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Call to Worship courtesy of Ministry Matters

Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs.

The church office will be closed on May 30th for observance of **Memorial Day.**

Sunday, June 5, please **wear red** for Pentecost Sunday as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit to God's people!

The **Youth Mission** trip is June 12 - 16, in Asheville, NC. The youth will be serving the poor, homeless, and veterans in the Asheville area. We will meet at the church on Sunday, June 12, at 7:30. We want to leave by 8:00!!!

SUNDAY in the PARK is June 26 – 10:30am Worship Service – Pot luck lunch – GAMES for the kids Our church service will be at Delano Park at 10:30 – there will NOT be any Sunday school on this day!

May Financials

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| Needed Weekly | \$15,559 |
| Received May 22 | \$6,525 |
| Needed for May | \$62,235 |
| Received for May | \$54,719 |

Last Week's Attendance

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| In-person: | 247 |
| Online: | 98 |



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Calendar

Sunday, May 29

9:15 AM Crossroads (Rm 209)
9:30 AM Children, Youth 3rd Fl), Cornerstone (LFH), Agape (L), Lovett (Rm 208), Bates/Godwin (Rm 213)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day-Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 31

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

Wednesday, June 1

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
6:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, June 2

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, June 3

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

Check our website for up-to-date calendar.
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EASTER PEOPLE

Acts 1:1-11

"THEOPHILUS"

Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 29, 2022

Ascension Sunday

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift “How Great Thou Art”

Hine

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord, all the people!

For our Savior has been raised on high!

Jesus Christ who was crucified and has risen from the dead

Now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Jesus will come again, bringing the fullness of God's kingdom.

Praise be to our Lord! AMEN.

Opening Hymn #139 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning

Bears thee on eagles' wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.

God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.

Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;

Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,

Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,

Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Central's mission:

Love God

Love others

Serve the world

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

*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 #154 (v1-4, 6) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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

Debbie Looney

Special Music "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself and carried the cross.
Love so amazing. Amazing love. Love so amazing.

Refrain

**Jesus, Messiah, name above all names.
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven.
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of All.**

His body, the bread, his blood, the wine,
Broken, spilled out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing. Amazing love. Love so amazing.

Refrain

All our hope is in You. All our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, Lord, the light of the world.

Refrain

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all,
Jesus is Lord of all.

Bible Reading — Acts 1:1-11

**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.**

Theophilus, the first scroll I wrote concerned everything Jesus did and taught from the beginning, right up to the day when he was taken up into heaven. Before he was taken up, working in the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus instructed the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed them that he was alive with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days, speaking to them about God's kingdom. While they were eating together, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for what the Father had promised. He

said, "This is what you heard from me: John baptized with water, but in only a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

As a result, those who had gathered together asked Jesus, "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel now?"

Jesus replied, "It isn't for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. Rather, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, as they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going away and as they were staring toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood next to them. They said, "Galileans, why are you standing here, looking toward heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you saw him go into heaven."

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

Message — "Theophilus"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn 159 "Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.

Refrain

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

Refrain

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!

Refrain

Musical Gift "Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

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