Please call 253-3316 to make dinner reservations no later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday. Another option is to be placed on the Permanent Reservations list so that you will not have to call each week.

If you are on the Permanent list, please be sure to call and let us know when you are **not able to come**.

### **There are Wednesday night activities for children, youth, and adults**

Nursery for children under 2 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Sunshine Arts for children ages 2 and 3 years old from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Cherub Choir for children age 4 through Kindergarten from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Children's Choir for children in grades 1-5 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Youth Bible Study in the Youth Area from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

### **New class begins October 26: Religion and the Constitution**

Led by: Buzz Busby

Beginning October 26 and running for 4-6 weeks, we will trace religious practices and concerns from roughly the time of the Pilgrims in 1620, through the adoption of the U. S. Constitution and some of the history from that time until the present. We will consider practices that were acceptable or that were unacceptable and how ideas like acceptance and tolerance have changed, or not changed, over the intervening years. We will include Bible sources as starting points, stepping stones, and stumbling blocks. All ideas and views are welcome and encouraged.

### **Mind-Body Skills Development Class**

Led by: John Simmons, M.D. and The Rev. Heidi Campbell-Robinson

We all experience STRESS, but don't always know healthy ways to address it. Join the Mind-Body-Spirit Skills Development Class to learn how to become healthier, more relaxed, and centered.

### **Manna and Mercy Bible Study**

Led by: Rev. Julie-Wilburn Peeler

Join me on a journey through scripture with Daniel Erlander, the author of *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Universe*. Brian McClaren has written that one of the defining characteristics of emerging Christianity is a desire to understand the broad story of the Bible. Though the scriptures were composed across an amazingly long span of history and by numerous authors, the Bible has an astonishingly unified narrative at its core.

### **The Hole in the Gospel**

Led by: Chad Roope and Joe Farris

This is a story of how a corporate CEO faced his own struggle to obey God whatever the cost, and his passionate call for Christians to change the world by actively living out their faith.

### **Proactive Parenting Class**

Led by Dr. Lissy Gloeckler and Michele Lemell

"As adults, we must ask more of our children than they know how to ask of themselves...show them ways they can reach out, weave themselves into the web of relationships that is called community." (quote by Dawna Markova) Join us for the four-part series "Proactive Parenting" and gather with other parents as we seek to teach our children to value and care for themselves and others.

## Prison Ministry

### Central volunteers teach at Buncombe Correctional Center

Since 1996 Central volunteers have taught weekly Disciple Bible Classes at Buncombe Correctional Center (BCC) and only to God be the glory. Kevin, a BCC resident and faithful Bible Class attendee, recently sent us his testimony. In his testimony Kevin gives recognition for “all of the prayers and support from the congregation of Central Methodist Church” and “a special thanks to the volunteers (friends) who faithfully come every week and share God’s word with us through the Disciple class. The love, friendship, and fellowship they bring is the fertilizer that helps each of us grow in the Lord.”

Would you like to read Kevin’s entire testimony? Visit Missions at Central’s website, [www.centralumc.org](http://www.centralumc.org). Would you like to be part of Central’s prison ministry? Contact one of us, John Klees at [56john44@charter.net](mailto:56john44@charter.net), Harry Frick at [hcfrick@aol.com](mailto:hcfrick@aol.com), Stewart Humphrey at [jshumphrey1@hotmail.com](mailto:jshumphrey1@hotmail.com), or call Jessica Tripp at the church office.

*“Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (Luke 15:10)*



## Children’s Ministry

### Children’s Christmas Eve play sign-ups Wednesday, October 26

On Wednesday, October 26, at 5:30 pm in the Chapel we will have sign-ups for the Children’s Christmas Eve play. We have LOTS of parts to fill so I hope that many of the children will come to sign up for the performance.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, November 13, at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The 3:00 rehearsal time is due to the Consecration Sunday luncheon. The remainder of the rehearsals will be from 12:30 - 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 20, December 4, 11, 18 and on Wednesday December 14 and 21 at 5:30.

We will have a dress rehearsal at 10:00 am on Friday, December 23. The performance will take place during the Children’s Christmas Eve service at 3:00 on December 24.

## Youth Ministry

### UMYF—United Methodist Youth Fellowship for grades 7-12

Contact Stephen Brown, Youth Director, at 253-3316, 421-0340 or email [Stephen@centralumc.org](mailto:Stephen@centralumc.org)

### Youth Sunday Nights are back

Join us once again as we crank up the Fall with our Sunday night meetings. Here is a recap of the Sunday schedule for our new 7<sup>th</sup> graders and a reminder for everyone else.

- 3:30-4:15 — Praise Band Practice
- 4:15-5:00 — Youth Choir
- 5:00-5:30 — Games and Fellowship
- 5:30-6:00 — Worship
- 6:00-6:20 — A-Teams
- 6:20-7:00 — Dinner and Fun



### 2012 Summer Schedule

Senior High Mission Trip – June 24 -30

Wilderness Trail - July 15-22

Middle School Mission Trip – July 29 – August 3

Sunday, October 16: Jesus died on a.... Yea, we have heard that a thousand times.

**Saturday, October 22: 6:00 pm —?? Field of Screams (Eliada Corn Maze)**

Pre-Halloween Activities... Eliada's haunted corn maze—bigger, scarier, and more elaborate than ever before, the 'Field of Screams'. Cost is \$12 dollars. We will meet at the church at 6:00 pm and return when we are finished. Dress warm and be prepared to get scared!!

**Sunday, October 23: 4:00-7:00 pm Fall Festival at Central**

Join us for an afternoon of festival fun with trick-or-treating, festival style games, huge inflatable's, street performers, Rob's famous cake-walk and more. Wear your costume and bring your friends and neighbors. Festival starts at 4:00. Chili Cook-Off starts at 6:00. We will be receiving pots of chili all afternoon so bring your best! Prizes awarded!

October 30 – Topic TBA (but I will have Candy for everyone!!)

Parish Nurse / Older Adult Ministry

**How are your blood pressure readings? Come October 23 and see**

There will be a blood pressure screening on Sunday, October 23, from 9:30-10:45 am in the Senior Resource Center which is located behind the Reception Desk. Elevated blood pressure raises your heart disease risk plus can affect your eyes, and kidneys.

**Lipid Screening on Thursday, October 27**

On Thursday, October 17, from 8:30-10:30 am, Maureen Carr, Parish Nurse performs Lipid Panel (Total Cholesterol, good and bad cholesterol, triglycerides, blood sugar) screenings in the Senior Resource Center (Room 318). You need to have been fasting 8-12 hours. No appointments are necessary. Just come and be informed of your cholesterol and blood sugar numbers.

United Methodist Women

**The UMW Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, October 16,  
at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

The **Sarah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, October 18, at 10:00 am with Laura Moore at Givens Estates. Rev. Christy Matlick will lead us in our World Thank Offering "Letting Go to be Thankful."

The **Eve Circle** will meet on Tuesday, November 1, at 7:00 pm in the home of Linda Adams. Tammie McDonald will co-host.

The **Ruth Circle** will meet on Monday, November 7, at 10:00 am in the home of Libby Harpe, 445 Kimberly Avenue.

The **Lydia Circle** includes young, professional Christian women who are sharing their faith journey through community service, devotion, mission outreach, prayer, and fellowship. We meet once a month for dinner and our meeting, which will have varying content. There are no set meeting dates—we pick the next date at our meeting, so contact Diane Robinson for meeting info if you are interested in becoming acquainted with the Lydia women. You can reach her via email at [dianerobinson@gmail.com](mailto:dianerobinson@gmail.com) or by phone 989-8097.



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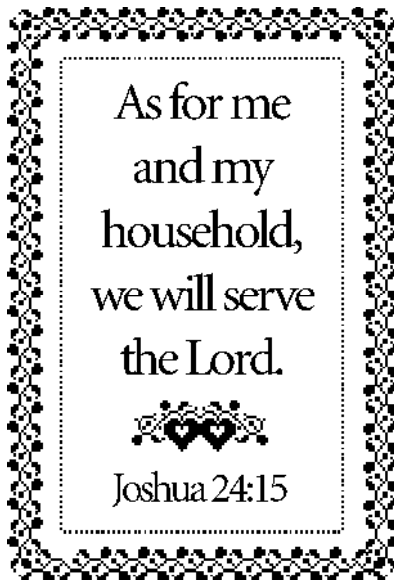
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## Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers are with Gerald Voos and his family on the death of his wife, Emily Voos, on September 24.

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of Bonnie Smith who died September 29.



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