

Bible Reading for October 24

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22, *Have you ever ended up at the right place at the right time? How do you know when God might have something that only you are able to accomplish?*

Wednesday Nite Café Oct 20th

Menu: Hamburger steak, butter peas, hash brown casserole, rolls, dessert.

Missions is excited to announce a one day only opportunity to shop at a **Trade Fair Marketplace** here at Central on **Sunday, October 24.**

Wednesday, October 27 is our **Fall Festival.** Please join us for the **Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner.**

Contact andrea.murphree@dcs.edu if you would like to help with the spaghetti dinner. The **Children** will have their **Cake Walk** Fundraiser. Each walk is a dollar. Proceeds will go towards their Christmas Mission Project. Beginning Monday there will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall for church members to bring items for the walk such as cookies or smaller cakes.

October Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received Oct 10	\$9,030
Needed for Oct	\$62,235
Received For Oct	\$22,146

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	130
Online:	50

Music Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

"Rise Up and Serve the Lord" - Harris c. 1997 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"The Master Has Called Us" - Peterson c.1997 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"The Lord is My Salvation" arr. Mauldin (c)2019 Brentwood Benson Publishing

"Sing Praise to God" - Smith c. 2000 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Call to Worship Courtesy of Ministry Matters

Calendar

Sunday, October 17

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
 9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213), Good Fellowship (CH)
 10:30 AM Worship Service
 5:00 PM- 7:00 pm, Children & Youth, Adult Ministries Class (LFH)

Tuesday, October 19

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
 8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH
 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Ladies B.S.-L
 2:30 PM Prayer Team
 5:30 PM Small Group Music, S

Wednesday, October 20

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
 5:00 PM Wednesday Nite Café
 6:00 PM Wednesday Nite Programming
 Children, Youth, Adults

Thursday, October 21

7:00 AM, Men's Java Jaay Bible
 8:00 AM Gleeeful Bible Study-FH

Friday, October 22

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
 9:00 AM, Women's Java Jaay Bible

CH- Chapel

FH- Fellowship Hall

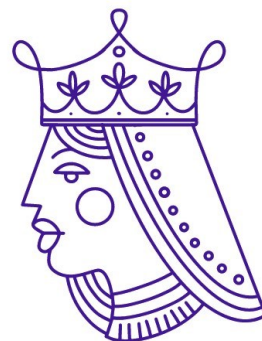
LFH- Lower Fellowship Hall

L - Library S- Sanctuary G- Gym

Facemasks are Recommended



and Encouraged while indoors.



For Such a Time

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10: 9:20-22

October 24, 2021

Need someone to talk to? Contact Pastor Miriam. Central also offers **Stephen Ministers**—lay Christian friends trained to help through times of crisis. The pastor can get you in touch with one.



Central's mission:



Love God
 Love others
 Serve the world

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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Where the Blind Can See



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Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

**Stand at these points, as you're comfortable.*

Musical Gift "The Master Has Called Us"

Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord.

Wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.

Give us courage to stand for truth and justice.

Give us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

Transform our lives.

Reform our souls.

Bring us to a new day in your kingdom, O Lord.

Bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy, O Lord.

Opening Hymn “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (v1,2,3,4,6)

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
‘tis music in the sinner’s ears,
‘tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind behold your Savior come,
And leap, ye lame, for joy!

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostle’s Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
The third day he rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

*Greeting

Hymn “Open Our Eyes Lord”

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch him,
And say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

Prayers of the People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory for ever. Amen.**

Children’s Message

Melissa Penley

Special Music “The Lord is My Salvation”

arr. Mauldin

The Grace of God has reached for me
And pulled me from the raging sea.
And I am safe on this solid ground:
The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me scale these walls.
I’ll see the dawn of the rising sun:
The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God?
Strong to save, faithful in love.
My debt is paid, and the victory won.
The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord,
He flow’rs each promise of His Word.
When winter fades, I know spring will come:
The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need,
When I know loss, when I am weak,

I know His grace will renew these days:
The Lord is my Salvation.

And when I reach my final day
He will not leave me in the grave.
But I will rise, He will call me home:
The Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father.
Glory be to God, the Son.
Glory be to God, the Spirit:
The Lord is my salvation.

Bible Reading — Mark 10:46-52

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus the son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many scolded him to get him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called the blind man and said to him, “Have courage! Get up! He is calling you.” He threw off his cloak, jumped up, and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man replied, “Rabbi, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go, your faith has healed you.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the road.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Message — “Where the Blind Can See”

Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #349 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of his glory and grace.

*Sending Forth

Musical Gift “Sing Praise to God

Smith