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Rev. Rob Holifield

Senior Pastor

As we enter February, the thing about the church calendar that stands out is Lent begins in the middle of February. Ash Wednesday is February the 14. Did you get that? Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's day! I have been looking at that and talking with our team about it for months. I have been wondering if there is something we could do to commemorate both? Should we have multiple times to get ashes so that people could also go on Valentine dates? Should we come up with a new greeting card that mixes both of them in a nice package. Or should we try to ignore that Valentine's is happening on this holy solemn day?

I think it is important to try to see what lesson we might learn from both holidays being on the same day. One that commemorates the solemn season of repentance and humility to prepare ourselves for Easter. The other was declared in 496 by Pope Gelasius I of Rome to honor St. Valentine. There are several legends about St. Valentine and they have in common either brotherly love or sweetheart love. Even though the tone and focus of the holidays seem very different, isn't it pretty awesome though?

Why is it awesome? Because I believe the beginning of Lent teaches us something very important about love. The basis for being able to love someone comes from a humble right relationship with God. Valentine's focuses on the excitement, the mystery and even the cheesiness of love. But if those Valentine relationships are going to be all that they can be each person needs to love Jesus as their number one. In Christ we learn what love really is and in a relationship with Jesus, we are given through the Holy Spirit the ability to love well. This means loving when it is hard to love. Loving when things have changed. Loving even when you are not feeling loved.

The list of ways to love could go on and on. But the important thing is that what happens to us through the journey of Lent leads us into a deeper relationship with Christ. This deeper relationship will help us love better in all our relationships. So how about a Valentine's date made up of dinner provided by our youth followed by Ash Wednesday Service with ashes upon your head. That is how you bring the Valentine's heart together with the cross of Christ!

And Don't Forget..... You Matter To God
Pastor Rob

Dear Recap,

I did not start Bible recap on January 1st, but I want to jump in now! Whenever I start the plan on the You Version Bible app, it starts Day One on the current date. How can I start the program so that the first reading date is January 1? I want to be able to be on the same reading schedule as Central Rogers UMC.

Sincerely, Wanting to start now!

THE BIBLE RECAP ADVICE CORNER

Dear Wanting to start now,

It's no problem at all and it's great you want to jump in with Central Roger's reading plan. It does take a few steps on your phone or tablet. Here is what you do: If you have The Bible Recap plan on your You Version Bible app, leave this plan. You are able to LEAVE THE PLAN by pressing the three dots in the upper right corner and choosing this option in the drop down menu. Now go to the SETTINGS on your phone or tablet. Find Date and Time (which is normally under General Management), but if you can't find it you can simply search your settings for "date and time". Find the Automatic date and time setting and turn OFF. Set the date as January 1, 2024. Go back to the You Version Bible app and reload The Bible Recap plan and push START PLAN. It should show Day One and January 1st. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT! Go back to your Date and Time in Setting and turn ON the Automatic date and time. This should get you started on the same time frame as Central Rogers. If you have missed a few days or many days, just jump in on the date you are beginning. It will show you've missed days, but you are right were you need to be!

Sincerely, Recap



Gravity

YOUTH MINISTRIES

2024 came in with a BOOM – or maybe just snow and ice! In spite of all the weather and adjustments, January was awesome! We kicked off Confirmation 2024 with a retreat. Over the next few months, please join in praying for our 19 students and 19 mentors going through the Confirmation journey. Check out the image below for names of students and mentors to be in prayer for.

We also kicked off our Sunday night with a challenge that will bring us through the middle of February – Bigger, Better, Best. Each life group was given the exact same item, and their challenge for the next four weeks is to trade it for something bigger, better, and the best. Trades will continue until Feb. 18, where they will unveil their final trade and see which life group wins a fun outing for their group! So watch out, you may be asked to make a trade with our students

Don't forget to join us before the Ash Wednesday Service on Feb. 14th for our Annual Oh My Pancakes! Fundraiser. We will start serving pancakes at 5p, and all proceeds benefit our summer mission trip with Ozark Mission Project to West Memphis.

As we kick off Lent this month, be sure to mark your calendar for Pray.Gravity kicking off in March! Pray.Gravity is a 31-day prayer movement, where we the body of Central, are praying for our students.

Please pray for our 2024 Confirmation students and their mentors as they journey together through Confirmation.

STUDENT	MENTOR
LIZ ANDERSON	JANE OLIVER
COLIN CARTER	JR. SHAW
ALEX CLOPPER	ROBBIE LUSK
RANEY COOPER	MIKAYLA GARVER
MAX EMERY	TONY MCCULLOUGH
MOLLY FERGUSON	JAMIE MCFEETERS
EVAN GIBBY	MARK ANDERSON
CASON HOPPER	RICK JONES
WILL JOHNSTON	DAVIS SPRAGG
ADALYN JONES	BARBARA JONES
HANNAH McSALL	ABBY MCCULLOUGH
AVA PADILLA	LINDA MCANNALLY
GRAYSON REYNOLDS	JOE LAMBERT
MATT ROWLAND	KYLE BARLOW
CALEB SECKER	MITCHELL LLOYD
JOHN RYLEE SHEARN	DAVID DINAN
ETHAN STEVENS	GREG SPRAGG
BRECKEN SWANSON	RUSTY TURNER
RYLEE ULRICH	KELSI HERRINGTON

ENJOY A STACK BEFORE THE ASH WEDS. SERVICE!



Oh My Pancakes!
Weds. Feb. 14
serving starts at 5p

Donations support our Gravity Ozark Mission Project Summer Mission Trip!

Pray.Gravity
"WHEN YOU CALL ON ME, WHEN YOU COME AND PRAY TO ME, I'LL LISTEN."
JEREMIAH 29:12

Join us in March for a 31-day prayer movement, where we, the community of Central, are committed to intentionally pray for Gravity students throughout the entire month!

Join us for...

OZARK MISSION PROJECT
MISSION TRIP 2024
June 25-28

Put it on your calendar!
Registration opens SOON!



@GravityYouthMinistries



KIDS

Ministries



YOUNG DISCIPLES

This semester, our Young Disciples will be joining in on the fun of Bible Recap with the rest of our church family. Each week, we will look at a new God Shot and Disciple's Trait and an Old Testament character that God used for His big plan! We will also rehearse and prepare a play, The Bible in 30 Minutes...or Less, to share with our congregation in March.

THE BIBLE IN 30 MINUTES....OR LESS! BY ANTON

The entire Bible in thirty minutes or less -- just like the title promises. Led by an ambitious narrator, this energetic and hilarious play opens with the Book of Genesis and runs right through the Book of Revelation. Meet over 100 Biblical characters, famous and obscure, all at breakneck speed. Can this feat be completed in its allotted time? Grab your watch and find out!

HELP WANTED!

We are looking for excited volunteers to help assist and lead on Wednesday nights. If you are interested in learning more about our Young Disciple's and Wednesday Nite Live programming, please contact Mollie Armour at marmour@centralrogers.com

GALENTINE'S TEA

Save the date for the Galentine's Tea! Central Women's Board and Children's Ministry would like to invite our young ladies, preschool through 5th grade, to attend a special tea party modeled after our Women's Gala. Join us for this exciting event on February 10th at 10:30AM. If you and a little one(s) in your life would like to attend, please RSVP by emailing Mollie Armour at marmour@centralrogers.com.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: WOW

A 4-Week Series from the Gospels on Jesus' Miracles.

SERIES OVERVIEW:

Whether it's a rocket car powered by soda and mints or a tornado in a water bottle, there's so much in our world that can fill us with awe. The world of STEM is full of things that look like little miracles, but they're nothing compared to the miracles God can perform. In this four-week series, kids will take a look at some of the miracles that Jesus performed during his ministry. Through stories showing the power of Jesus, they'll no doubt go, Wow! Jesus has the power to heal, to calm our fears, to provide, and to save.

NEW MEMBERS



Central had the opportunity to welcome new members at the Contemporary service this past Christmas Eve! What a wonderful way to end the amazing Advent season we shared together!

- Brittany Craig joined from another denomination. Her previous church was Rehoboth Baptist Church in Claremore, OK. Brittany is part of the Food and Beverage Division of Tyson Foods. Brittany's son Neal Anderson (pictured) joined his mother as a preparatory member of Central. Brittany and Neal live in Rogers.



- Harry and Carolyn Tommey joined by transfer of membership from First Methodist Church of Fort Smith in Ft Smith, AR. Both Harry and Carolyn are retired. Harry was previously an educator. They are joining a son and his family (Kyle and Sheena Barlow) as active members of the church. The Tommeys live in Bella Vista.



- Justin and Laurelin Van Hoose joined by transfer of membership from First UMC in Bentonville, AR. Justin is a pilot for FedEx and Laurelin is an occupational therapist for Enhabit Home Health. Justin and Laurelin's sons, Harp and Bo (pictured) joined their parents as preparatory members of Central. The Van Hoose family live in Bentonville.

"HAVE FAITH" WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The "Have Faith" from Extraordinary Women will be taking place on March 1-2 in Tulsa Oklahoma (at the Mabee Center). If you are interested in joining a group of women from Central UMC, please contact Carole Baker. Speakers this year include Tim Tebow, Chonda Pierce, Joni Lamb and music by Casting Crowns! More information about the conference and additional speakers can be found on <https://www.ewomen.net/tulsa-ok-2024/>



HELLO
MY NAME IS

Hello
my name is

NEED A NEW NAME BADGE?

One of the easiest ways to welcome others and build community is to wear your name tag! Name tags are available for all adult members of the Central family. If you have lost yours or possibly run it through the laundry (it happens often), please see Angel Shaw or Carole Baker to get a new one printed. Let's kick off the new year with a "resolution" to wear our name tags so we can meet and greet someone new!

EVENSONG

SUNDAY, FEB 25

4:30PM

ON THE JOURNEY

with Jesus

FEATURING
THE CHANCEL CHOIR



GUEST
ORGANIST



ERNEST
WHITMORE

Our next Evensong
will be: April 28
with **Jan Fulford**

A
note

from

Angel



As we begin 2024 this is a good time to remind everyone how important it is to sign in during the worship service. As the Administrative Assistant, I want to thank everyone again for helping us stay connected to our members, regular non-members, guests and visitors, by signing in on the Attendance Pads, or online, every Sunday! This is how we know who is here and who has been absent. If someone has been absent for several weeks we reach out to see if they need prayer or help, or maybe they're just on vacation!

We are still implementing our new church software system, SimpleChurch, that keeps membership records and attendance. This is helpful for the Membership Secretary to complete reports for our church and the Conference. It is also very helpful for our new visitors when they fill out all their contact information! We can contact them and offer a welcome to answer any questions they may have about Central. One more advantage is if members have any changes to their contact information, such as address, phone, email, status or other, this is a great place to notate it, so your profile is up to date, and you won't miss out on all the great things happening in our church! You can also call the church office if you need to update your church profile and speak with the Membership Secretary. Thank you again for helping us stay connected to each other and to Christ.

Angel Shaw, Admin Assistant & Membership Secretary

Begins Wednesday, January 10

WED. NITE LIVE

THEME & MENU 5:30PM

January 10

Sliding into the New Year - Ham & Cheese Sliders

January 17

I Have a Dream (MLK Day) - Meatloaf

January 24

White Out - Alfredo Pasta

January 31

Ground Hog Day - Pulled Pork Sandwiches

February 7

Super Bowl Celebration - Wings & Nachos

February 14

Ash Wednesday - Pancakes

February 21

Barbie Night - Barbeque

February 28

Leap into Spring - Spring Roll in a Bowl

March 6

Spring Training - Corn Dogs

March 13

St. Patrick's Day - Baked Potato Bar

It is our desire that the offerings on Wednesday night will give you a chance to refocus on Jesus. A meal is served to encourage you to form community with Christian friends. We offer classes, choir practice, space for small groups to meet, as well as Teen and Kid programming.

CLASSES & GROUPS 6:00PM

Book of Acts

Facilitator: Rev. Rob Holifield & Katie Emery

Disciple I

Facilitator: Carole Baker & Molly Pickering

Disciple II

Facilitator: Randy Godsey

Sacraments: Means of Grace

Facilitator: Clay Cutten

The Bible Miniseries

Facilitator: Amy Penny

Grief Share

Facilitator: Alyse Fulton

Chancel Choir

Director: John W. Beall

Gravity Midweek (6th - 12th Grade)

With Lucy Swanson

Young Disciples (Preschool - Elementary)

With Mollie Armour

Nursery (6 weeks - 2 years)

VOLUNTEER

We are always looking for people to volunteer - no matter the age! If you have a heart for hospitality, decorating, cooking, or serving - we have a spot for you! Please contact Carole Baker, Director of Connections, for all volunteer opportunities.

February

7th	Wed. Nite Live	5:30p, Atrium
9th	Gravity Guys Night	
10th	Galentine's Tea	
11th	Confirmation Luncheon	
14th	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00p, Sanctuary
14th	LENT BEGINS	
21st	Wed. Nite Live	5:30p, Atrium
23-25	Veritas (Gravity Youth Event)	Ft. Smith, AR
25	Church Wide Prayer	
25	Evensong	
28	Wed. Nite Live	5:30p, Atrium

Read with Us

FEBRUARY



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1-Feb Exodus 7-9 Day 32	2-Feb Exodus 10-12 Day 33	3-Feb Exodus 13-15 Day 34
4-Feb Exodus 16-18 Day 35	5-Feb Exodus 19-21 Day 36	6-Feb Exodus 22-24 Day 37	7-Feb Exodus 25-27 Day 38	8-Feb Exodus 28-29 Day 39	9-Feb Exodus 30-32 Day 40	10-Feb Exodus 33-35 Day 41
11-Feb Exodus 36-38 Day 42	12-Feb Exodus 39-40 Day 43	13-Feb Leviticus 1-4 Day 44	14-Feb ASH WEDNESDAY Leviticus 5-7 Day 45	15-Feb Leviticus 8-10 Day 46	16-Feb Leviticus 11-13 Day 47	17-Feb Leviticus 14-15 Day 48
18-Feb Leviticus 16-18 Day 49	19-Feb Leviticus 19-21 Day 50	20-Feb Leviticus 22-23 Day 51	21-Feb Leviticus 24-25 Day 52	22-Feb Leviticus 26-27 Day 53	23-Feb Numbers 1-2 Day 54	24-Feb Numbers 3-4 Day 55
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