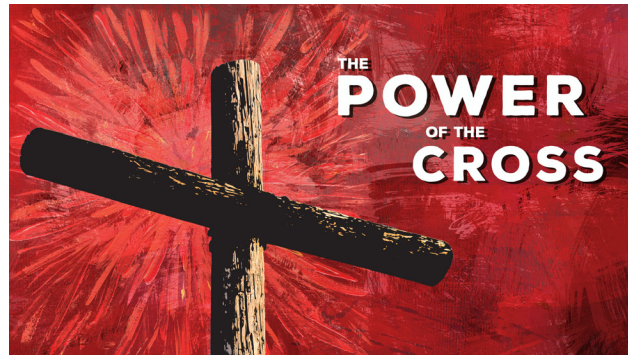


Resurrection Celebrations



"The Power of the Cross"
Sun., April 13 | 8:30am & 10:30am
Charlotte Sanctuary

Celebrate the life-giving power of Jesus Christ's resurrection with affirming music from Central Choir & Orchestra. This year's program will be held during regular service times on Palm Sunday. Join us for amazing music and powerful testimonies of God's grace and power.

Resurrection Sunday Services
Sun., April 20 | 8:30am & 10:30am
Charlotte Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunday is a time to thank Jesus for His sacrifice, which brought YOU life! Hear a message from Pastor Livingston and worship with Central Choir and Orchestra. Overflow parking and seating will be available on this busy day, so please come early - we encourage you to attend the 8:30am service! Adult Life Groups will not meet.



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PRIMETIME POST

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Dinner Recap



The competition was fun and fierce!

Happy Spring Primetimers!

I'm always thankful for the changing of each season and how it brings something new to look forward to. The weather is getting warmer and it's a beautiful sight to see the trees and flowers waking up.

The March Primetimer dinner was a fun night, complete with party foods and it was great to see everyone enjoy the variety of games. From stacking cups and balancing Oreos to toothpick words and Bible story emojis, you were a wonderful audience. Competition got a little fierce when forming words from toothpicks in round 2 and we stumped our competitors on stage with the Bible stories spelled only with phone emojis. It was NEHEMIAH! My personal favorite was putting shaving cream on the shower caps donned by Margie Benzmilller and John Rhodes and watching cheese puffs get tossed at them to see how many would stick. Margie and John, you displayed excellent sportsmanship and were gracious to allow us to enjoy much laughter. A merry heart does good, like medicine! We ran out of time for Bingo, but I promise we will bring it back another time. Something to look forward to!

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to the Redemption Run 5K and hope some of you will challenge Dreama Nutter this year! She's our reigning Primetimer winner for several years in a row. For those who don't run but want to show support, the Redemption Ride

may be more your speed, where you can get a T-shirt and enjoy a ride around the race route in a fun classic vehicle. As we tackle the issues of human trafficking and addiction, we are bringing the saving redemption of Jesus around the world. Joins us on Saturday, March 29!



April 1 is the next Primetimer Dinner and will feature amazing talent. I still have a few slots open, so let me know if you have an amazing talent to share!

Blessings to each of you,
Catherine Coltrin

The Power of Praise

Recently I went on a long trip and the time change of about three hours made me very tired. Early the next morning on my way to church, I was not feeling well but I knew I would be blessed if I could just focus on Jesus. When I sat down in my seat, I began to open my heart to the Lord. As the choir began to sing, my heart was soft and receptive to the Holy Spirit. My mind did not wander as I began to praise God, thanking Him for His many blessings.

Within minutes my tiredness disappeared, and I was renewed as I sang to the Lord. I remembered that Paul and Silas when they were imprisoned forced themselves to forget about their circumstances and they began to sing praises to God in the night. Suddenly the prison doors were opened and bonds were broken. Praising God released them!

“But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God,

and the prisoners were listening to them; and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison house were shaken and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.” Acts 16:25- 26

Praise and worship of God are acts of our will. We have to *choose* to praise Him, even when we don’t feel like it. When we dwell on negative thoughts or how bad we feel we are turning all our focus on ourself. However, when we look around and see our many daily blessings we are overwhelmed by God’s goodness to us. When I feel down, I force myself to turn my thoughts to God and begin to think of others and their needs. Then my problems seem little compared to many of my friends and I think of ways to bless others. When we make an effort to establish praise as a way of life, our first reaction is easy because we are reminded that God’s faithfulness is to be trusted. He will take care of us and never leave or forsake us.

Dear Friend,
Are you struggling with negative emotions, anger, unforgiveness, fear, hurt, depression or worthlessness? Turn it around and thank God that He is bigger than our problems. Thank Him that in our weak areas of life, He is strong. Thank Him that He can restore you, and give you a voice of praise. Thank Him that He is your Healer and Provider. Sing and speak praises to God. The more you open up your heart, the more you can receive peace and joy in Christ.



Blessings,
Sherry Harris

Recipe Highlight: Cabbage Casserole



Enjoy this recipe courtesy of Primetimer **Ruth Colvin!** It's an old-fashioned side dish: creamy veggies with a buttery, crunchy topping, which pairs well with all kinds of entrees, including your holiday ham!

- 1 small head of cabbage, roughly chopped
- 1½ teaspoons of salt
- 1 large Vidalia onion, thinly sliced
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1½ sticks of butter
- 1 cup finely grated cheddar cheese
- 1 large sleeve of Ritz crackers, crumbled

Spread the cabbage evenly in a 9 x 13 casserole dish. Add salt on top of the cabbage. Spread the slices of Vidalia onion on top of the cabbage.

In a separate bowl, mix together the can of soup, mayonnaise, and a half stick of the butter, melted. Spoon the mixture on top of the cabbage - do not stir it into the cabbage.

To make the topping, mix together one stick of melted butter, cheese, and large sleeve of crumbled Ritz crackers. Sprinkle it on top of the casserole.

BAKE at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Mark Your Calendar for Primetimers' Events

• Primetimers' Dinner

April 1, 6pm | \$10 | Weatherby Hall

Central's got talent, and Primetimers can see it on display! This will be a fun talent show evening featuring fun food and fellowship.

• Primetimers' Dinner

May 6 | \$10 | Weatherby Hall

This dinner will featuring everyone's favorite Barney Fife impersonator, Larry DeLawder.

• Widow Connection Coffee: June 14, Free

For information and registration for these events, go to www.centralinc.org.



Prayer Requests

“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”
James 5:15-16

Please remember the following in prayer:

Health issues - Melody White, Kay & Del Smith

Also pray for Pastor & Sandra Livingston, Central Church staff