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CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

As I stated in the previous newsletter, we have a prime opportunity to discover the Big Hairy Audacious Goal that God has placed us here, at this time and place to accomplish. And where we discover this is not from a look backwards, a look within nor a look outside. It takes a look towards God to know what He desires and directs. God's revealed Word is a crucial component to this. God's abiding presence is of utmost importance in direction and dreams. And God's fellowshiping church partnering together to discover God's goals for us is tantamount.

I'm seeing movement of God among His people here at Central. I'm seeing a renewing of our Children's Ministry with Beth Nelson envisioning and coordinating to develop a ministry called Kid Central that will minister to and work with the wave of children we have coming up from pre-school. And it was the active service of Karen White as director that allowed for the excellence we now experience in the pre-school ministry and the wave of kids moving up. That pre-school committee oversight is today being shared with Cassandra Hile as the Childcare Coordinator to assess and assimilate excellence for our pre-school kids during church service times. With both of these, as well as caring hands to serve, I see continued growth and participation stemming from what God has brought together.

Our women's ministry is experiencing a fresh move as Lea Ann Burdette continues to lead a multi-faceted work of ministry. From special conferences to English as a Second Language to women's bible studies, to coordinated ministries with University Park Elementary School, we are seeing opportunities of engagement and impact for the women of Central. Now, God has brought Kristina Peterson to a vision of Central Oasis Mom's to be a breath of respite as a ministry to mom's on the campus of Central. I can easily see God's hands working to enable growth in and through these ministries.

Saint's Alive is another vital area where God has provided leadership and development through Priscilla Mercer and her active ministry with our most seasoned and vibrant group. The fellowship and relationships God has brought has blossomed a ministry that continues to offer growth and learning.

Match all of this with Dal Hile leading our Men's Ministries and the prospect of what is next for our Youth and College and Career ministries and we are close to being in good church health.

So, looking towards God and being governed by His Word as we walk with His people has already began shaping the present and the future. In no way is God done with us here at Central. There are still souls to be saved and goals to be reached. Our Church Council is meeting this Saturday for an all-day planning event to pray and plan as we try to develop a 20/20 vision. It's my prayer that we see clearly what the Lord is doing.

Pastor Leroy

Be Prepared

As we enter September/October those of us who live in Florida begin watching the tropics. It is hurricane season. It is time for hurricane preparedness. Floridians are encouraged to buy batteries, gasoline, bottled water, and non-perishable foods to prepare for the possibility of a storm and its aftermath. This year marks the 15th anniversary of the storms of 2004. That truly was a September to remember! O the things we remember.

I remember being a part of Scouting Pack 555 when I was growing up. The Scout motto was "Be prepared". Someone once asked Scouting founder Robert Baden-Powell the question, "Prepared for what?" "Why, for any old thing," he replied. Later he wrote that be prepared means "you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty".

This simple two-word motto is a good reminder for the follower of Christ on how we should live the Christian life in the 21st century. In the Bible Jesus states that no one knows the exact time of his return. But we are to be ready. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells a story of ten bridesmaids. Five of the bridesmaids were foolish and did not take any oil for their lamps. When the bridegroom was delayed, the ten bridesmaids fell asleep. During the night they were roused by the shout, "Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and welcome him." The ten bridesmaids awoke and reached for their lamps. However, only the five maids who had oil were ready to go and meet the groom. The five foolish maids had to race into town and attempt to purchase oil. While they were gone the wedding feast began and the door was locked. The five foolish maids returned, knocked on the door and cried, "Sir, open the door for us!" But their plea was answered by the words, "I don't know you!" Jesus then gives this sobering advice: "So stay awake and be prepared, because you do not know the day or hour of my return."

In this story we see several reasons to stay prepared for Christ's return. First, even if it seems Christ's return is delayed, he will return. There are more prophecies of Christ second coming than of his incarnation. The Bible promises a second return (2 Peter 3:9-10, 1 Thess. 5 2-4). Second, there are some things we can't borrow. Dear friend, the first step to being prepared for Christ's return is to know him as your Savior and Lord. Receive God's gift of forgiveness from your sin. This leads to the third reason; tomorrow may be too late. It is sad that the door was locked. Scripture tells us that today is the day of salvation (Hebrews 3: 7-15).

I also remember Ms. Green, my seventh grade English teacher. There are two specific things I remember about her: Ms. Green loved red lipstick...a lot; and Ms. Green had a unique way of taking roll before each class. After the bell rang and Ms. Green called your name, you were to respond by saying, "Prepared," or "Unprepared". Prepared meant you were present, had completed all homework, had your book and notebook and two sharpened number 2 pencils. I must confess, the homework part often made me unprepared. May we remember to always be prepared!

PraiSing Him,

Pastor Jeff

GET INVOLVED!

- Children's (Grades 1-6) - Wed. at 6pm
- Adult Choir - Wednesdays at 7:00pm
- Orchestra - Sundays at 9:00am
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Missions



Fishers of men needed in the Maldives.

Bringing Light to the Maldives

The South Asian nation known as the Maldives comprises a cluster of 1,190 tropical islands in the Indian Ocean. Clear blue waters, exotic marine life, and tropical diversity make the Maldives a popular tourist destination. On the surface, the four hundred thousand people of the Maldives seem to have it made in their remote island paradise.

However, the Maldivian government has a tight grip on its people and even requires its citizens to be Muslim.

The nation is shaped by the Islamic code of Shariah, which does not easily allow for any other religious sentiments. Such is the desire for the government to control exposure to anything other than Islam, that even tourists may only bring one personal Bible.

SOUTH ASIA

SOUTH ASIA—A KALEIDOSCOPE OF COLORS, A CACOPHONY OF SOUNDS, AND A BUFFET OF FLAVORS—IS THE BIRTHPLACE OF FOUR WORLD RELIGIONS. MORE THAN A BILLION SOUTH ASIAN EYES ARE SEARCHING FOR HOPE.

PAKISTAN
INDIA
NEPAL
BHUTAN
BANGLADESH
SRI LANKA
MALDIVES

1.6 BILLION PEOPLE

The 1.6 billion people of South Asia are concentrated in an area less than half the size of the USA.

1,720 UPGs

With over 1,700 unreached people groups, SOUTH ASIA has the largest unreached people group population in the world: 1.5 billion

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Women's Ministry

Summer is coming to an end and for the kiddos, it is back to their books and studies. So, how about this fall you too hit the Book and the study of it. (The Bible) We set aside everyday time to consume television, radio, Facebook etc. We're getting news and information from every dimension and from all directions. How much time do we spend holding our devices versus beholding God? It has been often said, we become what we behold. I personally believe that there is nothing more transformative to our lives then beholding God in his word. After all, how can we conform to an image of a God we have not beheld? Bible literacy among women today is lacking. Ladies, we must realize and believe in the importance of being Biblically literate. Why? Because it protects us from falling into error, for example both the false teachers and secular society rely on biblical ignorance for their messages to take root, sadly in the church today it has proven fertile ground for those messages among women. Because we do not study our Bible enough we often crumble at the most basic challenges to our world view. Disillusionment and apathy eat away at our ranks; this effects everyone in our sphere of influence. Our families and community desperately need the influence of women who know what they believe, why they believe and that are grounded in the Word of God. I will end with this; we are to be disciples and the word disciple itself means "Learner". As a disciple of Christ, you and I are called to learn, and learning requires effort.

In Christ, *Lea Ann*

Upcoming Events: WOMEN'S MINISTRY LUNCHEON-September 15th following church service

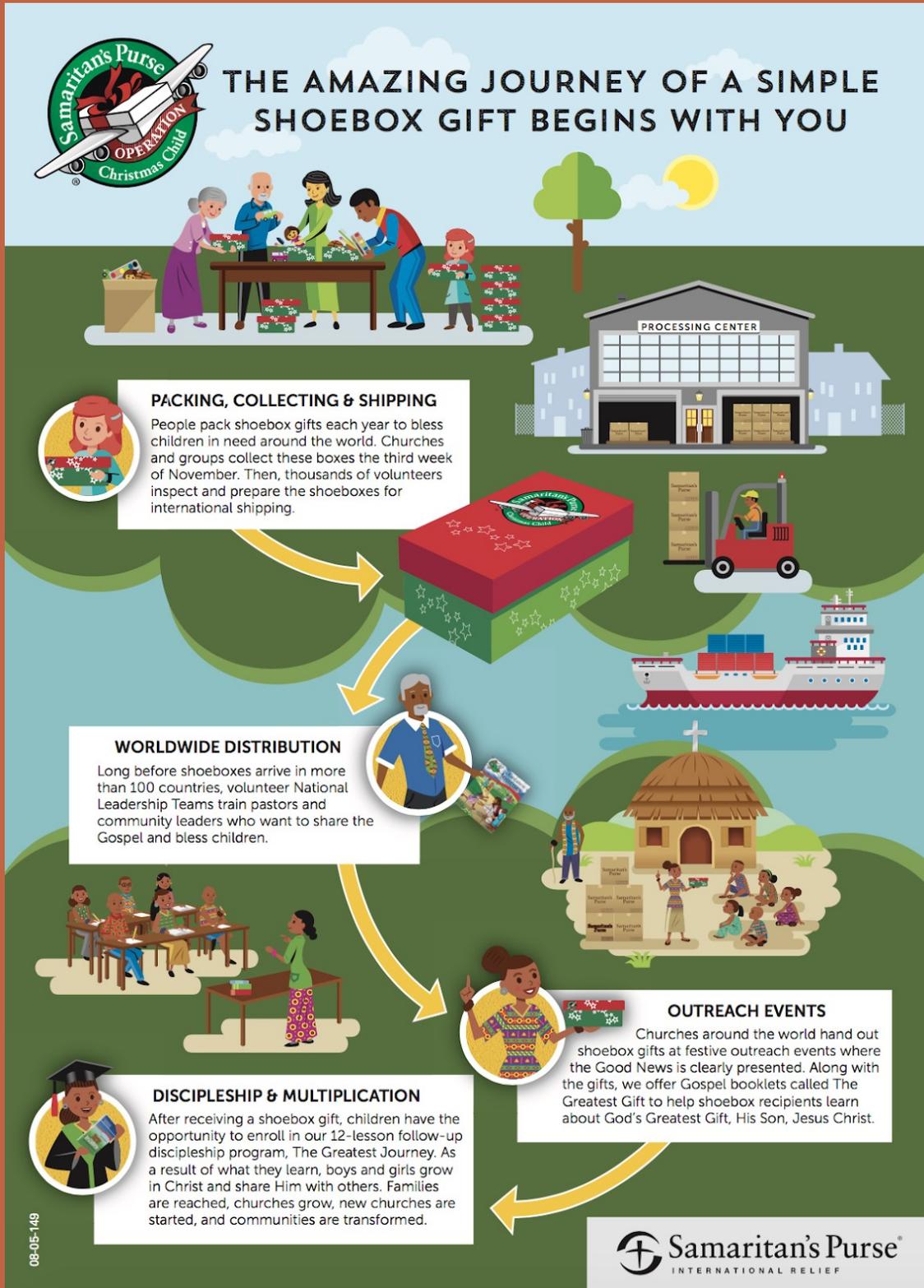
LADIES LOCK-IN- September 27th, 6pm Friday to 9am Saturday-28th

ASPIRE CONFERENCE- October 5th, in Vero

LIFE CHAIN- October 6th -2pm at Central's Location on the corner of 192 and US1 in front of WAWA.

Operation Christmas Child - Central's Goal 150

Shoebox gifts are a powerful way to share God's love and share the good news of Jesus Christ with children in need. Boxes available Sunday, November 3rd ~Further information to come~ Call the church office at 723-3681 or see Karen White, for further information or sign up to help as a volunteer.



Saints Alive



September 9, 2019 at 11:30am

EVE – “The First Lady” Genesis 2:21-23
21 *So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs[g] and then closed up the place with flesh.*
22 *Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[h] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.*

23 *The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”*

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



October 14, 2019 at 11:30am

**Central Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall**

Bring a favorite dish to share.

**Speaker: Janet Steiner
Certified Dementia Practitioner
& Family Support Services**



Will speak on stress!

"Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their stress. He sent out His word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave. Let them give thanks to the LORD for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind." Psalm 107:19-21



JOIN US SUNDAY NIGHTS AT 6:00PM

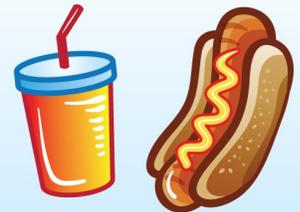
for mission-focused Bible Studies
and Scripture memorization!

Games, music, fellowship, and loads of fun
for kids 3 years old through 6th grade

KICKOFF - SEPTEMBER 8TH

Water Day!

We'll have a slip 'n slide in the church courtyard, so come prepared to get wet! Bring your swimsuit and a towel. **Hot dogs and lemonade will be provided.** Parents, you are welcome to stay and join in the fun!



Kid Central will meet Sunday nights in Room #304 in the Education Building.
Contact Beth Nelson with any questions or to volunteer to help! Call/text 321-298-8733



A biweekly **oasis for moms** where they can spend the morning drinking a cup of coffee while it's still hot, eating a breakfast they didn't have to make, and enjoying a time of laughter and fun with other moms; all while being challenged and encouraged in their **walk with Christ**.

SEPTEMBER	4TH & 18TH
OCTOBER	2ND & 16TH
NOVEMBER	6TH & 20TH
DECEMBER	4TH & 18TH

9:00am - 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall

To register and attend, or to volunteer to help, contact Kristina Peterson. Call/text 304-266-2438

PRESCHOOL

Department Update

We are so proud of our little Preschool graduates as they head to their exciting Kindergarten class...but of course we will also miss having them in the nursery each week. The years flew by! Join us in praying for these kiddos as they continue learning about Jesus in their new class, and be sure to say "hi" to each one when you see them in the worship service! High fives are also encouraged!

Caley Nelson • Asher Williams • Joshua DeMessa • Ava Spencer

Caley



Joshua



Asher



Ava

Volunteer Opportunity

The Preschool department could use some more awesome volunteers, **most especially for Wednesday night child care.** If you would be willing to serve our church family in any area of child care, whether it be on Sundays or Wednesdays, just let me know. I will get you the details you need to get plugged in! We appreciate all of our nursery volunteers!!

Cassandra Hile

Call/text 321-271-6639 or email cassandrahile@yahoo.com

Library News

We have 2 new books in our library that might interest you, if you know someone who is a professing Muslim and follows Islam, and if you want to know the differences between Islam and Christianity by someone who has lived both beliefs come see us in the library.

The first is “Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus”, by Nabeel Qureshi, a devout Muslim. In this book the author tells his own personal story, and of his clash between Islam and Christianity, and of the peace he eventually found in Jesus.

The other book, “No God But One” -Allah or Jesus”, is by the same author and he addresses the most important questions at the interface of Islam and Christianity: How do the two religions differ? Are the differences significant? Can we be confident that either Christianity or Islam is true?

Come take a look at these in our church library!

Thank you,

Shirley Parrish



Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has been very busy thanks to the gracious hand of our Lord. We see a lot of people who are seeking to learn more about our precious Lord. All the people who work in the Food Pantry give encouragement to those individuals who seek help. Not all persons are seeking to learn more about our Lord, but we offer all our clients invitations to join us at Sunday services. In this economy, it makes life difficult for those who are not fully employed or under employed. Then there are those who are unwell and cannot work at all. The Food Pantry sees many older adults who have their adult children living with them because their children have lost their jobs, are unwell, or have physical disabilities. We pray with them and offer advice as to where to go to get assistance with their needs. We have a listing in the Food Pantry of where to go to get financial, medical, or psychological assistance. The persons who work in the Food Pantry offer prayer, and invitations to come to church with us! We have had some people come to church or attend Men in Motion. The Good Lord has been so generous to all who work in the Food Pantry.



DOVE BIBLE CLUB

Sharing the Good News in the Schools

COLORS OF OUR FAITH

	<p>SIN (Romans 3:23)</p>
	<p>BLOOD OF JESUS (1 Corinth. 15:3-4)</p>
	<p>CLEAN HEART (Psalm 51:7, 1 John 1:9)</p>
	<p>GROWTH (2 Peter 3:18)</p>
	<p>HEAVEN (Revelation 21:21)</p>

Central will host another school year with Dove Bible Club at University Park Elementary, open to grades K-6th. We meet 1 hour every 4th Tuesday of the month after school. Our first meeting will be September 24th.

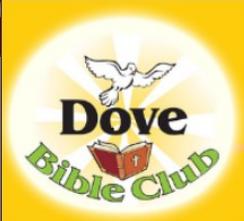
If you would like more information about this after school ministry, or volunteering, see Lori Williams and their website: dovebibleclub.org.

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



Dove Bible Club is currently in **33 schools** in Brevard County as of 2018-19 school year!

We need your help to continue painting the county and state with the name of Jesus and His Love.



OLEY HUMPHREY'S OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
AT
SEBASTIAN MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE**

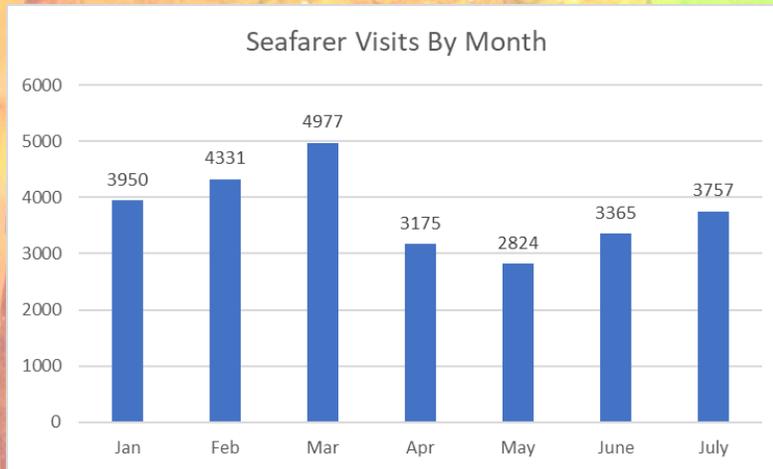
We are now taking sign up for our next best ball golf tourney.
Golf fees are \$25.00 per person to be paid by September 22nd.

We will be having a meeting at 7:30am and
an 8:00am shotgun start.
All levels of play are welcome.

There is a sign up sheet in the church foyer.

For any questions please contact Gary Tuggle
at 321-727-2519.

2019 at the Canaveral Port Ministry



Over 85 countries are represented in the 26,379 seafarer visits from Jan to July, 2019.

There were 849 first-time visitors.

There were 9,056 lunches served.

A seafarer asked about the little carved JESUS FISH items we have on the counter as they walk in the door. She wanted to know "why a fish"? Good opportunity to tell her that Jesus invited his followers to be "fishers of men", that they would be drawn into the Kingdom of God through Jesus, and then be about drawing others to Him, as we hope to do here at the ministry.



1,724 Bibles and 687 Jesus DVD's were distributed.

Two seafarers were baptized and 220 made a profession of faith.



September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Regular Sunday Activities Port Canaveral No Sunday Evening Activities	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 Men in Motion 12pm	4 Central Oasis 9-11am Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	5 Women's Prayer Group 1:30	6	7
8 Regular Sunday Activities Kids Central Kick-off 6:00pm	9 Quilting Ministry 10:00am Saints Alive 11:30am 7pm Deacon's Mtg.	10 Men in Motion 12pm	11 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	12 Women's Prayer Group 1:30	13	14
15 12:30pm Women's Ministry Luncheon Nom. Comm. Mtg 5pm	16 11-1 Food Pantry Stewardship Mtg. 7pm	17 Men in Motion 12pm	18 Central Oasis 9am-11am Regular Activities 6pm ESL	19 Women's Prayer Group 1:30	20	21
22 Regular Sunday Activities	23 Quilting Ministry 10:00am	24 Men in Motion 12pm	25 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	26 Women's Prayer Group 1:30	27 Ladies Lock In at Central	28
29 Regular Sunday Moring Activities Annual BBA Mtg. - FBC Cocoa 5pm	30	<p style="text-align: center;">Regular Sunday Activities Sunday School (9:30am), Morning Worship Service (10:45am), Joint Evening Worship Service (6pm), Kid Central, Acteens, Blitz & Adults (6:30pm), College/Young Adults after pm service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Supper (5:20pm), Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group, Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm), College/Young Adults (8:15pm)</p>				

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Men in Motion 12pm	2 Central Oasis 9-11 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	3 6pm Outreach	4	5 8am Annual Oley Humphreys Open - Sebastian Municipal Golf Tournament Aspire - Vero 6pm
6 Regular Sunday Activities Life-Chain 2pm	7 10am Quilting Ministry 11am Food Pantry 7pm Deacon Mtg.	8 Men in Motion 12pm	9 Regular Wednesday Activities 6pm ESL	10 6pm Outreach	11	12
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27 Regular Sunday Activities Pastor Appreciation Luncheon	28	29 Men in Motion 12pm	30 Regular Wednes- day Activities 6pm ESL	31 Trunk or Treat 5:30pm	Regular Sunday Activities Sunday School (9:30am), Morning Worship Ser- vice (10:45am), Joint Evening Worship Service (6pm), Kids Central, Acteens, Blitz & Adults (6:30pm), College/Young Adults after pm service Wednesday Supper (5:20pm), Prayer & Bible Study, Youth Group, Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00pm), College/ Young Adults (8:15pm)	

September & October at a Glance

- ◆ Central Oasis - 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- ◆ Annual Oley Humphreys Open Golf - October 5th
- ◆ Aspire Women's Conference in Vero - October 5th
- ◆ Life Chain - October 6th at 2pm
- ◆ Trunk or Treat - October 31st

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