Music to celebrate the joy of the season

"Come Behold Him"
Sat., Dec. 12 | 2pm & 5pm
Central Church Sanctuary



Central Choir and Orchestra's Christmas presentation features music to worship the newborn King, and the Everlasting Savior! This is a great opportunity to invite friends, neighbors and family to hear the best news ever. Doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance. No tickets are required to attend.

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PRIMETIME POST

Dinner Recap

Something to be thankful for: God's divine redemption!

Dear Primetimers,

Happy November! The crisp weather is a welcomed change, the colorful leaves are absolutely beautiful, and with daylight saving time in effect, the season is in full swing. We'll blink and it'll be Thanksgiving!

A full busload of Primetimers recently returned from the bi-annual trip to Pennsylvania to sightsee and enjoy the story of Joshua at Sight and Sound Theatre. What a powerful production! The actors truly bring the Bible to life in front of you. We were reminded of the redeeming power of God, and how great blessing flows from obedience. "Be strong and courageous!" "Fear the Lord." "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." God is so good!







The November Primetimers' Dinner was overflowing with guests who enjoyed the music and testimony of Chris Smith. Chris was raised at Central, (Dad and Mom are Jack and Gail Smith) and played in the youth worship band, but after school he strayed from the Lord. Chris is truly a miracle, and we thank God for all He has done to deliver Chris from a former lifestyle of addiction that was leading him down a path of destruction. We know and see the power of prayer and are thankful for rehabilitation ministries like Renew in Columbia SC, who helped guide Chris back to Jesus - and back to Central. He closed the evening singing a crowd favorite – "Homesick for Heaven." Our hearts long for that day when we go to our heavenly home!

We look forward to seeing you at our final events of 2026: Preparing sympathy baskets Dec. 1-2 (contact me if you're interested in assembling them at the church); enjoying the Christmas dinner on Dec. 1 (already sold out) and the Widow Connection brunch on Dec. 5.

You all are truly a joy, and we are so THANKFUL for you!

Blessings,
Catherine Coltrin



Count Your Blessings

Simple Things Add Up To a Joyful Life

When I was growing up, my family would attend the Wednesday night Prayer and Praise service at our church. Members would stand and give their testimonies of how God had blessed them during the past week. It was inspiring, and their stories gave the congregation the opportunity praise God.

On the way home in the car, my sibling and I would count cows, cars, and animals along the way just to pass the time. One night my mother suggested we start counting our blessing from the song, "Count Your Blessings." We eagerly starting counting as we sang the song:

"When upon life's billow
you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count you many blessings,
name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
what the Lord has done.
Count your blessings; Name them one by one,
Count your many blessings,
See what God has done!"

We marveled at all the things God had blessed us with daily, such as waking us up, getting a good test grade, my brother scoring a touchdown in the football game, getting a part in the school play, having plenty of food to eat, a warm bed, and even with chores to do, giving us a sense of accomplishment. This experience has given me strength when life turned up with many disappointments. When we voice our gratitude, the sadness of our circumstances is lifted and misery fades. Joy is released in our heart. I realized that God was giving me daily blessings that I did not even think about. This gave me peace in the midst of trouble and renewed my hope.

Philippians 4:6 says: "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Dear Friend,
Are you downtrodden and disappointed?
Do you think no one cares? God loves you!
If you believe in Jesus, confess your sins,
ask for forgiveness, and He will forgive you!
Trust that Jesus died and rose again to save you, and rejoice! You have eternal life and a home in heaven. Focus on all the simple daily blessings God gives you. Give Him praise and you will realize good things are happening in your life.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good! For His mercy
endures forever."
Psalm 107:1



Sherry Harris



Primetimers: On the Road Again!

About 50 Primetimers recently took a two-day fall road trip to Lancaster, Pa., to tour Amish country and see a performance of "Joshua" at the Sight & Sound theater. The group is always planning some fun events, so email Catherine at catherinec@centralnc.org to be placed on the mailing list and keep up with what's going on!



Take Your Holiday Cookies for a Dip

Pam Macaluso suggested this different approach to your traditional Christmas cookie plans. This "cookie dip" blends into the consistency of icing to top off gingersnaps, vanilla wafers, sugar cookies and more. Because, at this time of year, how much sugar is too much?



GINGERBREAD COOKIE DIP

16-oz can pumpkin puree (not pie mix)
Two 8-oz blocks of cream cheese, softened
3 cups powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons cinnamon

Whip the softened cream cheese with a mixer. Gradually mix in sugar and remaining ingredients. Chill; serve with cookies.