

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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A number of years ago, Joanne Thomas, a social worker for a children's home related the following story of little Daniel to me.

"He was only four years old when he first came to the facility. We were told he couldn't read, write or talk. There was also a problem with his hearing. He would sit in the floor apart from the other children and play by himself with any small object he could find; a piece of string, rounded pebble or ragged cloth. He did this for the next four years and showed little if any aptitude for learning.

One afternoon I noticed a small rolled up piece of paper in his hand as he sat eating supper. At first I thought it was just another object he occupied his play time with until I noticed how tightly he held it in his hand. Dismissing himself from the table he quickly made his way out the front door. I followed him curious over his departure. He walked up to the outside gate and with all his strength tossed the paper over the wall. With a look of accomplishment on his face he turned and skipped back into the house. I quickly ran to the gate and around the fence to see what was in this rolled up paper. Picking it up I unrolled it and found written in crayon were the words, "Won't somebody please love me."

We run into people everyday who's rolled up messages are written on fearful faces, angry dispositions and lonely stares. The mode of communication is always different, the message always the same: "Won't somebody please love me?"

Jesus knew that this was the greatest human need of any generation. The true test of our faith is our ability to fill that vacuum in the empty souls of every man, woman and

child we meet. "It is by your love, that the world will know that you are my disciples." Jesus said. Talk is cheap, actions costly, but that is the price each follower of Jesus must be willing to pay. Have you seen little Daniel lately? If so, are willing to do something about it?

See you Sunday at the place where all us Daniels find what we need the most!

Mike

My dear family in Christ,

As you know my youngest daughter Brittany became a proud mother for the first time back in November. Little Carter is a near perfect baby, full of joy, laughs all the time and seldom cries. Prior to his delivery the doctors discovered a mass inside Brittany that they chose to remove after delivery. Recently Brittany underwent a surgical procedure to remove the mass. Last week she had another procedure to further remove problem areas. Tuesday morning we received the results. Brittany has an extremely rare form of cancer that is difficult to treat. Neither the Mayo Clinic nor Duke University Hospital have much experience dealing with it. As of now we will go to Duke on March 23rd and 24th for consultation. We know that surgery and radiation treatments will be the minimum response... and even with that the prognosis is not good. I write with a heavy heart asking you to remember Brittany and our family in your prayers. I know that God is always eager to listen to the voices of his children and always responds with loving kindness. I know the journey will not be easy, but God knows the rough paths well and will sustain us along the way. I thank God for each of you and cherish our relationships more than you know. Blessings, Peace and Love, Mike

Record of Faithfulness

Attendance	2/27/2011	3/06/2011
Morning Light	101	96
Sunday School	149	155
11:00 am Worship	170	158
Evening Service	16	18
Total Worship	287	272

"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

	02/27/2011	03/06/2011
Needed YTD	79,308	88,120
Received YTD	71,520	84,267
Received Sunday	6,145	12,747
Building Fund	1,335	2,719
Designated Gifts	551	255

Upcoming Volunteer Schedule

Nursery, Sunday, March 13

Shannon & Karla Rodgers, Keith & Kari Fender, Amber & Breanna Hollins

Nursery, Sunday, March 20

Debra Taylor, Marrassa Forrest, Bobby & Barbara Alderman, Brenda Cochran, Austin Dangerfield

Children's Worship, Sunday March 13

Holly Moore, Timmy Harrell

Children's Worship, Sunday March 20

Camille Puckett

Meet and Greet, Sunday March 13

Aldersgate and New Hope

Meet and Greet, Sunday, March 20

GYFT

Wonderful Wednesday Snack Schedule

March 16- Catherine Cox

March 23- Betty Overdorf

LAY SPEAKERS TRAINING



Basic and Advanced Classes in both English and Spanish will be offered at the St. Paul UMC in Wytheville on March 11 - 12, 2011. All ages are welcome to these classes. The Basic Lay Speaking class is a prerequisite for all other classes. Basic and Advanced Classes for Youth and Youth Workers will be offered in Hillsville March 13 and March 20, 2011 at the Out of the Box location. If these dates are inconvenient for you, a Disciple Study, Invitation to the New Testament, will be offered at the St. Paul once weekly, March 17 - May 5, on Thursday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. This class will be led by Wilma Snyder and will carry Advanced Lay Speaker certification credit. We hope that these options will enable all who are interested to participate. Registration fee of \$20.00 will remain the same as last year. Options for childcare are being explored.



Sunday, March 13 @ 3:00-6:00pm- **Lay Speakers Training** at Out of the Box Ministries in Hillsville

Friday, March 18 @ 3:00pm- **Winter Jam 2011**, we will leave the church at 3, bring a snack/drinks to have while waiting in line. The concert is from 5:30-10:00pm. \$10 donation at the door.

Sunday, March 20 @ 3:00-6:00pm- **Lay Speakers Training** at Out of the Box Ministries in Hillsville

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

WANTED

We need your VBS Bible school pictures from last year for the new church directory. If you have any, please bring them to the church **NO LATER THAN THIS SUNDAY, March 13**. Thank you for your help.

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.



What Sunday School means to me...

I've moved five times and have been a member of a variety of churches. This allows me to say with experience that we have a fantastic Sunday School program here at Central. There are classes available for every age, and covering many interests. I myself volunteer in the infant nursery. Mary Simms is in the toddler room. My son Ethan started off with Miss Trudy in the 3/4 yr old class, and now is in the Kindergarten/1st grade room with Miss Kay. Ethan would like me to say that his favorite part of Sunday School here at Central is probably the crafts. His favorite Bible stories so far are Noah's Ark, and David and Goliath. He also likes the story of Saul. We encourage you to look over the selection and join a class here!

Holly and Ethan Moore

WEO's March 17

Join us Thursday, March 17 for WEO's (We Enjoy Others) Bring a dish to share with others and enjoy a fun time of food and fellowship!!!



UMM MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the UMM will be on March 20 at 7:30am in the fellowship hall. Dr. Charles Judy will be our guest speaker. The topic will be the Radford Rehab. Make sure you invite a friend and join us.



THANK YOU



The Music Ministry would like to thank you for your attendance and donations at the Soup luncheon. We raised over \$440 and was able to purchase a new Easter Cantata!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION



Central Methodist Preschool will begin accepting registration for members of Central United Methodist Church for 2011-2012 school year beginning Monday, March 7. Registration for children currently enrolled in the program and their siblings will begin Monday, March 14th, and registration for the general public will begin on Monday, March 21. Registration forms are available in the church office or from one of the preschool

staff. ****Register early...spaces fill up quickly.****

After the winter comes the spring to show us that in everything there's always renewal divinely planned— flawlessly perfect, the work of God's hand. - Helen Steiner Rice



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CARE CORNER

March 8, 2011

Current Care

Brittany Carter-Barrett
Brian Taylor
Pat Collins
Amy Shelor
Christine Barton
Jerry Krebs
Ida Brown
 (Karen Smith's Grandmother)
Patricia Criner
Barbara Downey
 (Tim's Mom)
Betty East
Red Foster
Ron & Sara Goad

Juanita Grantham

Connie Hoover
Jeff Lambert
 (Tina Cox's Big Brother)
Laurie Lambert
 (Tina Cox's Sister)
Bob McNeel
 (June Hazelton's brother)
Liz Mills
Eddie Smallwood
Betty Wilson
 (Connie Hoover's sister-in-law)
Jan Wukich
A new concern within the last two weeks.

Prolonged Care

Sherril Vandyke
Charlotte Leslie
Mike Dangerfield
Bobby Abercrombie
 ♥ *Maddox Anderson*
Eloise Brown
 (Sharon Taylor's Sister)
Bill Crowe
Clyde
 (Carolyn King's father)
A concern that has lasted between two weeks & a couple of months.

♥ *Indicates - a child*

Constant Care

Walter and Mary Case
Troy Hampton
Kerri Henegar's Mother
Mark Lynch
Sherman Collins
A concern that is ongoing.

Joyous Praise
Dr. Irving Elkins (back to work)
Sylvia Lloyd



Ryan Haynes
 Iraq
Kerry Keys
 South Korea
Caitlin King
 South Carolina
Isaiah King
 Hawaii
Jordan King
 Iraq
Scylar Woods
 Afghanistan

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.