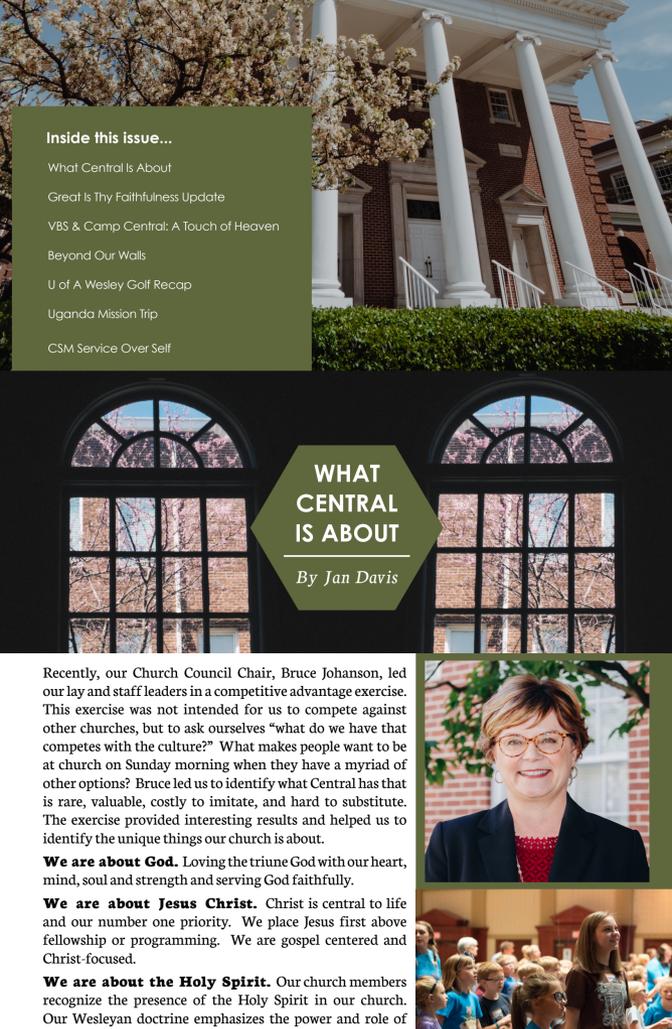


The Review CentralUMC

Making Christ Central to Life



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WHAT CENTRAL IS ABOUT

By Jan Davis

Recently, our Church Council Chair, Bruce Johanson, led our lay and staff leaders in a competitive advantage exercise. This exercise was not intended for us to compete against other churches, but to ask ourselves "what do we have that competes with the culture?" What makes people want to be at church on Sunday morning when they have a myriad of other options? Bruce led us to identify what Central has that is rare, valuable, costly to imitate, and hard to substitute. The exercise provided interesting results and helped us to identify the unique things our church is about.

We are about God. Loving the triune God with our heart, mind, soul and strength and serving God faithfully.

We are about Jesus Christ. Christ is central to life and our number one priority. We place Jesus first above fellowship or programming. We are gospel centered and Christ-focused.

We are about the Holy Spirit. Our church members recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our church. Our Wesleyan doctrine emphasizes the power and role of the Holy Spirit and we sense a movement of the Holy Spirit in our church. We long for an awakening of hearts and an outpouring of the Spirit.

We are about community. The strong bonds we share with one another is valuable and we gather to connect with one another. Our church is accepting and welcoming of others and we invite them to connect into our community.

We are about reaching people. Our location in the heart of downtown Fayetteville means we are a destination church that participates in community events. Our satellite campuses at Genesis and U of A Wesley enable us to reach a variety of new people that we could not reach on Dickson Street.

We are about love. We have ongoing affirmation that we are loved by God and have personal worth. There is no imitation for real love and loving relationships. We experience the love of God through Jesus Christ and His sacrifice and, in turn, we love others.

We are about compassionate service. We are a compassionate church serving in the love of Jesus Christ, caring for the total person and providing solutions for the homeless. We offer genuine support for those experiencing crises throughout their seasons of life.

We are about worship. We offer multiple worship options and are committed to high quality worship services in every venue, both contemporary and classic. We have invested in taking classic service to another level.

What do you think is unique about Central? What about us is valuable, rare, costly to imitate, or hard to substitute?



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS UPDATE

THERE ARE THREE ASPECTS TO THE SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT. THEY INCLUDE: AN INTERIOR RENOVATION OF THE SANCTUARY AND CHANCEL AREA, REPLACEMENT OF THE SANCTUARY ORGAN, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MUSIC SUITE.

INTERIOR RENOVATION. This project commenced after Easter Sunday services and involved painting the sanctuary and expanding the chancel area, adding disability seating and a wheelchair ramp, installing wood shutters, hardwood floors, choir risers, and new transept entries with double doors. Completion is scheduled for the end of July.

SANCTUARY ORGAN. The previous organ was removed the week following Easter services and sold to a firm in Tennessee that refurbishes old organs. The new organ is being built by Buzard Pipe Organ of Illinois. The organ chambers have been enlarged and equipped with climate and humidity control to better maintain the overall condition of the organ over its life. Front facing pipes are also being installed. The new organ will be among the best of its kind in this part of the country. Installation is scheduled to commence on August 20 and last approximately three weeks. Fine tuning will continue through early October.

MUSIC SUITE. The new music suite will include nearly 9,000 square feet of space and feature a large first-floor choir rehearsal space, restrooms accessible from the main Sanctuary, a parlor/green room, bell/ensemble rehearsal rooms, and music staff office areas. It also will be disability accessible. This project is scheduled to be completed around Labor Day.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS CAMPAIGN. Over \$2 million has been pledged by the Central family toward the costs for this project. To date, over \$2 million has been received. The campaign is scheduled to run through August 31, 2019. The follow-up campaign, Postlude, includes funding-to-date of about \$130,000 with a goal of \$328,000. Donations and pledges continue to be received for this program. Another funding source approved in 2018 was the selling of church property at 193 W. Lafayette (Blue House). The property recently sold for \$295,000, which exceeded the goal of \$250,000. All proceeds from this sale go toward the Sanctuary project.

SERVICE OF DEDICATION. We are pleased to announce that Arkansas Conference Bishop Gary Mueller is going to be our special guest on October 28. He will be preaching and assisting in the dedication of the new spaces at worship services that morning.



VBS & CAMP CENTRAL A TOUCH OF HEAVEN

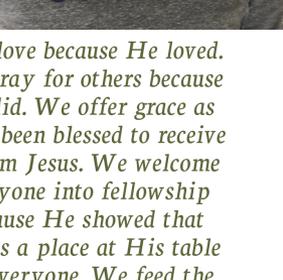
By Jennifer Kidd

God sightings - they're something we talk a lot about the week of VBS and Camp Central. This year, with 390 children in attendance, VBS and Camp Central left us with more God sightings than we can list. Our Children's Ministry staff personally wants to thank the people of Central whose financial giving goes to support such opportunities for children in our community. Children hear about Jesus and how He always pour out their hearts to Him and tell Him everything they feel. He is waiting to be there for them and to be their rescuer.

Many children come to Central's VBS week having never heard the Good News about Jesus, and many others come from churches that, due to size, are unable to hold a VBS week. Regardless of the reason, they come here and experience an engaging week that can be transforming in many ways. As leaders, it can also be transforming. As a result of your generous giving, we had several God sightings

390 Children attended VBS & Camp Central

- We held an outreach to a local apartment complex allowing several children to attend VBS daily and bring home sack lunches.
- Pastors shared God sightings with the children and prayed for them during our opening worship time.
- VBS Jr. was offered for nursery-age children whose parents volunteered.
- A mom stated her daughter came home each day, retelling the stories of how Jesus died for her, how, and rose from the dead. He took her sin and He saved her.



Thank you, Central! Our hearts are full of gratitude for your support of VBS. It truly takes the entire church working together to impact lives of children in our community.

Offering money collected for Asbell, our partnership elementary school: \$380



During this year's Ordination and Commissioning Service at Annual Conference in Hot Springs, Rev. Lauren Delano was ordained an Elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Delano is a graduate of Hendrix College and Boston School of Theology. She is currently appointed to First United Methodist Church in Conway serving as the Associate Pastor. In addition, Rev. Taylor Loy was commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the United Methodist Church. Rev. Loy graduated from Henderson State University, the University of Arkansas, and Duke Divinity School. He recently served at the U of A Wesley Campus Ministry and is now appointed as the Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Benton, Arkansas. Central is the home church of both Rev. Delano and Rev. Loy.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

By Greg Gibson

Saturday April 14 arrived cold and rainy, but there was no mistaking the warmth and excitement in Central's Activities Center as over 150 folks gathered for Beyond Our Walls. Twice a year, Central comes together as one and goes out in radical servanthood to be the hands and feet of Christ to our community.

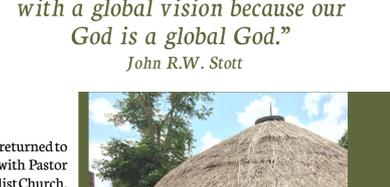


In April, 17 work teams dispersed across Fayetteville to serve. Some groups were loaded down with hot dogs, chili, balloons and bubbles for neighborhood outreaches in Washington Plaza and Lewis Plaza Apartments to build relationships with folks who live there. Others carried flowers, plants, mowers and mulch to landscape the homes of people who live alone. Other teams took trash bags to the Razorback Greenway to clean up the trails, and much more! Each team carried the love of Christ with them as they went out to serve, and that's why we go. As Local Missions Coordinator, Glenn Miller, shared in a message to the teams that morning, "We are to be 'Little Jesuses' to others."

"We love because He loved us. We pray for others because He did. We offer grace as we've been blessed to receive it from Jesus. We welcome everyone into fellowship because He showed that there's a place at His table for everyone. We feed the hungry because He so often did."

Glenn Miller

Beyond Our Walls is a day of joyful service but it's also a reminder of who we are to be as Christ followers, as "Little Jesuses" to those around us.



And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

1 John 4:17

U of A Wesley Golf Recap

By Susan Bradley

Over 100 people, including golfers, spouses and volunteers, turned out for U of A Wesley's first annual golf tournament held May 14, 2018. We were privileged to partner with Lynday Lindsey and the excellent staff at Paradise Valley Athletic Club for a day of comradery and competitive rivalry among 20 teams of golfers from all over Northwest Arkansas. They came from north (Bella Vista), south (Fort Smith), east (Huntsville) and west (Fork). One golfer even trekked over 200 miles from Benton!



Countless individuals and businesses gave generously to make this a fruitful fundraiser, netting close to \$8,900 in profits! These funds will make a tremendous difference as Wesley continues to grow in the number of students served. We will be rolling out new programs in the coming year to expand our ministry's impact and relevance in meeting the diverse needs of today's college students. Over 220 students attended at least one Wesley event or worship during the past academic year, and we had 85 active repeat students who considered Wesley House a "home away from home" where they could nurture their faith, have fun, and form meaningful friendships.

We were honored by the tremendous support from the local business community. Forty establishments, ranging from restaurants and retail stores to providers of services, contributed to hole sponsorships or donated items for the silent auction portion of our event. Combined with registration fees from our golfers, donations of food and drinks for lunch and the snack cart, we were blessed with generosity in every direction. The Wesley golf committee, comprised of volunteers from Central and other area churches, provided their leadership, creative ideas, time and money to make this a "hole in one!" Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2nd Annual Wesley Tournament planned for May 13, 2019 at Paradise Valley.

Uganda Mission Trip

By Greg Gibson



Kawala Hanisha is excited to be holding a photo and note from a Central Middle School student.

Meet Kawala. Kawala is one of almost 400 students at His Mercy School in the Mayuge District of southern Uganda. Central helped start His Mercy School 12 years ago when our church first went to Uganda. Under the great leadership of Pastor Edward Magumba, His Mercy is consistently one of the highest performing schools in the district.

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God."

John R.W. Stott



The earth is the Lord's and everything in it!

Psalm 24:1

CSM SERVICE OVER SELF

By Mark Owen

Fresh out of school and ready to brave the Memphis summer heat, Central Student Ministries took a team of 13 students and 3 adult volunteers to partner with Service Over Self, or SOS. SOS is an organization that seeks to glorify God by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in underserved neighborhoods through home repair. Our team worked in the neighborhood of Binghamton, repairing roofs and building relationships with home owners.

Each day, our students woke up bright and early to get started roofing and beat the afternoon heat. Upon returning to the work sight every day, our team would build relationships with students from other churches, engage in a time of worship, and share what God was teaching them with the other members of our team.

God truly moved through our students during their week in Memphis. They worked hard, shared the love of Jesus with homeowners, and boldly shared what God was teaching them. Our students not only served; they also came to know our God more deeply. They developed authentic compassion and empathy for others and grew in their understanding of the love God has for them and all people.

A Look Ahead

Full Class Registrations Begin Soon - Full classes are starting soon and registration opens on August 2. Be on the lookout for more information.

U of A Wesley College Ministry Welcome Weeks - Beginning August 10, Wesley will host several Welcome Weeks events to connect with new and returning students at the U of A. If you are interested in helping with these events, contact us at 479-442-1820 or wesleyoffice@centralillife.com.

Promotion August 18-20 & Back to School Blessing - On Sunday, August 19 all children ages 3 through 12th grade will begin a new Sunday School year during the 9:30 hour. Following Sunday School, children, teens, and teens, as well as teachers, are encouraged to be present in the 10:45 Contemporary worship service to receive a "back to school blessing" from our pastors and a backpack tag.

CSM Fall Kick-Off Dinner - Parents and students, join us on Wednesday, August 22 for an important informational meeting and dinner to kick-off the 2018/2019 school year. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by the information session at 6:30 p.m. More information available at centralillife.com/studentevents.

GoodTimes Celebrating Grandparenting Luncheon - Join GoodTimes on September 12 from 11:30a.m. - 2p.m. in the CAC for heartwarming fellowship and a delicious meal catered by the Calhoun Hotel. As we listen to Dr. Ken Canfield, a nationally known leader and scholar who has committed his life to strengthening families. Registration required at centralillife.com/goodtimes.

CSM Fall Retreat - Junior and senior high students are invited to CSM's Fall Retreat September 23. Information online at centralillife.com/studentevents.

CCM Rise-Up! - On Friday, September 21 from 6 - 9:30 p.m. learn about the opportunities for 4th - 6th graders to Rise-Up and serve in our Sunday morning worship services. Registration required at centralillife.com/childrensevents.

Awaken - Join us on Tuesday nights at 6 p.m., beginning an September 25 for Awaken, a small community you've been seeking within our large church. Awaken will be a place of open-dialogue, heartfelt teaching and prayer that's so powerful it becomes worship. Have a richer, deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ and with one another.

Impact Night of Worship - Join us on September 30 for a Night of Worship as we celebrate missions with food from across the globe and a world market.

Dollars & Sense

INCOME & EXPENSES - 6/30/2018

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual
Total Operational Income	4,873,000	1,984,863
Total Ministry Areas	311,905	133,556
Total Operations	237,294	124,685
Total Debt Service	149,701	312,500
Total Conf./Dist. Shared Ministry	565,208	73,269
Genesis Church	374,620	184,388
Wesley Foundation Subsidy	31,500	15,175
Facilities	517,511	285,680
Personnel Expenses	2,405,517	1,256,870
Capital Expenses	118,945	63,223
Total Operational Expenses	4,875,000	2,286,871
Net Surplus (Deficit)	-	(321,687)

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	
Note Payable - SMB/Parking Deck	2,757,877
Note Payable - Post Office	1,327,341
Total Notes Payable	4,085,418

Asbell Lunch Buddies Meeting - Adults are invited to become a "buddy" with a student at Asbell Elementary School in Fayetteville. These students will be assigned a child to eat lunch with at the school on a regular basis during the school year. To learn more, attend our training on September 12 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided! Questions? Contact Melanie Fought at melaniefought@cox.net or 479-200-4829.

AARP Safe Driving Class - An AARP Driver Safety Course will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Wesley 310 to help participants brush up on the rules of the road and learn defensive driving skills. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Register at centralillife.com.

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