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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



The saying is true, “you can never make new old friends.” An old friend has been with you for a long time and has gone through thick and thin. That is our Pastor Shannon. His time with Central was spent serving faithfully and leading lovingly. His reassignment by God is something we both celebrate and dislike at the same time. How do you replace an old friend?

You don't. There will never be one to take the place of Pastor Shannon. The question for us is what is next. What is God's reassignment for us here at Central? Let me share with you a direction we felt was from God that we were getting ready to share with the church last year.

Long before Shannon made the announcement to change ministry locations, we had been envisioning what would be next for Central. The pastors, the deacons, and a few other folks were part of this prayer circle. It started as Pastor Shannon and I took into view our shrinking children's ministry. As we asked questions and discussed, we also noted our bustling pre-school ministry. The “next wave” of children would soon be exiting the preschool and entering the children's area.

The direction we felt led to pursue was that of a change of scope for Pastor Shannon within Central. It was to reassign his position from that of Student Pastor to that of *Family Life Pastor*. As *Family Life Pastor*, Shannon would be the Lead Pastor for all things in the Children's Ministry and Youth Ministry as we give a renewed emphasis to the College and Career with new leadership and direction. This *Family Life Pastor* would not just work with the youth and children of the church, but would work to equip and lead parents to “pastor” their own children in the home flock God has designed. Shannon and I were both very excited about this. As Pastor Jeff had been very focused on taking care of his family during the loss of his father, we brought this discussion to him later. He, saw the potential and validity of the move and agreed it would be beneficial to the future of the children's ministry.

But the question for us now is what direction do we go? What are we led of the Lord to do? That is where we need to walk together through a discovery process here at Central. We need to see what is. We need to dream about what can be. We then need to wrap our pursuit around that vision. God has a man to fill the vision of the church, not just a role of ministry. That's who we need to find. The picture of the future must be dependent upon what God shows us.

God gave the pastors a vision for the future of the Children's, Student's and College and Career Ministries. The picture of a *Family Life Pastor* to oversee the Children and Student Ministries may still be the direction Central prefers as the picture of the future. That is for the church as a whole to discern and decide. But, perhaps, God is moving in Central's life just as He is in Pastor Shannon's for what is next. And a big change may be of God's directing.

Will you start praying for clarity?

Pastor Leroy

MUSIC MINISTRY

Tune My Heart to Sing Thy Grace

It is extremely important for instruments to be in tune and in one accord when playing together. I am reminded of this every time I attend my children's orchestra concerts. Before the concert begins the players pick up their instruments and randomly begin to warm up. After a little while this begins to sound like utter chaos. However, once the orchestra takes the time to tune and their attention is relinquished to the conductor, and he gives the cue the same players with the same instruments that previously sounded terrible combine to make beautiful music.

There are two truths from this that can be related to unity and the church. We as Christians are as different as the many instruments in the orchestra. I look around and I see mellow horns, boisterous trumpets, blaring...well, need I say more? However, by following two simple truths we can all come together in unity and make music together that glorifies our Lord.

First, we must keep our lives in tune to Christ.

Someone may ask, "Is there a standard, an absolute?" Simply put, "Absolutely!" In music, the A above middle-C is tuned to a universal standard. The "A" tuning fork is calibrated to vibrate at precisely 440 beats per second, giving off a pure tone. The "C" tuning fork, the most commonly used, is harmonically set to 523.25 beats per second on the A-440 pitch scale. To be "in tune," every other note in the scale and each instrument in the orchestra must be calibrated to conform to this precise standard.

In the Christian life, we have a standard, an absolute. The hymn writer Robert Robinson stated it well. In his hymn, "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*", he wrote this prayer to the Heavenly Father — "Tune my heart to sing thy grace." We are called by the Lord to tune ourselves to Jesus Christ as He is revealed through His Word.

W. Tozer stated it well in this quote, "...100 pianos tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other. They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard. So 100 worshipers, each one looking away to Christ, are nearer to each other than they could possibly be were they to become "unity" conscious and turn their eyes away from God to strive for closer fellowship."

Second, we must continue to follow the lead of the conductor.

We have all heard the expression that someone "marches to the beat of a different drummer." Well, this is remarkably true, even within the community of believers. It is only when we let Christ direct our lives and intently watch His hand can we all stay together in true unity.

I remember when my daughter was very small; it may have been one of her first experiences watching a live orchestra. During the concert she pulled at my sleeve and said, "Daddy, that's what I want to play when I grow up." I inquired, "Oh, you want to play the violin?" "No." "Oh, you want to play the cello?" "No", she replied, "I want to play the stick." I soon realized she was talking about the conductor and his baton. The older I get I realize how much I need to let God have the baton and me watch intently to His every gesture to conduct my life. May we all see the need to follow His lead.

PraiSing Him,
Pastor Jeff



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VBS REGIONAL TRAINING

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MARCH 9, 2019

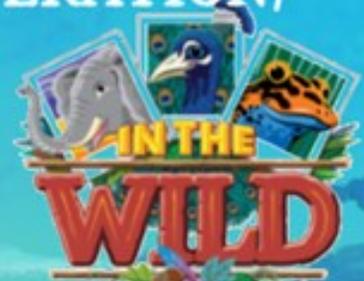
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Saints Alive

March 11, 2019 11:30

Central Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall

Bring a favorite dish to share.

Guest Speaker: Gregory Poulos

I Am A Soldier of the



Saints Alive

April 8, 2019 11:30 AM

Central Baptist Church * Fellowship Hall

Bring a favorite dish to share.

Speaker: Janet Steiner, Director of Education

Alzheimer's Brevard Foundation

Research shows staying active, eating nutritious meals, and being mentally stimulated throughout the day helps to slow the progression of the disease. Our vision is that all adults and caregivers will have improved quality of life, be healthier, happier, and age with dignity and grace.

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ADULT DAY CARE TRANSPORTATION EDUCATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Second Annual
Night Scramble
Friday, March 22, 2019
Golf Benefit for...



Location:
Duran Par 3 Course
7032 Stadium Pkwy, Viera

\$20,000 Hole-in-One Prize!

ABOUT THE CPM...

The Canaveral Port Ministry (CPM) was established by local churches in 1997 to serve the cargo and cruise ship workers who come to the port.

Today, the CPM is a world-class ministry serving over 38,000 visitors per year at its hospitality center located just outside the port. The CPM offers its services at no charge to the seafarers.

Services provided include: Free Wi-Fi to talk to their families all around the world; a hot lunch is served everyday; computers, as well as mailing services and transportation for shopping. Plus, daily chapel services are offered, with chaplains onsite.

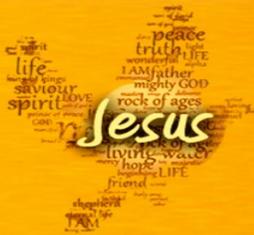


Canaveral Port Ministry Center

4 Rounds on Duran Par3. 3 Hours of golf & gourmet food. 2 Players on each team. 1 Great Cause.

Enjoy a Friday evening of golf on a 2-player team with a friend or as a couple. You will enjoy rounds of golf (using a golf cart) to play on Duran's Par 3 Course, plus gourmet food to grab and go as you play, great team prizes, a lot of fun & a great date night., all for a great cause of supporting the Canaveral Port Ministry.

Cost: \$50 donation per player. To register: Online: www.cpm.life/golf; Phone: 321-783-0007 .



DOVE BIBLE CLUB

Sharing the Good News in the Schools

Follow Us On:

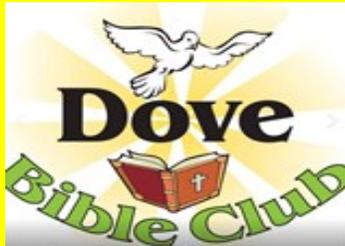


Dove Bible Club is an after-school Bible club that teaches character education based on the life of Jesus Christ. It is open to all students K-6th grade and is currently in 33 schools in Brevard County as of 2018-19 school year! The club meets 1 hour each month. We are safe and full of fun and excitement.

Central Baptist is a partner with Dove Bible Club at University Park Elementary. We meet every 4th Tuesday of the month after school. We currently are averaging 8 to 10 students. We will gladly accept donations of individually wrapped snacks, juice boxes, and candy to be served to the students each month!

If you would like more information on volunteering in this ministry, see Lori Williams and their website: dovebibleclub.org.

Pray for this ministry and the children as they learn the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.



Our Goals

- Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15)
- Model Christ-like character (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Ignite a passion for the Word of God (Psalm 119:11)
- Encourage Parent Involvement (Deuteronomy 6:7)
- Rejoice in the Lord (Philippians 4:4)

Loretta Dozier

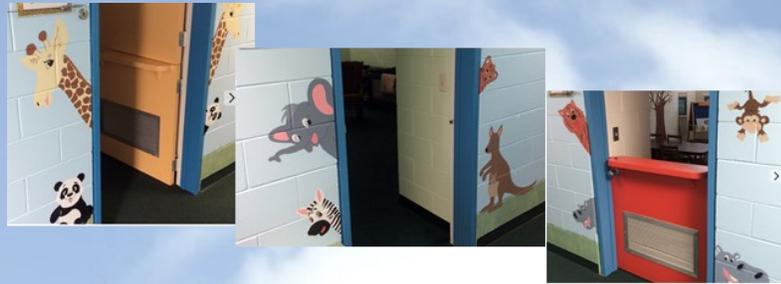
In January 2008, Loretta founded Dove Bible Club Inc., which is an after-school club that teaches character education based on the life of Jesus Christ.

Loretta is very passionate about giving every child the opportunity to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



Dove Bible Club is made possible by a number of volunteers and sponsors. Sponsors have contributed monetarily, supplied needed items, and/or volunteers during monthly meetings & events.

Preschool Ministry



To the Adult Choir, College & Young Adult Class, and 1st – 5th Grade Class, for giving up your room for preschool, during this time of displacement.

Also, to all the volunteers who have helped with our temporary move and continue to work on the building. We look forward to getting back into our space, but until then ~ Thank You!

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is so good! For His loving-kindness is forever." Psalm 118:29



Debbie Black and Lori Williams have accepted the position as co-teachers for the Baby Sunday School Class, with Kelly Creagan.

Thank you for answering the call!

"Praise the Lord! You servants of the Lord, praise His name!" Psalm 113:1

Come and share a little of your time and love in preschool, for God's glory!



We are always in need of more Volunteers and Paid Workers for:

Sunday morning service 10:35am -12:00pm

Sunday evening services 5:45pm-7: 30pm

Wednesday Bible and Prayer meeting 5:45pm-7:00pm

Contact: Linda Durfee, Karen White, or the church office for more information on serving.

Thank You!

*We need 8 more volunteers to resume nursery for 2nd hour on Wednesday evenings. 7pm-8: 15pm

"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." John 12:26



THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

Week of Prayer

March 3 - 10

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.



**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
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FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
REGULAR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES 9:00am Church Library Open 9:30am Sunday School 10:45am Morning Worship Service 6:00pm Joint Worship 6:20pm Bible Study, GAs, Acteens, Blitz		REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES 5:00pm Church Library Open 5:20pm Family Dinner 6:00pm Youth Bible Study & Prayer, Women's Bible Study & Prayer, ESL, 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice			1	2
3 Regular Sunday Activities	4 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon's Meeting	5 12pm Men In Motion	6 Regular Wednesday Activities	7 CHSF – on campus 6pm Outreach	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins Regular Sunday Activities Pictures taken for Pictorial Directory	11 10am Quilting Ministry 11:30am Saints Alive 6:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	12 12pm Men In Motion	13 Regular Wednesday Activities	14 CHSF – off campus 6pm Outreach	15	16
17 Regular Sunday Activities	18 11am Food Pantry	19 12pm Men In Motion	20 Regular Wednesday Activities	21 CHFS – Spring Break 6pm Outreach	22	23
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31 Regular Sunday Activities						

APRIL 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 11am Food Pantry	2 12pm Men in Motion	3 Regular Wednesday Activities	4 CHSF Off Campus 6pm Outreach	5	6
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March - April at a Glance

- ♦ **March 10 & 24 - Photos taken for Pictorial Directory.**
- ♦ **March 11 - Saints Alive, 11:30 Fellowship Hall. Speaker: Gregory Poulos - I Am A Soldier of the Cross.**
- ♦ **April 8 - Saints Alive, 11:30 Fellowship Hall, Speaker: Janet Steiner, Brevard Alzheimer's Foundation.**
- ♦ **April 12-14 - Ladies Spring Retreat, Lake Yale. "Unshakable".**
- ♦ **April 21 - Easter Sunday.**

Regular Sunday Activities

9:30 am - Sunday School
10:45am - Morning Worship Service
6pm - Joint Evening Worship Service
6:20pm - G.A.'s, Acteens, Blitz

Wednesday

5:20pm - Family Supper
6pm - Youth Bible Study & Prayer,
Women's Bible Study & Prayer, ESL
7pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

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