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### **Mark your Calendar**

#### **May 4**

9:30a Thursday Bible Study  
1:30p Grief Group  
7:00p National Day of Prayer Service

#### **May 7**

12:15p El Salvador Fundraiser Lunch  
12:15p Relay for Life Interest Mtg  
5:00p Youth - Star Wars Nerf Night

#### **May 15**

6:30p UMM

#### **May 16**

6:30p Disciple I Bible Study

#### **May 17**

7:00p Café Logos  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### **May 18**

9:30a Thursday Bible Study  
12:00p WEOs  
1:30p Grief Group

#### **May 19**

5:30p CFAA Recital  
7:00p CFAA Recital

#### **May 21**

12:15p Care Shepherds Meeting  
4:00p Council on Ministries Meeting  
6:00p Youth Group - Junior High  
6:30p Youth Group - Senior High

#### **May 23**

6:30p Disciple I Bible Study

#### **May 24**

6:30p Pastor Bible Study  
7:00p Café Logos  
7:30p Chancel Choir

#### **May 25**

9:30a Thursday Bible Study

# Central News

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## *From My Perspective*

“Vanity of vanities, all is vanity. There is no new thing under the sun.”

You’ve likely heard the words from the Book of Ecclesiastes. The writer is on a search for meaning, and trying to find a way to make his life meaningful. The writer, identified as “The Preacher,” looks high and low for meaning, and ends up frustrated with all the things he thought would bring satisfaction.

The Preacher lived and died before Jesus waked the earth, so he couldn’t have known what Jesus would describe as “abundant life.” He didn’t hear Jesus’s words about servanthood, about being good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us. He didn’t know the satisfaction of seeing someone find meaning and faith because he told them about Jesus.

We live on the other side of history. We know what Jesus taught, we know the teaching he modelled, and we know that he invites us to follow him in the way of love and sacrifice. When Jesus spoke of abundant life, he also spoke of being the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep. So if we’re still looking for meaning in life, the place to start is to live our lives in a way that reflects Jesus. When we sacrifice, when we serve, when we love without condition, we are following in the footsteps of Jesus, and our lives suddenly become more meaningful than we can ever imagine.

It’s not all meaningless and frustrating. There is abundant life for you and me.

See you Sunday. What we do here matters.

# Upcoming Events

## National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 4th. You are invited to join Christians around the U.S. for a day of intentional prayer for our country. There will be a special prayer service at the Bisset Park Gazebo at 12:00p, and another at Central that evening at 7:00p.

## El Salvador Fundraiser Lunch

The El Salvador Mission Team will host a pasta dinner on Sunday, May 7th directly following the 11:00a worship. All donations will go to support the team as they prepare for their July trip. Please plan to join us!

## Troop 244 Yard Sale

Our Boy Scout Troop will have a yard sale on May 12th & 13th. As you begin your spring cleaning, please keep us in mind. Donations will be collected in the Scout Room. Pick up of larger items can be arranged. Contact Mark and Carolyn King 540-381-5645 or mkingii@hotmail.com

## UMM

United Methodist Men will meet Monday, May 15th at 6:30p for a potluck. All men of the church are invited. Joe Hester will be our speaker.

## WEOs

WEOs will meet Thursday, May 18th at 12:00p for a potluck lunch and fellowship time.

## CFAA Spring Recitals

Central Fine Arts Academy will host their spring recitals on Friday, May 19th at 5:30p and 7:00p in the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to join us and experience our talented young musicians!

## Relay for Life

Our church family has felt the sadness of loved ones facing cancer and loved ones lost to cancer. Lori Wills and Donna Skinnell are leading a Relay for Life Team from Central. Please join us to fight cancer and do something for the feelings of loss we share. The walk is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th 2017 from 10 a.m. - midnight at the Pulaski County High School football field. Please contact Donna Skinnell at [540-818-1409](tel:540-818-1409) or Lori Wills at [540-250-0957](tel:540-250-0957) if you would like to join the team, make a donation, or with any other questions. **If interested, a brief team meeting will be held on Sunday May 7th at 12:15p in the New Room.** In addition to the walk, there will be a Survivor & Caregiver Banquet on May 21st at 2-4pm at Dublin Lion's Club. If you would like to participate in the Banquet, RSVP by Friday, May 12th, to Rebekah Price at [540-774-2717](tel:540-774-2717) or [Rebekah.Price@cancer.org](mailto:Rebekah.Price@cancer.org).

## VBS is Coming Soon!

Central's VBS will be held June 25-28th - registration will begin next week

VBS cannot be a success without a multitude of volunteers. A variety of help is needed for everything from set-up, running stations, leading groups of kids and clean-up.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wendy today!



OPERATING BUDGET			
	4/16/17	4/23/17	4/30/17
Needed YTD	\$157,902	\$167,782	\$177,663
Received YTD	\$150,378	\$154,557	\$164,639
Building Fund	\$17,367	\$291	\$1,080
Designated Gifts	\$2,881	\$363	\$375
Received Sunday	\$10,220	\$4,179	\$10,082
ATTENDANCE			
	4/16/17	4/23/17	4/30/17
Morning Worship	104	86	85
Sunday School	114	128	97
Traditional Worship	269	140	151
Sunrise Service	71	-	-
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>236</b>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE	
<b>Nursery, Sunday May 7</b>	TBD
<b>Nursery, Sunday May 14</b>	TBD
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday May 7</b>	Choir
<b>Meet and Greet, Sunday May 14</b>	Pathfinders

PRAYER REQUESTS	
April Salvant	Johnny Crews
Pat Yanhko	van Kamp
Gary Young	Phyllis & Don
Nick Pappas	Simpson
Dot Sowers	Graham & Jennie
Karen Wayt	Simmerman
Charlie Speed	
Gearheart Family	
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY	
Ryan Haynes - California	
Kerry Keys - South Korea	
Jeffrey Kincaid - Hawaii	
Elizabeth Venegas - North Carolina	

# Notable Notes

## Recognizing Graduates

If you have a High School, College, or other graduate in your family, we'd like to recognize them! Please send the following information to the church office **by May 12th**: Name, school graduating from, future plans and picture if available.

## Van Drivers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to drive the van on Sunday mornings to transport people to worship. If you are interested in being part of the rotation, please talk to Roger Hollins or contact the Church Office.

## Radford/Fairlawn Daily Bread

The Radford Fairlawn Daily Bread serves an average of 100 meals every weekday. Volunteers help prepare and deliver 40 meals on wheels and serve an average of 60 guests in the dining room daily. Meals on wheels deliveries are split into different routes delivered by several volunteers each day. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare meals, serve guests in the dining room and to clean up after all guests are served. If you have a few hours to give, RFDB can use groups or individual volunteers. Director Donna Fern would like to thank Central for your continued support of the RFDB. Anyone with a few hours to give can contact her at 336-380-5242 or [director@radfordfairlawndailybread.org](mailto:director@radfordfairlawndailybread.org). If interested in volunteering with Meals on Wheels, please contact Karen Jones at 540-641-3883 or [info@radfordfairlawndailybread.org](mailto:info@radfordfairlawndailybread.org). If interested in volunteering as a Walmart pick up/delivery driver please contact Frank Herzog at 540-250-5271.

## Holston Hands-On Mission Project

This year we will be putting together health kits for our Hands-On Mission Project with Holston Conference. Below is the list of specific items that should be placed in each health kit. You are welcome to put the kits together yourself (items should be packed in a 2-gallon Ziploc bag), or you can donate items or funds which the Missions' team will use to compile the kits.

- 2 bars soap
- 2 toothpaste (6.4 oz. or less)
- 2 toothbrushes
- 1 children's chewable Tylenol, 80 mg/160 mg (30 ct.)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 Delsym 12-hour for children/adults (3 oz. or less)
- 1 Tylenol, 500 mg (24 ct.)
- 1 Benadryl, kids' liquid (4 oz.) OR adult tabs (24 ct.)
- 1 Aleve, 220 mg (24 ct.)
- 1 Listerine, adult OR children's Smart Rinse (250 mL or less)