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Sunday Services
8:30 Contemporary
9:45 Sunday School
10:55 Traditional

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ONE WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH 10TH
10:00 A.M. - FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.
BREAKFAST - 8:30 A.M.
Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring Forward One Hour

Time to Spring Ahead
In March 2011, a group from Central sat on this hillside overlooking the Sea of Galilee. This place is known as the “Eremos Heights”. “Eremos” is a Greek word that means “lonely place”. According to an ancient local tradition, this area overlooking the lake is the area where Jesus came to pray alone and came to pray with his disciples. Mark 1:42 tells us that Jesus rose early in the morning to go pray. It is obvious that this was not an isolated incident but a regular practice.

When I come to Central in the mornings, before the “work day” begins in earnest, I often go to a “lonely place” – the Sanctuary. It’s “lonely” because no one else is there at 7:30 in the morning! There, I take a few moments to draw near to God in prayer. I pray for God’s help for the day. I ask God to give me wisdom.

Do you have a “lonely place”? Do you make it a regular practice to seek God? I encourage you to spend some moments today “creating space” in your life for God to draw near to you. I encourage you to find time to be still and listen for God’s voice.

**CURRENT EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE MEAL!**
WNL Small Groups and the Wednesday Night meal are cancelled for March 13th due to Spring Break. We will resume all Wednesday Night Live activities on March 20th!

**MENU for March 20th!**
**Adult menu:** Oven baked fried chicken, dirty rice, stir fry vegetables, salad bar, rolls, assorted desserts and ice cream. Cost $6 (Maximum $20 per family)

**Kids menu:** Cheeseburgers, fries, & ice cream. Cost $3. Please make your reservations no later than 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 19th by calling the church office at 601.693.1521.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS** has begun and we are having a wonderful time! Please join us, if possible. You WILL be blessed! We meet Mondays at 1:00 p.m. at Susie French’s home and then at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the 11th Street Gym. We still need items for bingo prizes. If you have any questions, please call Susie French at 601.482.5423 or 601.527.3909. The following is a list of the items needed: Word search books, crossword books, puzzles, card games, shampoo, conditioner, lotions, deodorants, stationary, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, coloring books & crayons, writing tablets without wire, canned drinks, chips and candy, purse, wallets, makeup bags, new unused makeup, costume jewelry, stuffed animals, Easter Baskets & candy, scarves, flip flops, small kleenex, all small travel amenities, facial wipes, small packages of wet ones, and bath powder.

**PEOPLE’S CHARITY CLINIC - SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUNDRAISER** March 17th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Northcrest Baptist Church, 3412 North Hills Street
ALL Proceeds to Benefit: The People’s Charity Clinic of East Mississippi
Plates are $7.50 Call 601.513.7709 for tickets or questions
SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

LUNCH BUNCH - MEETS EVERY FRIDAY AT 11:30 a.m.
Adult Activities Room - Lunch is $5.00

XYZ - TUESDAY, April 2, 2013 - 10:45 a.m.
Program: “THE SCARY TIMES WE LIVE IN”
  • Impact of the new Health Care Law on seniors
  • Protect yourself from identity theft and scams
    • Is a reverse mortgage a good idea?
    • Smart money moves
Menu: To be announced

SENIOR ADULTS MAKING CRAFTS
10:00 a.m. - 3rd Floor - Every Friday
Senior Adults - educational crafts for West Hills Elementary School. There will also be time for dominoes, cards, puzzles, and other games. If you have any questions or need further information please contact Jim Wall at 601.693.1521 (church) or 601.527.0326. (cell)
(Meet in the Celebrate Recovery Room)

THIS WEEK AT CENTRAL

FH=Fellowship Hall
Sunday, 3/10/13
  8:30 a.m. - Breakfast
  9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
  10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Monday, 3/11/13
CCC Closed for Spring Break
Prayer Shawl Ministry will not meet

Tuesday, 3/12/13
CCC Closed for Spring Break
  9:30 a.m. - Tuesday Bible Study
  12:30 p.m. - Circle of Friends
  6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Practice

AR=Adult Activities Room
Wednesday, 3/13/13
CCC Closed for Spring Break
  5:00 p.m. - No Meal-Spring Break
  6:00 p.m. - No Small Groups
No other activities-Spring Break

Thursday, 3/14/13
CCC Closed for Spring Break
  11:30 a.m. - LILIES
  12:00 p.m. - Lenten-St. Patrick

Friday, 3/15/13
CCC Closed for Spring Break
  10:00 a.m. - Senior Adult Crafts
  11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch

Saturday, 3/16/13
No activities scheduled

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
“We are made in God’s image and created to be givers.”
Herb Mather

Have you remembered Central in your will or estate planning?
Consider tithing 1/10 of your estate to Central

Who did you invite to Central LAST week?
Who did you invite to Central THIS week?
It may seem hard to believe but you graduate tomorrow! Not really, but it will be upon you just that quickly and without warning. Senior banquet is Wednesday, May 8th and we must get your pictures in post haste if you want to be in the senior video that Lee Williams so masterfully puts together each year. It would be nice to have 8 to 12 pictures highlighting your life’s journey through these 18 years give or take a year. So please try and have your pictures in by March 27th.

PARENTS, please let us know how many in your family will be attending the banquet in honor of your graduate. There is no charge for the graduates and their immediate families, but there will be tickets available at the regular dinner price for everyone who would like to share in this special night with our students.

The second annual Dodge Ball Tournament is this Friday night beginning at 7 p.m. The student ministry will be sponsoring two teams so please see Jim if you are going to be in town and would like to participate in this event.

Mission Possible 5K - we need students to walk, run, and help-out with the Central’s 1st annual 5K. Please let Jim or Owen know if you would like to help make this event a success!

NO ZONE or CLUB 412 this Sunday evening. NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES on March 13th. ZONE and CLUB will meet again on March 17th!

CLUB 412 GLOW IN THE DARK EASTER EGG HUNT
Club 412ers, you do NOT want to miss out on the FUN we will have on Saturday, March 23rd from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Jeff & Lisa Sellers. Yes...there will be glowing eggs hidden outside and your mission will be to FIND them! Your admission into this event? To help hide the eggs at the Egg Hunt for the younger children on Sunday! This night hunt promises to be a BLAST! See you there!

CHURCH-WIDE EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday, March 24th - Home of Maurice and Cathy Hall
7222 Poplar Springs Drive
The Children’s Ministry Team is asking for your help in donating candy, plates, cups, punch, and plastic eggs for our hunt. You may drop off your donations in the Crossing.

VBS DATE June 24th -28th, 2013
Fun Fair - Where God’s World Comes Together

CONGRATULATIONS TO:
~Jon Byrd who was selected Most Handsome third alternate in the West Lauderdale Middle School’s Annual Beauty Pageant for fifth and sixth grades.
~Thad Quarles for being named the “Citizen of the Year” by the people of Meridian in the Meridian Star 2013 Profile.

OUR SYMPATHY TO:
~Anita Betts following the death of her aunt, Bobbie Adams, who passed away Friday, March 1st after an automobile accident. The Funeral will be held Friday, March 8th at 11:00 a.m. at the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.
~Phyllis Campbell following the death of her sister, Kathryn Coggin, who passed away Friday, March 1st in Memphis, TN. Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 7th at Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian.
GREAT NEWS!
The Missions: Possible 5K race March 23rd is approaching 50 participants! Would you like to become one of the participants? This race is a great way to support missions here at Central. You are helping a great cause because all the proceeds will go to support the Boys and Girls Club of Meridian and you are helping to give Central a reputation for missions in the community. Come by the church office to request a registration form, sign up this Sunday in the Crossing, or you may register online at [http://www.cumcmdn.org](http://www.cumcmdn.org). Early registration fee for the 5K Race is $20, 2-mile walk is $20 and the one mile fun run is $10 and runs through March 15th. Registration fees will go up after March 15th so sign up now! If you would like to sign up to HELP with the race, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Crossing Sunday and in the Sunday School folders. If you have any questions, please contact Owen Weddle at 601.693.1521 or owen@cumcmdn.org.

PRAYER CONCERNS
In order to keep everyone better informed of current concerns, names will remain on the Prayer Concerns list in the “Call” for only two weeks unless there is a new concern.

Marie Baldwin
Anita Betts/Bobbie Adams Family
Kathryn Coggin/Campbell Family
Lani Jo Kelley
Teresa Love

Deanna Rainwater
Patrick Rutledge
Betsy Storms
Vivian Valentine
Betty Williams

MILITARY PERSONNEL SERVING OVERSEAS:
Family & Friends
Tyrone Cunningham
Eric Dollar, nephew of Tim & Becky Sollie
Doug Grant, son of Fred & Linda Grant
Jeb Herron, great nephew of Trudy Nix
Ian Joyner, grandson of Vi McBride
Kyle Lowry, great nephew of Bobbye Lowry
All U.S. Military Personnel

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & GROWTH

Food for the Journey
[suggested Bible readings for March 11 - March 17, 2013]

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2013 LENTEN LUNCHEON
The Lenten series continues next week at noon and the schedule is as follows:

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Plan now to join us each Thursday for these worship opportunities as they help us move through Lent.

LiveStreaming/PodCasting
View 8:30 worship here: http://www.cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings
Previous here: http://cumcmdn.org/#/sermons-teachings/sermon-archive

SPECIAL NOTE!
Deadline for bids on the posters used in the “Lessons from Hollywood” series is Monday, March 11th. You can place your bid by sending an email to bob@cumcmdn.org, or central@cumcmdn.org or by calling the Church office at 601-693-1521. You may also bid by writing it down on a piece of paper and placing it in the collection plate this Sunday morning. All bids will be “opened” and the winners determined on Monday, March 11th!

Attendance
March 3, 2013
Live Streaming - 10

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