

# The heme

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

March - April 2018



**He is not here; for He is  
risen!**

**Easter Services at Central**

**Worship at 10:45AM**

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## *From the Pastor...*

### **We are a spiritual body.**

Just as individual believers are bought with a price and their bodies are mere temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19-20), so too is the church. Our physical bodies are then to perform actions of a spiritual nature and not a fleshly nor worldly nature: "therefore, glorify God in your body".

As an individual, I am a spiritual body. My actions must be derivative of my spiritual nature in Christ.

As a church, we are a spiritual body. Our actions must be derivative of our spiritual nature in Christ.

Just as our flesh and bones have systems that require attention and maintenance, so does our church body. But the maintenance and care of these systems is not the sum total of why we live. We live and breathe as followers of God to glorify God through our bodies. In the church, if the care and maintenance of the systems, programs, events, positions, etc., define our vision, then we are nothing more than the self-absorbed, selfie snapping fashionista on the screen of life.

Our vision, our decision making, our leadership affirmations must originate from God and for God. This must be the DNA of the spiritual body in Christ. For without God's anointed leaders, God's appointed decisions geared toward God's ordained direction, we will not even begin to walk unified in the Spirit. Without such, our existence will be reduced to monitoring and maintaining systems of the church for the sole purpose of survival. God has called us together for more than this. He has called us together to glorify Him in WHO WE ARE and WHAT WE DO.

Who we are: A spiritual body that seeks vision from God to impact two communities. One community is the fellowship of the saints. The other community is the world. "The fields are white unto harvest", reminds us there is an 'out there' where we must go also. God's appointed decisions for us looks both ways. God's ordained leaders lead the church body for both communities.

Through God's plan for His body, the care and maintenance of all that's involved in the body has definite direction. Programs are not the goal, spiritual life is. A community of believers growing in faith, in understanding, in unity, and a community of the world being engaged in truth, in example and love are all derivative of the spiritual nature we are to walk in glorifying God through our body, our church.

If we don't get the root right, we won't get the fruit. If 'who we are' is not grounded and rooted in our spiritual nature, then 'what we do' will not be spiritual results.

[Colossians 3:1-2 NKJV] 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

And church is the same. Our decisions, our directions, our deciders must be locked into glory.

In Christ,  
Pastor Leroy

## Prepared?

I will never forget seventh grade English class. My English teacher at Ruckel Jr. High School was Ms. Green. When she called the daily roll, you did not respond with the usual “here” as in other classes; Ms. Green demanded you respond one of two ways: “Prepared” or “Unprepared”. In order to be prepared you must be in your assigned seat with homework completed, and have on your desk your English book, paper, and 2 sharpened pencils.

In 2 Peter 3, Peter reminds his readers that Jesus is coming again. He further exhorts them to remain prepared for the Lord’s return. Are you prepared for Jesus’ return? Don’t answer too quickly. It is true that the first and essential step to being prepared is having been saved by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, as you look closely you will see being prepared involves more than just being enrolled in the class. Peter asks a revealing question in 2 Peter 3:11, He asks, “What kind of people ought you be?” Fortunately, Peter answers his own question. He states, “You ought to live holy and godly lives.”

To be properly prepared for Christ’s return you should be a person of Worship. Is worship a priority of your life? If it isn’t you are not prepared for Christ’s return. The Christ follower is to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength. A person will worship what they love. Yes, I believe the prepared Christian makes corporate worship a priority. I remember one Sunday morning early in ministry there was a knock on the door of the parsonage in which we resided. My family was getting ready for church. As I opened the door a member of the church stood there holding a lovely arrangement of flowers. These were flowers that were to adorn the front of the church that Sunday morning. She explained that she had signed up for flowers that day and asked if I could make sure that they were displayed that morning in the worship center. Then she said, “I have a thousand things to do this morning.” As I closed the door I despairingly thought that worshipping God with her church family was not on her long list of important things to do that Sunday. Is worship on your long list of things to do? I hope it is at the top of the list.

To be properly prepared for Christ’s return you also should be a person of Works. I would remind you that this has nothing to do with salvation. You are saved by faith alone, not of works. But if you are a Christian your faith is manifest through works (Read James 2:14-26). Don’t have dead faith when Christ returns. I’m reminded of the old song, “We’ll Work ‘Till Jesus Comes”. Is this a song that describes your life? If you aren’t working for Jesus you are not prepared for His return.

Finally, to be properly prepared for Christ’s return you should be a person of Witness. Simply, telling others about Jesus Christ. God does not wish that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance. As Christians, it is important to tell of the glorious salvation that comes only through Christ Jesus so that others will be brought to salvation.

So, there you have it, the essentials of the Christian walk: Worship, Work, and Witness. By doing these three we show our love for God and for others. The life of a prepared Christian begins with worship. Worship then propels the believer into a life of works and witness. Now, as the roll is called, you will be able to confidently respond, “Prepared!”

PraiSing Him,  
Pastor Jeff

## GET INVOLVED!

- Children’s Choir (Grades 1-6) - Wed. at 6pm
- Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Orchestra - Sundays at 9:00am
- Youth Praise Band - Sundays at 5pm
- Handbells - Sundays at 6:20pm

## But Some Doubted

In 1997 Kerry and I lived with Victoria in Flagstaff, AZ. Flagstaff is a beautiful town nestled in the San Francisco Peaks at about 7,000 feet. We always enjoyed the hikes, rock climbing and mountain biking. One of the trails would take us and many other families to a rock wall. In the rock wall was a bolder about 20 feet wide and 20 feet tall. The children, without hesitation would get a running start and run up that rock wall. The adults on the other hand would stand around and contemplate the rock. We would study the angle and consider all the things that could go wrong. As a result, very few adults ever made it up that rock wall. I called it "Kid Rock" because I never saw a single adult make it to the top while 100's of kids would climb it over and over again.

What kept adults from climbing the rock? Doubt! The kids never doubted their ability to make it up that rock but just about every adult who looked into the face of that rock doubted. We didn't think it looked possible not to mention we were carrying the baggage of life experience. We all had experienced failure. We all had experienced that pain of falling and the difficulty of getting back up. Doubt comes in many forms and doubt is always a hindrance in seeing possibilities and hope.

In Matthew 28:16 we see that even those who walked closely with Jesus struggled with doubt, "*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.*" There were eleven disciples after Judas took his own life and of the eleven at the sight of Jesus, some worshiped and some doubted. What causes us to doubt? What do we doubt? How do we have victory over doubt?

It is in our nature to doubt. It seems as though the older we get the greater the temptation is to doubt. We often doubt because of life experiences and past failures saying something like, we tried that and it didn't work. As a result of life experiences and the pain of failure we can doubt God's voice and His calling on our lives to the gospel message. In times of doubt, remember who God is (John 1:13). Remember Who Jesus is, "*He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature...*" (Hebrew 1:3). And remember the Cross, "*looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross...*" (Hebrews 12:2). In addition to enduring the cross, He lays down His life for ours (John 10:11).

Rather than letting doubt have power in our lives hindering our worship, trust the Lord walking in His grace and truth.

Jesus loves you!!

Shalom,

Shannon England

# Women's Ministry

Discipleship, Jesus' final instruction to His followers was "go and make disciples". Jesus made disciples, the disciples made disciples and their disciples made disciples. Jesus' method of making disciples was focused more on relationships and action. As Christian women, we ourselves can be disciples to other women both inside our church and in the community.

Why should older and younger women in the church form friendships and discipling relationships? Our lives are busy, after all, and it's more relaxing to spend time with those our own age. Moreover, we may wonder what wisdom or encouragement we have to offer each other. Perhaps we desire such relationships but find it hard to develop them.

Let me share with you about the time I have spent with some Christian older, though I prefer to call them "mature" ladies at a weekly prayer group and another group of ladies at a weekly Bible study that I attend. These ladies have invested in my life in both a spiritual and an emotional level, in ways that mere words could not describe. These ladies have taught me in both word and deed on how to have grace, faith and always to love no matter what life throws at you. They have taught me how to have a better prayer life and they have also imparted wisdom to me in other areas of my life, from marriage to children and believe it or not on how important it is to make my bed every morning and why it matters, that is a whole other story in itself...

Both the Old and New Testaments instruct us to invest in such relationships. Older generations are called to pass along stories of God's faithfulness and challenges to hold fast to the gospel (Deut. 32:7; Ps. 89:1; 2 Tim. 2:2; 4:1-4; 1 Tim. 1:15). Likewise, older generations need encouragement to persevere in their faith (Heb. 6:11; 2 Pet. 3:14). Titus 2:1-6 couldn't be clearer: as part of gospel-centered congregations, older women must model reverent and temperate behavior and teach virtues younger women need to know.

Many women may feel that they're not ready to disciple someone younger. That may or may not be true. If we're older, we should ask ourselves why we feel unready. Are we taking our own spiritual growth seriously? Have we pondered the ways God has led us through the years? Are we devoting ourselves to studying Scripture, to praying, to learning theology, to reading good books? If so, we can pray for Spirit-led confidence to open ourselves up and share some of what we've been learning. If not, we can freshly devote ourselves to growing in Christ—not just for our own good but also for the growth of those around us. Women, especially younger women, need to see good Christian role models. The world around us is offering all sorts of models. We in the church, then, ought to demonstrate the fruit of godliness in a whole variety of callings as we share our lives together.

I am privileged and feel extremely blessed to have many Christian women investing in my life, teaching me, praying for me, and challenging me to do the same for others. In closing remember, through discipleship we pass along gospel truth, so that women come to faith and then grow in faith. These relationships testify to us of God's mercies, new every morning and every generation. With a little encouragement, a bit of training, and a growing number of good Christian role models, the church of Jesus will be full of women discipling women to serve him faithfully in all the callings of our lives.

In Christ,  
Lea Ann

Easter

# Eggstravaganza



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**FREE EVENT**

**Easter Pageant c Egg Hunt**  
**Hot dogs, chips and drinks provided.**

You can help....

We need **plastic eggs and candy** that will fit into the eggs. Please put your donations in the boxes in the fellowship hall, the welcome area, or the church office.

Volunteers... We always **need volunteers**. There are many areas to serve. Registration, serving hot dogs, hiding eggs are just a few areas where we need help. Please consider volunteering for this event.

# Saints Alive

## March 12, 2018

### 11:30 AM

Central Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
Bring your favorite covered dish to share

Harry Sauter will present

## PEANUTS

Charlie says that sometimes, when he's feeling low, he likes to look up at the stars (or *God*, as *Peanuts* artist Charles Schulz would tell us) and believe he's getting the message, "Don't give up, kid." Charlie does look skyward later and asks for "a little help, for once in my life." (He gets it.)



**GEARING UP FOR LIFE'S BIG GAME**

Sound the buzzer—spirit week is in session in summer 2018.

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**GAME ON!**

Grab your megaphones, lace up your cleats, and tune up your horn. It's time to gear up for the big game! It's go time! **July 9-13** will be our **VBS Spirit Week** and we're looking for all who are willing to join the team!

Kids are under so much pressure—to perform well, to be the best, to balance schedules that are full to the brim, to excel in every arena. From that vantage point, life's big game can seem like no fun. But when we step back, we realize that the goal is not competing in our own strength. God has already given us everything we need! He's given us His complete Word as the ultimate playbook. He's given us Himself, which gives us a reason to celebrate. He wants us to join His team, to train hard, to celebrate our salvation, to encourage one another, and spur each other on.

Pray for this week, for the children and for whatever part God leads you to play in this event. Whether you're the type to root from the stands, march in the band, cheer on the field, or hustle to the line, the time is now—it's Game On!

In Christ's service always,

*Debbie Tuggle*  
VBS 2018 Director



*"His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."*  
~~ 2 Peter 1:3 (CSB)



**NEW BOOKS**

The following books have been placed in our church library by Randy & Linda Durfee:

In loving memory of Ed Herrburger (Linda Terseck's father), the book "Unseen: Angels, Satan, Heaven, & Hell" by Jack Graham.

In loving memory of Betty Chipman (Debbie McLure's Mother): the book "A Place Called Heaven" by Robert Jeffress

# WALK FOR BIBLES

**CANAVERAL PORT MINISTRY**

Come enjoy a few hours walking and praying for the **seafarers** with your family.



**CANAVERAL PORT MINISTRY**

*The Goal: \$28,000*

*Providing Bibles and Christian literature for seafarers in over 60 languages*

For more information, call **321-783-0007** or email **info@cpm.life**

**Canaveral Port Ministry**, 8907 N. Atlantic Ave., Cape Canaveral FL 32920



Pray for the port from the top of **Exploration Tower** (compliments of Port Canaveral)

**Saturday, March 3**  
**8-noon**

*Start at*

**First Baptist Church  
Cape Canaveral**

8711 N Atlantic Ave., Cape Canaveral

*Consider buying a Bible for a seafarer. some examples:*

Indonesian \$25

Filipino \$15

Hindi \$25

Spanish \$ 5

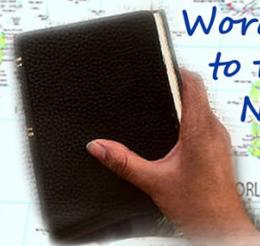
Serbian \$40

Polish \$25

Arabic \$20

Russian \$20

*Personally Giving God's Word to the Nations*



## The Evidence Is In

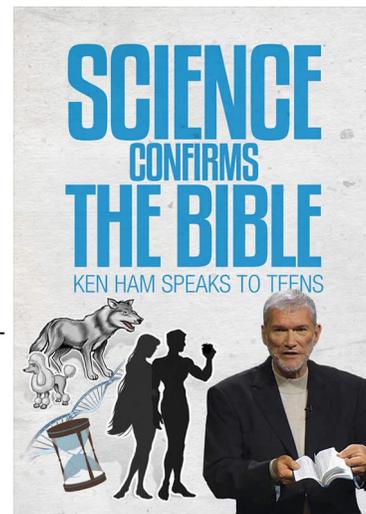
April 14th - 9:30am to 12 noon

Join us on April 14 in the Student Building at 9:30am for breakfast. Following breakfast there will be two Answers in Genesis (AIG) presentations for two age groups.

Elementary children will see "Dinosaurs, Genesis, and the Gospel" in the children's education area.

The 7th through 12th grades will see "Science Confirms the Bible". We encourage parents to attend this event with their teens and/or children.

More information coming soon!



# Preschool Ministry

*Playground excavation is well underway! In addition to Atlantic Excavation and Troy Fairchild Services, some of our men at Central have been working hard in the courtyard and putting the first piece of play equipment together. Thank You! Much more to come!*



*Have you heard Central is looking for a Preschool Director?*

*Yes, it's true. After several months of prayer, I have decided this is my last year as preschool director. I feel it is time for me to see where God wants me to serve in other areas of ministry and grow spiritually.*

*There are several people who have been praying as I shared this decision in stepping down and for whom God is directing to step into the director position.*

*This position can be modified to consist of several people to serve together in carrying out the responsibilities. Who will lead it?*

*Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been serving in preschool. I always tell our volunteers and paid workers, "It takes a team of people to serve together to provide care and love to the young children that come in, and to be a part of welcoming parents and children as they arrive."*

*Did you hear the NEWS! Our baby class is growing, with three more arriving in the next few months! It takes volunteers to help care for these and for all of our preschoolers.*

*We need new and returning volunteers to help in services and Sunday school. Positions NOW NEEDED for assistant teacher in 1's through 2's, and a co-teacher in 3 to 5 year old Sunday school class (every other month). A paid worker position is also needed.*

*Please let God lead you in deciding where He would have you serve.*

*Contact me, Linda Spicer or Ted Wolfe, chairman of the nominating committee, if you have a willing heart to serve. Thank You! To God Be The Glory!*

*In Christ Love,  
Karen White*

**Contact Karen White for details on serving. [karenw@cfl.rr.com](mailto:karenw@cfl.rr.com) - 321-720-7251**

# Missions



When I think of missions, my first thought is a big trip taken overseas. I think of going to Africa or Asia, eating strange new foods, forging new relationships and working hard, and meeting the needs of people who have never heard of Jesus.

Then I look around me and realize there are people *right outside my front door* who have never heard of Jesus. I realize that anywhere I am is a missions field if I'll just let God use me as a missionary.

It's hard to remember that we are called to be missionaries as soon as we accept Jesus into our hearts. It's hard to be intentional about sharing His love with others as we go about our sometimes mundane day-to-day tasks.

We don't have to pack a giant backpack and head to Africa in order to be missionaries. In fact, there are over 269 million lost people in North America, so we need to consider taking off our giant backpacks and reaching out to our many neighbors who are lost.

If you're wondering how you can help all of those lost people, start with prayer. Prayer is powerful and intentional and miraculous. You are doing amazing things when you pray.

(Article from Maegan Dockery @ WMU)



## THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



**Week of Prayer**

March 4 - 11

**Our Church Goal**

**\$8,000**

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families. Prayer is the fuel enabling God to spiritually and emotionally sustain missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

Through your gifts to the **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** and the **Cooperative Program**, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome.

### Who is Annie Armstrong?

**In the late 1800's women were not expected to be leaders, to speak up, to be visionaries...Annie Armstrong was never concerned with what the world expected.**

*"When I get hold of an idea that seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out."*

Annie's father died soon after she was born in 1850. Her mother, a devoted Christian, encouraged her five children to see the needs around them and to act. With fervency, Annie devoted herself to compassion ministry.

Annie and the women of her church joined with other churches in giving and missions work. Her boldness soon helped unite the missions movement begun in several states. In 1888, despite opposition by male Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) leadership, who feared women organizing, the national Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) was formed. Annie was elected as the first executive leader.

Traveling throughout the U.S., Annie encouraged missionaries and challenged churches to give and support missions. She and the SBC women led in transforming funding for missions, helping to secure the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board) and Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) in taking the gospel around the globe.

## March - April at a Glance

- ◆ **March 3 - Walk for Bibles**
- ◆ **March 9th & 10th - Men & Boys Campout - Alligator Lake**
- ◆ **March 12th - Saints Alive**
- ◆ **March 24th - Easter Eggstravaganza**
- ◆ **April 1st - Easter**
- ◆ **April 6th - ASPIRE Women's Conference - Vero Beach**
- ◆ **April 14th - AIG Event**
- ◆ **April 20th & 21st - Youth Poverty Experience**

### *Regular Sunday Activities*

9:30 am - Sunday School  
10:45am - Morning Worship Service  
5pm - Youth Praise Band Rehearsal  
6pm - Joint Evening Worship Service  
6:30pm - G.A.'s, Acteens, Blitz & Handbells  
College/Young Adults after evening service

### *Wednesday*

5:20pm - Family Supper  
6pm - Bible Study, Youth Group, Children's Choir,  
Ladies Bible Study, ESL  
7pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal  
8:30pm - College/Young Adults

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