

## Senior Snapshot

Have you met this Primetimer? There are plenty of interesting folks that come to our dinners and events, so introduce yourself to someone, like ... **Frances Ross!**



Attending Central: 16 years  
Age: 90

**Q:** "When did you become a Christian?"

**A:** Frances, who just celebrated her 90th birthday on May 4, was saved at the tender age of 11. This retired cafeteria worker has lived in Charlotte for 50 years, but is originally from Baltimore. Her large family lived next door to the church where she grew up. They attended youth service, Sunday School, services, and more. "We were in church pretty much all day!" she says. Frances volunteers as she is able, including helping prepare the Primetime Post to be mailed out!



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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for those who have been ill or had surgery recently:

**Mary Shores**  
**Kathy Dearborn**

And for those who have lost loved ones:

**Lawrence Lueke**  
on the death of his mother  
**Margee Thornton**  
on the death of her sister  
**Michelle Powell-Jones**  
on the death of her brother

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# PRIMETIME POST

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May Dinner Recap

## Right before our eyes and under our noses!

Greetings, dear Primetimers!

Well, as they say in show biz, "That's a wrap!" And what a wrap we had! Having entertainer Bryan Saint on our final program for the Primetimers' 2023-24 season was the proverbial "icing on the cake!" Everyone was wowed as we looked at each other with our mouths hanging open, or smiling and shaking our heads with incredulous looks on our faces, wondering, "How did one little ball turn into four, right in front of us?" Or, "How did a jumbled up Rubik's Cube get solved with a flick of his wrist?" AND how did he turn three Rubik's Cubes, behind the stand-up folder, into just ONE? Surely the two ladies whom Bryan selected to "help" with one of the illusions wondered how he unlatched their watches without their noticing!? Those of us observing from the audience wondered the same thing! His sleight-of-hand was incredible - right in front of our eyes and right under our noses!



Bryan had not performed much of the new program that he shared with us at our May Primetimers' gathering, but we were glad to be his "guinea pigs!" He shared afterwards how grateful he was and admitted that he knows where he needs to tweak a few things, but I dare say, none of us knows what needs tweaked! From the time he was a little boy, Bryan said he has been fascinated by sleight-of-hand and is now a professional in this field, fooling the likes of Penn and Teller on their national television show - twice! Bryan is married to a lovely woman whom he's known since elementary school, and they're the proud parents of a toddler daughter



and a newborn son. Let's pray for Bryan as he brings sunshine and joy into many lives.

Speaking of sunshine, we've had plenty of "liquid sunshine," aka rain, haven't we? But the grass is green, and the flowers are blooming! That certainly puts smiles on our faces. And are you being serenaded at night by cicadas and maybe frogs? Boy, oh boy, we are! It's been a joy watching the birds gather around our bird feeders, and a little humorous watching my husband, Larry, chase the squirrels away. There is always much for which to be thankful, right? Our Lord is worthy of our thanksgiving and praise!

Well, precious Primetimers, until we meet together again, I'll sign off, hoping to see you in church on Sundays! God bless and keep you always, may He make His face shine upon you and grant you His love, joy and peace!

Much love,

*Pam*



P.S. We thank the wonderful staff members and many volunteers who make our monthly gatherings so enjoyable! It's a "well-oiled machine," and we thank God for all of you!





# How does your garden grow?

Summer is a season of bearing fruit and embracing an abundant life. My dad and my father-in-law loved to cultivate a garden. After planting, they took their hoe and chopped away at the weeds that came up near the fresh growth. Because of the lack of weeds, corn, tomatoes, green beans, squash, cucumbers and okra sprouted and popped through the ground.

Nearby, neighbors planted strawberries, and those red, sweet, sun-ripened berries beckoned people to come and pick the overflow because of the bumper crop. Blueberries, watermelons and cantaloupes dotted the green vined hills as each fruit grew.

However, sometimes bad fruit was produced and had to be thrown away. We can compare this bad fruit to non-believers who are dead in sin. Christ's followers should bear good fruit. We cannot produce good spiritual fruit on our own. Only with the working of the Holy Spirit can we bear the mark of a godly life. Our Spiritual gardener is Jesus, and we must spend time with Him daily and we must remain in Him always.

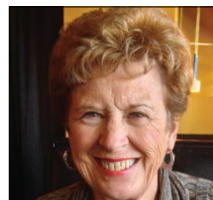
John 15:5 says:  
 "I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing."

When we spend time with the True Vine, the fruits of the Spirit are grown in our lives. This does not come easily, but God is always patient with us. Remember Galatians 5:22-23: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

We can all show kindness by counting others more significant than ourselves. We can only practice goodness when we have true, right and pure thoughts. We need gentleness to build others up instead of tearing them down. God is always faithful to us. We must put God before everything else. We all should seek self-control. We don't have to give into temptation. We can and must be strong.

*Dear Friend,  
 How is your garden growing? Do you have the fruit of the Spirit? Ask God to be the true cultivator of your harvest. Spend time with God in prayer, reading His word, and worship. Your fruit will multiply to others.*

Blessings,  
 Sherry Harris



# It's time for a clean-up!

In order to be good stewards of resources, Central Primetimer Ministry is cleaning up its mailing list! So please consider...

Do you still **want to receive** the *Primetime Post* in the mail? Would you rather receive it by email - or maybe not at all?

If you would like to continue receiving the *Primetime Post* in the mail, let us know by calling Catherine Coltrin at 704-295-6846, or emailing [catherinec@centralnc.org](mailto:catherinec@centralnc.org). If we don't hear from you, we'll take you off the mailing list. Don't worry, you can still pick up a copy in the church lobby, or you can view it on Central's website at [www.centralnc.org/primetimers](http://www.centralnc.org/primetimers).



## Mark your calendar for summer events at Central

### Widow Connection Coffee

Sat., June 15 | 10am | Youth Building Cafe

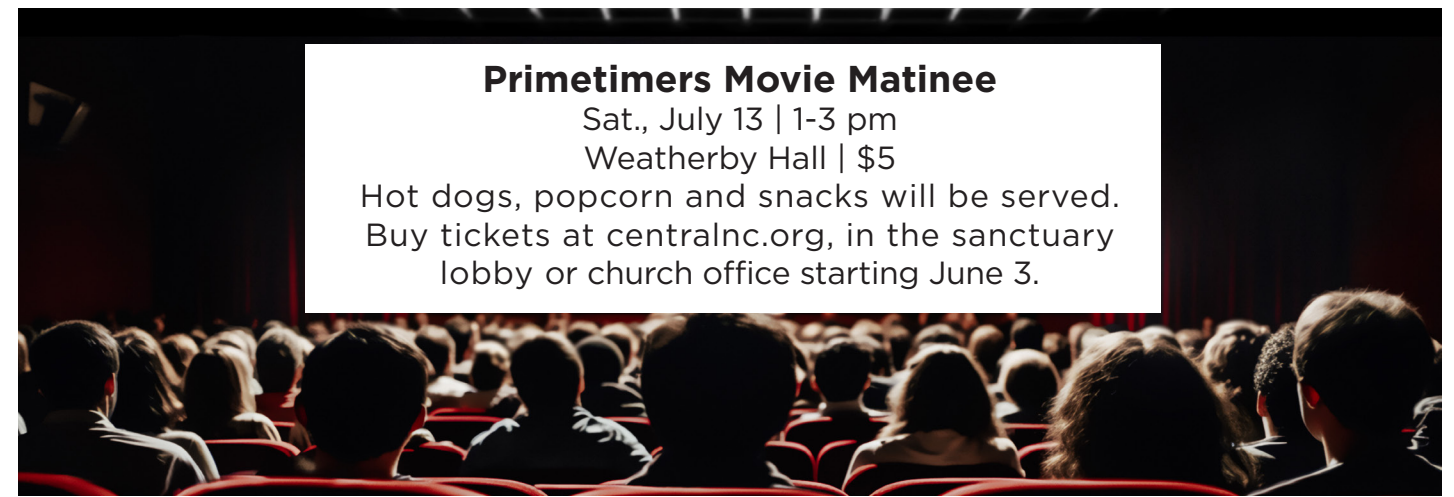
Widows will enjoy a special time of fellowship and prayer. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. The event is free but please register by calling Catherine at 704-295-6846.



### "Major Themes in the Minor Prophets" Wednesday Night Adult Services

June 5, 12, 19, 26 | 7pm | Weatherby Hall

From Amos to Zephaniah, the minor prophets have major things to say about faithfulness, justice, stewardship and repentance - themes still important for us to learn in our own times. During the midweek adult service in June, Central's **Dr. John Smith** will examine these Old Testament writings and connect them with the teachings of Christ.



### Primetimers Movie Matinee

Sat., July 13 | 1-3 pm

Weatherby Hall | \$5

Hot dogs, popcorn and snacks will be served. Buy tickets at [centralnc.org](http://centralnc.org), in the sanctuary lobby or church office starting June 3.