

THE Challenger

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#EasterAtCentralWR



PALM SUNDAY | *April 14* | **9 & 10:30a**

**PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN FAMILY LUNCH
& EGG HUNT** | *April 14* | **12:00p** (*registration required*)

GOOD FRIDAY | *April 19* | **6:30p**

EASTER SUNDAY | *April 21* | **9 & 10:30a**

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Spring is Here!

by Rev. Stephen Byrd, Lead Pastor

What a beautiful time of the year! I know every season offers something special that brings us great joy and blessing and that we all have our favorite. But there is just something extra special about Spring. Especially against the backdrop of winter, Spring's arrival is most spectacular and most welcomed!

As I write this, I can look out the window, and see the trees coming back to life, budding, and spreading their life-given pollen everywhere. EVERYWHERE! The grass is a beautiful shade of green. The boxwoods are covered with new growth and look so healthy. The azaleas have started to bloom. The bees are buzzing around the holly bushes. The birds seem to be excited as well and extra playful as they make plans for new additions to their little family. Although, I really wish they wouldn't choose to start their family by nesting on the top of the column on my back porch. Come on little birdies...give me a break!

But Spring is more than just a changing of the seasons. As nature begins to awaken all around us, it also speaks to us, testifying with great clarity the glory and majesty of our Creator God. [Job 12:7-9] And it provides us the opportunity to join in that chorus as we too offer up praise to our Heav-

enly Father who "made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of Heaven and Earth...He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else." [Acts 17:23-25] So, in the end, Spring is not only a time to celebrate new life, but it is especially time to celebrate the giver of life and His handiwork through creation.

The greatest "come to life" that we rejoice in during Spring happens at Easter time when we celebrate the resurrection

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Whoever believes in me,
though he die, yet shall he live..."
John 11:25*

of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Crucified, buried, and raised on the third day, Jesus gave His life to give us life! As we believe on His name, our sins are forgiven, our hearts are reconciled to the Father, and the gift of eternal life is secured. Blessed be His name!

I hope that you will join us every Sunday this Spring and especially on Easter Sunday as we celebrate Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ — the giver of life! ■

A New Chapter

by Dr. Bob Dilks,

Associate Pastor, Member Care

Now may the God of peace...equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working *in us* that which is pleasing *in his sight*, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20a and v. 21

In April of 2013 I received an invitation to come and serve at Central Baptist in the area of Pastoral Ministry — now called Member Care. I was eager to come to my home church in this ministry role. The Lord used this verse to confirm this decision: Isaiah 30:21 — *"This is the way; walk in it."*

We said "Yes" to the Lord. Babs retired from teaching and I retired from 31 years of service with the International Mission Board. We moved to Warner Robins and began the ministry the Lord had for us here on September 1, 2013.

On March 20 in the Midweek Worship service I announced my decision to **retire** from this role of ministry at Central Baptist Church. The effective date of this decision will be **June 28, 2019**.

The need for this decision became very obvious to me late last summer. Repeatedly last fall I took my thoughts and feelings to the Lord to make sure HE was planting this deci-

sion in my heart. HE is at work driving me to complete this chapter of ministry.

I sense the same counsel from Scripture in retiring that I did in coming: Isaiah 30:21 — *"This is the way; walk in it."*

In the first week of December I informed Pastor Stephen of my decision. He and I have enjoyed a wonderful working and personal relationship over the two years of his ministry at Central Baptist.

There is not a single negative reason for which I am retiring. There is not a single internal problem among our staff or within our church body for which I am retiring.

I have been in full-time Christian ministry for almost 41 years. I am humbly thankful to the Lord for sustaining me in this journey. I am 66. It is very clear to me that I am to spend much more time in ministry to and with my family.

Babs and I will remain in Warner Robins. We will remain members at Central and find our appropriate channels of service at the right time. I do seek your prayer in this transition for us.

With gratitude and prayer for each of you! ■

April 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:00 pm Helping Hands 5:30-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00-8:30 pm Camping & Backpacking Class (3rd Floor) 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School 5:30-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 7:00 pm JoyBells 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class 9:15-11:45 am Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm Ladies Spring Dinner (FLC) 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30-8:30 pm Adult & Youth Volleyball (Gym) 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 pm Student Parent Meeting (FLC) 4:00-6:00 pm DivorceCare & DC4K 4:00-6:00 pm GriefShare 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00-8:30 pm Camping & Backpacking Class Begins (3rd Floor) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 7:00 pm JoyBells (Last Rehearsal of Season) 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class 9:15-11:45 am Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am Women on Mission 6:00-9:00 pm Home Ministry Volunteers Dinner 	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
14 PALM SUNDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 pm Preschool & Children Family Lunch & Egg Hunt 4:00-6:00 pm GriefShare 4:30 pm Deacons Mtg 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer GAMES 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer GAMES 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l Bible Study 4:45-8:30 pm Mid-Week at Central /Church Conference 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Int'l Reading Class 10:00 am Sunshine PS Easter Egg Hunt (Pavilion) 	19 GOOD FRIDAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 pm Good Friday Service 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am-1:00 pm Upward Soccer GAMES
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28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:00 am Senior Adult Appreciation Breakfast 5:00-7:00 pm Starting Point 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 am -12:00 pm Int'l English School 5:00-7:30 pm Upward Soccer Practice 	<p><i>"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him..."</i></p> <p><i>~ Mark 16:6</i></p>			

- Regular Activities**
- SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**
- 9:00 am.....Sunday School / Life Groups Worship
 - 10:30 amSunday School / Life Groups Worship
 - 4:00-6:00 pm ..DivorceCare & DC4K Grief Share
- WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES**
- 4:45-6:00 pm ..Fellowship Meal
 - 5:30 pmPrayer Time
 - 6:00 pmM&Ms
 - 6:15 pmTethered (Students) Mid-Week Worship Bible Study Classes
 - 7:15 pmChoir & Orchestra Rehearsal

Welcome to the Family!

- By Letter:**
- Brenda McCranie
 - Joshua Smith
 - Megan Smith
 - William Sharts
 - Grant Fossum
 - Thelma Fossum
 - Glenn Morgan
 - Shannan Morgan
 - Greg Custer
 - Kate Custer
- Profession of Faith:**
- Kailee Steward
 - Kaeli Smith
 - Landon Smith

BAPTISM SUNDAY

APRIL 7

If you are interested in being baptized, please call the church office 953-9319 and one of our pastors will contact you.

What Matters Most

Ladies Spring Dinner

Thursday, April 4

6:30 pm

Family Life Center



Featuring: **Karen Ehman**
Proverbs 31 Ministries

Tickets \$20

ON SALE SUNDAYS in the Lobby!

Childcare is not provided.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE STORIES FROM SCRIPTURE

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OUR CHURCH GOAL:
\$45,000

Week of Prayer for
North American Missions:
April 14-21

Central 5-0

April 25 | 11:00 am

Featured Musical Guest:

Jeff Cleghorn

Children & Preschool Easter

LUNCH & EGG HUNT

APRIL 14 at 12:00 pm

Lunch in the Gym
Egg Hunt Following Outside

For families with children age 6th grade & under.
Registration required. Go to: www.centralwr.com