IT'S TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL SPLASHDOWN PARTY AT OKATIBBEE WATER PARK!!

Central has booked Splashdown again for a private party, and we invite members of ALL ages to join in the fun! If you want to float down Lazy River, brave the water slides, sit on the side and dip your feet in, or simply sit on the deck and watch the fun, Splashdown is a great way to spend an afternoon! Your cost is $5.50 per person to get in, which you will pay at Splashdown. Central will provide hot dogs, sausage dogs, chips, drinks, and dessert. If you are unsure of directions to Splashdown, maps will be available at our Crossing information desk. Make your plans to be there!!
This Week At Central

Sunday, 7/26/15
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
8:30 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Connect Service/SS
10:30 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
10:55 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - NO Summer Sunday
6:00 p.m. - Splashdown Party

Monday, 7/27/15
8:00 a.m. - Camp Wesley Pines
10:00 a.m. - Easy Chair Yoga
12:00 p.m. - Youth Bowling

Tuesday, 7/28/15
6:00 a.m. - Ledbetter Bible Study
6:30 a.m. - Pratt Bible Study
8:00 a.m. - Camp Wesley Pines
5:15 p.m. - Finance Meeting
5:30 p.m. - Yoga Class
6:30 p.m. - Praise Band Practice

Wednesday, 7/29/15
8:00 a.m. - Camp Wesley Pines
8:00 a.m. - Lake Waukaway(youth)

Thursday, 7/30/15
6:00 a.m. - Allred Bible Study
6:30 p.m. - Connect Band

Friday, 7/31/15
11:00 a.m. - Williams Bible Study
11:30 a.m. - Lunch Bunch

Saturday, 8/1/15
No Scheduled Activities

CURRENT EVENTS

CARE PACKAGES AND COFFEE FOR JOHN AND HIS TROOPS
Care packages will be sent on a regular basis so you may bring your items to the Prayer tent in the Fellowship Hall. Cards can also be dropped off in the basket. Suggested items are: individually wrapped packages of crackers, cookies, peanuts, tuna in foil pack, hard candy (nothing that melts easily), gum, mints, word search or crossword puzzle books, sanitizing wipes, beef jerky and packets to flavor water (i.e. crystal lite). You may also purchase gift cards to the Coffee Shop on base by going online. These gift cards will enable John to purchase cups of coffee for himself and his men. Go to http://www.greenbeanscoffee.com choose coffee cards, select a pick up location (Kuwait-Buehring MOAB), click to order, then continue. This will take you to the order form where you can enter your information, then John's recipient information (Maj John Branning & brojohnbranning@hotmail.com) and payment method. Review your order before sending.

CENTRAL NAME TAGS
If you do not have a Central UMC name tag, please look on the board in the Crossing on 2nd floor. You may have lost it and someone may have put it back on the board. If you do not find it on the board and you need a name tag, please call the church office at 601.693.1521 to request one. The church office usually makes the name tags on Friday so they will be on the board and waiting for you to wear on Sunday morning!

CENTRAL GREETERS
If you have been thinking about a way you could serve the Lord at Central, consider being a greeter. The greeters have one responsibility to show the love of Christ through a warm smile and a kind welcome. If you would like to be a greeter, please contact Kristina at kristina@cumcmdn.org or call her at the church office 601.693.1521.

CENTRAL'S CHILDREN'S CENTER
Central's Children's Center still has openings for the fall in the 4 year old class. If you would like to enroll your child, please contact Glenda Thomas at 601.483.8502 or email her at glenda@cumcmdn.org

FOR YOUR CALENDAR
UPCOMING DATES.....
Promotion Sunday - August 9th
Coffee with the Pastors - August 16th
Wednesday Nite Live resumes - August 19th
Family Legacy Retreat - August 28th - 30th
September 27th - Church - wide Picnic
October 25th - Trunk or Treat
YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH BOWLING-MONDAYS-12:00 NOON

SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES CONTINUES THIS WEEK WITH
"WHAT IS THE CHURCH?"

YOUTH SUMMER SCHEDULE
July 26th - SPLASHDOWN WATER PARK - 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY "PLAYLIST" ACTIVITIES USUALLY FROM 12 - 3 P.M.
This will be a time of fellowship and mission work!
July 29 - Lake Waukaway - 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost if $10 per person.
Please let Jonathan or the church office know by Tuesday, July 28th
at 5:00 p.m. if you plan to go.

NO YOUTH PRAISE BAND PRACTICE THIS SUMMER! We will resume when
school starts and Jonathan will be in contact with you.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY
AUGUST 2, 2015

During this year’s VBS school items were collected as part of our
mission outreach. It was decided that in lieu of taking these items to
a local charity/outreach, Central would give our teachers an
opportunity to collect items for their classroom, and for students who
may be in their classroom who are in need of items. We will have
tables set up in the Crossing for all of our teachers to pick up these
items as a small token of our appreciation for their selfless giving, not
only teaching, but ministering to students in our area.

PARENT ORIENTATION - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

Parents of ALL rising students, Kindergarten - 5th Grade are asked to be present for our
Fall Orientation at 9:35 a.m. on Sunday, August 9th in the 11th Street Gym. During this
time you will be asked to update/fill out student info sheet, learn about programming and
special events for the Fall and Spring as well as opportunities to ask questions and plug
into the Children's Ministry at Central. Please make this meeting a priority for you and your
family. Students will come to gym with parents and then go to the Cinema for their first Fall
rotation as we kick off Sunday School with Elijah! Kindergarten students will go to their
regular classes in the Pre-School area, but parents are asked to be in the 11th Street Gym
no later than 9:45 a.m.
CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2015
Students 3 years old - 12th Grade will be promoted to their new classes on Sunday, August 9th. All students will report to their new classes, with the exception of 5th grade. 5th graders will come to the Zone and will then go to the Youth Floor.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH
Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Sunday, August 9th during the 8:30 and 10:55 worship services. Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks and receive a blessing for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

BIBLE PRESENTATION
AUGUST 9, 2015
1st Grade Bible Presentation will be held on Sunday, August 9th, during 8:30 and 10:55 Worship.
We’re back from the "Exit-Us" Retreat!
It was a great trip! Thank you to all students, chaperones [and parents] that were able to go on the retreat. Below, you will find a few of the snapshots of some our moments this weekend. This week’s devotion is a recap of what we talked about this weekend. We focused on three words and three group sessions. They are desire, seek, and know.

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.

Eddie Baker
Amy Boswell
Drachenberg Family
Sawyer Fisher
Gerald Gentry
Jimmy Harrison
Alisha Parker
Kevin Todd

MILITARY PERSONNEL
Rev. John Branning
Chris Lafferty (Christie Rainers's Son)
All U.S. Military Personnel

CENTRAL COMMUNITY
OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO:
~Glen and Susie Sanders following the birth of their granddaughter, Margo Louise, who was born July 14th. The proud parents are Bryan & Becky Schimmel.
~Justin and Britnie Boston following the birth of their daughter, Jasmine Adrianna, who was born Monday, July 20th. Jasmine is also welcomed by "big brother" Justin.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:
~Don Farrar (Debbie) and family, following the death of his father, Roy Farrar, who passed away Sunday, July 19th. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 22nd at Robert Barham Family Funeral Home. Burial was in the Cedar Lawn Cemetery in Scooba, MS.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT
“All must give as they are able, according to the blessings give to them by the Lord your God.”
Deuteronomy 16:17
FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY
[suggested Bible readings for July 27 - August 2, 2015]

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MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

CENTRAL’S RAMP BUILD LAST SATURDAY!!

Inspirational Perspiration: On the hot and humid morning of Saturday, July 18th, members of Central along with friends constructed a ramp for Mr. Kenneth Rowsey, father of Melanie Rowsey Hawkins. This ramp will also do double duty as it will serve their granddaughter Anna Belle who has special needs for access. The hardy Christian servants from Central were Alan Brown, Rev. Kristina Crabtree, Bill Jacob, Tom Johnson, Brad LeBrun, Jack Massey, Blair Mitcham, and Ben Rucks. They were grateful for the assistance provided by Charles Blake (Chunky UMC), Jerry Fox (Hopewell UMC, Kemper Co.), Sam Gressett (Poplar Springs Drive Baptist Church), Gary Lofton (Pleasant Valley UMC, Conehatta), and Kristina’s father, Donnie Moore (First Baptist Church, Enterprise). Great job by a great crew!

JULY MONTHLY MISSIONS - LAST CALL!!

July’s monthly mission is THE FREE CLINIC OF MERIDIAN. This Sunday, July 26th will be the last Sunday this month to give to the clinic. The Free Clinic of Meridian, Inc., in collaboration with strategic partners, provides free quality medical care and referral services with compassion and dignity to the uninsured adults in our community. The greatest need is for ink cartridges. (Brother LC51; Lexmark 150; HP564: HP950) Gift cards can be purchased from Office Depot and Walmart for these cartridges. Other needs are bathroom tissue, Kleenex, paper towels, copy paper, antiseptic wipes, high-lighters, markers, pens, envelopes, stamps, alcohol pads, phone message pads, bandage tape, band-aids, cleaning supplies, garbage bags, or Lysol spray. Medical or non-medical volunteers are always needed. If you would like to volunteer, please visit the website below for the volunteer form: [http://freeclinicofmeridian.com/]
The church as Ekklesia - that is the subject of our worship this Sunday. Rev. Bob Peden will be guiding our thinking as we consider what God intended the church to be, what it has been, and what it may yet become. Read Matthew 16:13-18 as you prepare for worship at Central this Sunday.

View service live at 8:30 and 10:55 Sunday morning here:

View previous services here: