

**Humanity needs to hear that the kingdom of God has come.**

God calls us to go and labor in the harvest.

Don't hesitate! Don't be weary!

Jesus has promised that he will give us the power needed to do God's will.

**Let us go rejoicing!**

Musical Gift "Hold Strong the Flags of Freedom"

*Hughes*

Worship Director: Susan Thompson

Organist: Virginia Paul

Soloist: Leslie Smith

Scripture Reader: Mary Jo Landreth

"God and the Nation" - Sciveyner c. 1988 Lorenz Publishing Co.

"Across the Lands" © 2002 Thankyou Music (PRS) admin. at EMICMGPublishing.com

"He Will Hold Me Fast" Arr. Koerts ©2017 Getty Music Publishing and Matthew Merker Music (both admin. by Music Services)

"Hold Strong the Flags of Freedom" - Hughes c. 1988 Lorenz Publishing Co

Call to Worship courtesy of Ministry Matters

Sending Forth reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. Copyright 2013.

The **church office** will be closed on Monday, July 4, for Independence Day. Lori is on vacation and will not be in the office Tuesday, July 5, and will return July 6.

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

Enjoy **casual dress** for the month of **July** at church.

The **Blessing of the Backpacks** will be on August 7th at 10:30 service.

**Alicia Mullican** is the new Children's Director. Please extend Alicia a warm welcome to the Central staff.

### June Financials

Needed Weekly	\$15,559
Received June 26	\$4,225
Needed for June	\$62,235
Received for June	\$39,027

### Last Week's Attendance

In-person: 115

### Calendar

#### Sunday, July 3

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, July 4

Office Closed for Independence Day

#### Tuesday, July 5

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

8:00 AM Centering Prayer, CH

2:30 PM Prayer Team

#### Wednesday, July 6

5:15 AM Exercise Class, G

11:00 AM Lunch Bunch, FH

5:30 PM Grief Group, Room 211

#### Thursday, July 7

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study-JJ

#### Friday, July 8

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.*

# Action Required: Bring Peace



Central's mission:

**Love God, love others, and serve the world**

**July 3, 2022**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 AM

*Please silence electronic devices.*

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

Musical Gift "God and the Nation"

*Sciveyner*

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

**Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!**

Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

**Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving for all that God is doing for us.**

Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

**May our praise and voices resound with joy! AMEN.**

\*Opening Hymn #696 "America the Beautiful"

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;

For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,

Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!

America! America! May God thy gold refine,

Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years

Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw,

Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

*The flowers on the altar are in memory of  
Jimmy Arnold Tucker and  
his father Ulys Arnold Tucker  
by Mrs. Jim Tucker and Family*

### Discussion Questions

Prepare for Sunday, July 10: This week we will be revisiting a familiar teaching of Jesus. Read Luke 10:25-37 (it's the parable of the Good Samaritan) and think about which character feels the most familiar to you right now. What does Jesus seem to be saying about love for people who follow his teachings? At the time, Samaritans were so disliked that using a Samaritan as an example would be shocking. For extra credit, think about who might be a "Samaritan" in your life today. Who would you never expect to behave as the Samaritan did?

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**

616 Jackson Street  
Decatur, Alabama 35601  
256) 353-6941

[CUMC@CentralUnitedMethodist.com](mailto:CUMC@CentralUnitedMethodist.com)  
<https://CentralUnitedMethodist.com>

*Sunday School – 9:30 AM*

*Worship – 10:30 AM*

\*Affirmation of Faith

*The 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 “Across the Lands”

You're the Word of God the Father from before the world began;  
Every star and every planet has been fashioned by your hand.  
All creation holds together by the power of your voice.  
Let the skies declare your glory; let the land and seas rejoice.

**Refrain**

***You're the author of creation, You're the Lord of every man,  
And your cry of love rings out across the lands.***

Yet you left the gaze of angels, came to seek and save the lost  
And exchanged the joy of heaven for the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer you fed the hungry, with a word you calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently you suffered, that the guilty may go free.

**Refrain**

With a shout you rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave  
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in your way.  
Now you stand before the Father interceding for your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation you are leading sinners home.

**Refrain twice**

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

Special Music “He Will Hold Me Fast”

*Arr. Koerts*

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**Refrain**

***He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.***

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

**Refrain**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'til our faith is turned to sight, when He comes at last!

**Refrain**

Bible Reading — Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**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.**

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, “The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, “Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name.”

Jesus replied, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven.”

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

Message — Bring Peace

Rev. Miriam Smith

\*Closing Hymn 569 “We've a Story to Tell to the Nations”

We've a story to tell to the nations,  
That shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy,  
A story of peace and light, a story of peace and light.

**Refrain**

***For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.***

We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil  
And shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

**Refrain**

We've a message to give to the nations,  
That the Lord who reigneth above  
Hath sent us his Son to save us,  
And show us that God is love, and show us that God is love.

**Refrain**

We've a Savior to show to the nations  
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God, might come to the truth of God.

**Refrain**

\*Sending Forth

The harvest truly is great.  
**There is a need for peace in the world.**  
The harvest truly is great.  
**People are sick and in need of solace.**  
The harvest truly is great.