

2022 Mother's Day

The flowers decorating the sanctuary for this Mother's Day were donated:

In memory of Sarah Jane Taylor and in honor of Pat Woller by Ron & Melinda Woller

In memory of Catherine Thompson and in honor of Sara Alice Godwin by Chuck & Susan Thompson

In memory of Olive Inscho by Gayle Inscho & Carolyn Dobson

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Lunch Bunch is every Wednesday at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$3 to help with the lunch costs. There will also be **exercise** and **"food for thought"**. If you have any questions or would like to sign up contact Tina Wofford at 256-318-7711 or Hazetta Condra at 256-303-1467.

Next Sunday, **May 15th**, we will be celebrating **Debbie's service** to Central United Methodist with a special lunch immediately after morning worship.

The **church council meeting** is also **May 15th at 5 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome.

May 22 is Senior High **Graduate** Sunday. Graduating seniors will be honored at 10:30 service.

May Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received May 1	\$15,530
Needed for May	\$62,235

Last Week's Attendance

In-person:	151
Online:	99

Calendar

Sunday, May 8

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, Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 10

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, May 11

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G
11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH
6:00 PM Choir Practice
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting-L

Thursday, May 12

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

Friday, May 13

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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Central's mission:

Love God, love others, and serve the world

May 8, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:30 AM

Please silence electronic devices.

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

Musical Gift "Prelude in Classic Style"

Young

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Awake! Rise up!

There is much to be done in the Lord's Name today.

Get ready to worship and to serve God.

We are ready to hear God's word for us and to respond in action and love.

Open your hearts to God's will this day.

Praise be to God who walks with us and guides us. AMEN.

Opening Hymn #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, May 15, 2022: Acts 11:1-18, Peter and Cornelius

Almost immediately after Easter the Good News is spreading out into gentile lands. The apostles and early Christians must wrestle with how to welcome in these believers who are so...different than they are. What does Peter conclude from his vision? Read John 13:31-38, what are the connections between Jesus' words and what happens with Peter and the early church?

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.



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Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

*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.**

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*Greeting

Hymn "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

**Since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart!
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart!**

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know,
Since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,
Since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain

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

Rev. Miriam Smith

Special Music

Bible Reading — Acts 9:36-43

**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.**

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In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas). Her life overflowed with good works and compassionate acts on behalf of those in need. About that time, though, she became so ill that she died. After they washed her body, they laid her in an upstairs room. Since Lydda was near Joppa, when the disciples heard that Peter was there, they sent two people to Peter. They urged, "Please come right away!" Peter went with them. Upon his arrival, he was taken to the upstairs room. All the widows stood beside him, crying as they showed the tunics and other clothing Dorcas made when she was alive.

Peter sent everyone out of the room, then knelt and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up!" She opened her eyes, saw Peter, and sat up. He gave her his hand and raised her up. Then he called God's holy people, including the widows, and presented her alive to them. The news spread throughout Joppa, and many put their faith in the Lord. Peter stayed for some time in Joppa with a certain tanner named Simon.

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The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Message — "Peter & Tabitha"

Rev. Miriam Smith

Closing Hymn #474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Musical Gift "Toccata Breve"

Birchwood

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Pre-service Music: Virginia & Andrew Paul

Scripture Reader: Joan Cox

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