

EACH SUNDAY

Morning Light:

8:30 am

Meet and Greet:

9:30 am - FH

Sunday School:

9:45 am

Traditional

Worship:

11:00 am

Youth Group:

6 pm

Youth Bible

Study:

6:30 pm

Evening

Worship:

7 pm



**EACH
WEDNESDAY**

Pastor's Study

6:30 pm

CENTRAL *Chimes*

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AN UPDATE FROM ONE OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Hello all! I wanted to send you a quick update on the situation with the people who recently fled their villages. As of Thursday (the end of our work week) the estimation was that 56,000 persons have arrived. Progress is being made on dinging and purchasing land (including testing the water quality on the new land) so that these people will have a permanent place to settle.

In the meantime, our organization will be delivering basic building supplies of straw mats, rope and sticks, so that shelter can be constructed for many of the IDPs (internally displaced persons) who are sitting in the sun with no shade. Tomorrow morning I will go with a team to help deliver these items to village leaders so that each transplanted community can have some shelter to protect their children and other vulnerable community members from the hot sun. Please pray for this trip that we may find all of the village leaders and that the distribution will go smoothly.

Thanks for so many of you who responded to help these new IDPs! So far a total of \$4,435 has been donated, and several churches are taking up offerings tomorrow-

thank you all so much! You are meeting needs and pouring out love on these people. In the coming week we hope to make and distribute hygiene kits to many families as they move to their new permanent location (a kit of soap and toothbrushes/paste for a family is just \$2). We are also still exploring the possibility of offering land scholarships to those who cannot afford the land fee to settle on the new property (probably about \$10-\$15 per family).

If anyone else would like to contribute to helping these people please email me and let me know how much you wish to give (so we can know how much we have to spend). Then, write a check to "First UMC" with "Zamzam Sudan Project" in the memo line and mail it to "First UMC, PO Box 445, Galax, VA 247333."

Thank you again for your generous gifts. And thank you for you prayers during this time. They have been such an encouragement to our team, and I have even been able to mention to few IDPs that many people are praying for them and I believe it strengthened them.

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Record of Faithfulness

Attendance	3/13/2011	3/20/2011
Morning Light	84	111
Sunday School	148	147
11:00 am Worship	167	152
Evening Service	19	14
Total Worship	270	277

*"They gave not only what they could afford, but far more;
and I can testify that they did it because they wanted to."
II Corinthians 8:3*

2011 Operating Budget: \$458,203

	<u>03/13/2011</u>	<u>03/20/2011</u>
Needed YTD	96,932	105,744
Received YTD	95,187	101,912
Received Sunday	10,920	6,725
Building Fund	1,205	519
Designated Gifts	250	815

Upcoming Volunteer Schedule

Nursery, Sunday, March 27

Eric & Dianna Grayson, Jason & Alicia Slaughter,
Rob & Sandra Caldwell

Nursery, Sunday, April 3

Matthew & Suzanne Saunders, Amber & Breanna
Hollins, Rob & Sandra Caldwell

Children's Worship, Sunday March 27

Janie & Ashley Fisher

Children's Worship, Sunday April 3

Martha Kincaid

Meet and Greet, Sunday March 27

Pairs & Spares, New Spirit

Meet and Greet, Sunday, April 3

Pathfinders

Wonderful Wednesday Snack Schedule

March 30- Janet Effler

April 6- Marcy Harless

THE BUSINESS ASPECT OF DYING

You are invited to join Central's Care Shepherds on Sunday, April 3, in the fellowship hall following the 11:00 worship service. Michele Mullins will be talking with us about the business aspect of dying. The subject of funerals is never easy to discuss, but discussing your funeral in advance can be a worthwhile experience in light of the impact of your own death will have on those you love most.

Some questions she will discuss are (but not limited to):

1. If my death occurred tomorrow, my funeral would be arranged by.....
2. If my death occurred tomorrow, the money needed to pay for my funeral would come from.....
3. If my death occurred tomorrow, I would expect my funeral to cost.....
4. If my death occurred tomorrow, the funeral I want would include.....
5. If my death occurred tomorrow, what I would regret most regarding my final arrangements would be....

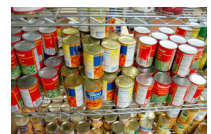
Some printed material will be available, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions

(You may bring a little snack with you!)



HELP STOCK THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Central helps to stock the community food pantry at the department of social services during the month of April. Grocery bags, affixed with a list of needed items, are placed around the church building and in Sunday School classrooms. Please help this community-wide effort.



RADFORD CLOTHING BANK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



With the resignation of our long-time Coordinator, Minnie Dean, the Clothing Bank is in need of more committed volunteers than ever! We are trying to share more responsibilities, so the coordinator does not have to do everything that Minnie has done for so long. We need a:

Publicity Chair to take on responsibility for spreading the word to local publications, social service agencies, churches, etc. on the activities and needs of the Radford Clothing Bank; **Fundraising Chair** to take on responsibility for investigating avenues for additional funds through grants and gifts; **Coordinator**, to share overall coordinating responsibilities with; **One or more Assistant Coordinators** who will negotiate responsibilities with the Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact the Clothing Bank Board President, Thora Jervey, at 639-6611.

RECEPTION FOR DR. MINNIE DEAN

Central's Clothing Bank volunteers are invited to a reception honoring Dr. Minnie Dean for her 15 years of service as Coordinator to the Clothing Bank. The reception will be on Saturday, April 2, 2011, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., at Grace Episcopal Church, 4th and Harvey Streets, Radford. We hope you will come out and show Minnie how much you appreciate all she has done to make the Clothing Bank such an asset to the NRV. You are welcome, but not obligated, to bring a plate of finger food.

You're Invited!

Family Fun Activities

RU

Sunday, March 27th; 2-4pm



Bowling at RU!

YOUTH EVENTS

Friday, March 25-26

Retreat @ Camp Dickenson.

We will leave the church at 4pm and arrive back on Saturday by 9pm.



Sunday, March 27

Christian Skate Night @ Adventure World in Christiansburg

Sunday, May 1

District Youth Rally @ Central

COOKS NEEDED FOR JOSHUA'S MEN



We are looking for volunteers to help provide a meals for Joshua's Men. There are 8 men and they will be meeting during the months of April—November. If you are able to help please call Janie Fisher at 633-0545.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CARE CORNER

March 21, 2011

<p><u>Current Care</u></p> <p><i>Tim Moore</i> <i>Andrew Taylor</i> <i>Becky Ritter</i> <i>Brittany Carter-Barrett</i> <i>Brian Taylor</i> <i>Pat Collins</i> <i>Amy Shelor</i> <i>Christine Barton</i></p> <p><i>Ida Brown</i> (Karen Smith's Grandmother) <i>Patricia Criner</i> <i>Barbara Downey</i> (Tim's Mom) <i>Betty East</i></p>	<p><i>Ron & Sara Goad</i> <i>Juanita Grantham</i> <i>Connie Hoover</i> <i>Jeff Lambert</i> (Tina Cox's Big Brother) <i>Bob McNeel</i> (June Hazelton's brother) <i>Liz Mills</i> <i>Eddie Smallwood</i></p> <p><i>Betty Wilson</i> (Connie Hoover's sister-in-law) <i>Jan Wukich</i></p> <p>A new concern within the last two weeks.</p>	<p><u>Prolonged Care</u></p> <p><i>Sherril Vandyke</i> <i>Charlotte Leslie</i> <i>Mike Dangerfield</i> <i>Bobby Abercrombie</i> ♥<i>Maddox Anderson</i></p> <p><i>Eloise Brown</i> (Sharon Taylor's Sister) <i>Bill Crowe</i> <i>Clyde</i> (Carolyn King's father)</p> <p>A concern that has lasted between two weeks & a couple of months.</p> <p>♥ <i>Indicates - a child</i></p>	<p><u>Constant Care</u></p> <p><i>Walter and Mary Case</i> <i>Troy Hampton</i> <i>Mark Lynch</i> <i>Sherman Collins</i></p> <p>A concern that is ongoing.</p> <p><u>Joyous Praise</u></p>	<p>PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY</p> <p><i>Ryan Haynes</i> Iraq <i>Kerry Keys</i> South Korea <i>Caitlin King</i> South Carolina <i>Isaiah King</i> Hawaii <i>Jordan King</i> Iraq <i>Scylar Woods</i> Afghanistan</p>
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Please contact the church office at 639-3529 or office@centralmethodistchurch.com to give updates, reports of recovery or to move into the next category.