



As our community recovers from the recent tornado damage, we want to invite you to a special night of Prayer and Praise led by worship musicians and vocalists from our Contemporary Praise Team and our Chancel Choir. Join us in the Sanctuary @5:00pm on Sunday June 30th. Childcare will be available. We will lift our hands and voices in song. We will bend our hearts and knees in prayer.



NOTES:

As Solomon prays over the temple we pray for reconciliation and renewal. As we remember God's promises and faithfulness we rededicate ourselves to personal faithfulness.



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June 16, 2024

# WORSHIP

## 8:15AM - COMMUNION

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 \*Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)  
 \*The Collect  
 \*Passing the Peace  
 \*Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)  
 \*Gloria Patri (UMH 70)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Offertory  
 \*Doxology  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Holy Communion  
 \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Wonderful Words of Life (UMH 600)  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

## 10:20AM - TRADITIONAL

Prelude  
 Welcome  
 \*Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (UMH 139)  
 \*The Collect  
 \*Passing the Peace  
 Children's Moment  
 Scripture Reading: I Kings 8:56-61 (NRSV)  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 Lesson 2  
 \*Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)  
 \*Gloria Patri (UMH 70)  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Special Music: The Prayer Perfect (Oley Speaks)  
 Offertory  
 \*Doxology (UMH 95)  
 \*Hymn of Thanksgiving: Wonderful Words of Life (UMH 600)  
 \*Benediction  
 Postlude

## 10:30AM - CONTEMPORARY

Welcome  
 I Believe  
 Honey In The Rock  
 Christ Be Magnified  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 The Lord's Prayer  
 Children's Moment  
 Offering Moment  
 Good Plans  
 Message - Rev. Rob Holifield  
 Firm Foundation (He Won't)  
 Benediction

# SCRIPTURE

1 KINGS 8:56-61

"Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised; not one word has failed of all his good promise that he spoke through his servant Moses. 57 The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our ancestors; may he not leave us or abandon us, 58 but incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances that he commanded our ancestors. 59 Let these words of mine, with which I pleaded before the Lord, be near to the Lord our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, 60 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other. 61 Therefore devote yourselves completely to the Lord our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."

# PRAY

Mourning:

- Curtis Hedberg, a church member and esteemed local physician.
- With Natalie Green and family in the loss of her aunt, Kathleen Huber Garvin.
- With Liz Lusk's family in the loss of her cousin, Margaret Linn.

Praying for:

- Clay and Lisa Cutten, for emotional healing after the loss of their home in the tornadoes.
- Amanda Douthit, a supervisor for Central Child Care, as she recovers from rotator cuff surgery.
- Jayne Kuhn's neighbor, Eric Garcia, who is recovering from open heart surgery.
- Nora's grandpa, Ron, that God would be with him and bless him.
- Linda Fish, as she is healing from surgery after breaking her wrist.
- Ryan Kearbey and his wife, Kim, and their family, as Ryan has had sudden severe heart health issues that led to the discovery of a congenital heart defect.
- Bob McMurtrey, as he adjusts to his stim machine implant, that it would provide pain relief and freedom of movement.
- Alice Grams' grandson, Nicholas Buchelli, for back healing.
- Alice Grams' friend's grandson and wife, Jesse and Renee Pointer, who were injured in the tornado in Gentry.
- George Rhoads, as he recovers after surgery in Little Rock.
- Patty Joy's brother, Bill New, who is in possible liver failure after decades of successful health with a transplant.
- Bob and Linda Mayhew, as Bob continues to recover after his stem cell transplant.
- Mike McClure, who is healing from surgery following a serious e-bike accident.
- Our church members and neighbors who have suffered storm damage, for God's provision and mercy as they clean up or build and grieve.
- Vacation Bible School this week, with gratitude for all of our volunteers and leaders, for the children of our community, and prayers for Jesus to work in and through us to build His Kingdom.



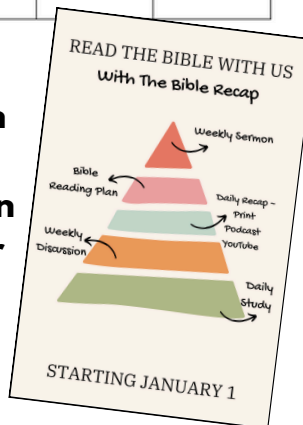
We are excited to share that in 2024 we will have one sermon series for the whole year, and we will be reading through the whole Bible together using a specific reading plan.

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1-Jun Song of Songs 1-8 Day 153
2-Jun Proverbs 1-3 Day 154	3-Jun Proverbs 4-6 Day 155	4-Jun Proverbs 7-9 Day 156	5-Jun Proverbs 10-12 Day 157	6-Jun Proverbs 13-15 Day 158	7-Jun Proverbs 16-18 Day 159	8-Jun Proverbs 19-21 Day 160
9-Jun Proverbs 22-24 Day 161	10-Jun 1 Kings 5-6 2 Chronicles 2-3 Day 162	11-Jun 1 Kings 7 2 Chronicles 4 Day 163	12-Jun 1 Kings 8 2 Chronicles 5 Day 164	13-Jun 2 Chronicles 6-7 Psalm 136 Day 165	14-Jun Psalm 134, 146-150 Day 166	15-Jun 1 Kings 9 2 Chronicles 8 Day 167
16-Jun Proverbs 25-26 Day 168	17-Jun Proverbs 27-29 Day 169	18-Jun Ecclesiastes 1-6 Day 170	19-Jun Ecclesiastes 7-12 Day 171	20-Jun 1 Kings 10-11 2 Chronicles 9 Day 172	21-Jun Proverbs 30-31 Day 173	22-Jun 1 Kings 12-14 Day 174
23-Jun 2 Chronicles 10-12 Day 175	24-Jun 1 Kings 15 2 Chronicles 13-16 Day 176	25-Jun 1 Kings 16 2 Chronicles 17 Day 177	26-Jun 1 Kings 17-19 Day 178	27-Jun 1 Kings 20-21 Day 179	28-Jun 1 Kings 22 2 Chronicles 18 Day 180	29-Jun 2 Chronicles 19-23 Day 181
30-Jun Obadiah 1 Psalm 82-83 Day 182						



For more information on how to participate scan the QR code or check our website!



# CONNECT

## JUNE MISSION FOCUS: DRY MILK

Come along side the Missions Committee as they focus to stock the Grace Food Pantry with Dry Milk. Bring in some Dry Milk Boxes and Ring the Cow Bell! All Donations can be brought to the Atrium or you can scan the QR Code for purchasing from Walmart with Delivery to Church! It's that easy to help ensure NWA children receive nutritious milk during the summer.

## BRIDAL SHOWER FOR SARA (HENARY) HOLIFIELD - RESCHEDULED

The Bridal Shower for Sara (Henary) Holifield will be rescheduled for a later date (TBD).

## BIBLE RECAP GROUP DISCUSSION

Every Wednesday, from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Room: Main Building - 204

Hannah Carter leads a small group discussion on the daily readings of The Bible Recap. Dig deeper into your understanding of the scriptures in this casual group discussion.

## MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Central is heading to Guatemala in July so help support our trip by sporting Central merch! We are selling long-sleeve and short-sleeve "You Matter to God" shirts, along with "You Matter to God stickers." Purchase them by filling out an order form located in the Church Office, Information Station in the Atrium or swing by our stand THIS SUNDAY in the Atrium! Please note, \$5 from each shirt sale goes to support our trip! Thank you for your support, and don't forget You Matter to God!

## PRAYER SQUARES AVAILABLE

Loss can make us feel like we are floating, But Jesus holds us in the middle of the unthinkable. Sometimes touching something safe can remind us that we are perfectly held. These prayer squares are made by a team who prays as they knit or crochet, and they are a reminder of God's love and other people's prayers over you. Trace its corners as you pray, or fold and twist it when you feel worried, angry, or exhausted. Take one for yourself and share them with others who need a reminder during whatever they are going through: God is with you - past, present, and future. You can never go where He will not be. Prayer Squares are available in a basket in the Atrium at the Welcome Station and are available for our church and wider community. Please take a prayer square for yourself, to share, or both.

## VBS ORIENTATION & SET UP

Sun, June 16th, 12pm – 1pm

Join us for Vacation Bible School orientation. Meet your fellow volunteers, go over final details and get ready for our exciting week! Volunteers will have a chance to set up their classroom and prep for the week ahead.

## WHAT'S A CLASS MEETING?

The class on Class Meetings begins this Sunday. It's not too late to join if you would like to learn more about these incredible small groups and how you can grow deeper in your faith through participating in one. Class meetings were a key component to the growth of Methodism during the Wesley revival. Come and learn more about how you can be a part of these vital small groups starting Sunday, June 9th at 9:15 in the office conference room!

## VBS CREW LEADER TRAINING!

Sun, June 16th, 3pm – 4:30pm

Students serving as Crew Leaders for Central's Vacation Bible School, join us for Crew Leader Training! Whether you have done it every year or this is your first, BE THERE! Fun training, pick up your crew leader shirt, and let's get pumped for the week ahead!

## VBS

June 17th – 21st

This year, children who will be 4 years old by June 17th through those headed into 5th grade are invited to dive deep into friendship with God. We are so excited!

## ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Wed, June 19th - Fri, June 21st

The Arkansas Annual Conference will be held in Hot Springs AR on June 19th – 21st. The theme this year will be "Finding Home". Please be in prayer for the delegates and attendees.

## GRAVITY LATE NIGHT GAME NIGHT

Wed, June 19th, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

Gravity students and VBS Crew Leaders, join us for a LATE NIGHT GAME NIGHT! Weather permitting, LARGE games outside, followed up with a YUMMY TREAT to wrap up the night!

## LISTENING SESSIONS

Members of the Church Council are visiting many classes and groups to listen to individuals' thoughts around the recent General Conference decisions and answer any questions you may have. If you are not part of a class or group hosting a listening session, but would like to join a session, there are three additional meetings happening. The maximum seating is 20 (so please reserve your spot by calling the church office) for one of the options below:

- 6/23/2024 9:15am
- 6/26/2024 6:00pm
- 6/30/2024 9:15am

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, June 24th, 6pm - 7:30p

## GRAVITY OZARK MISSION PROJECT

Sunday, June 23, 2024, 8:00 AM - Friday, June 28, 2024, 4:00 PM

Gravity students, come serve and love our neighbors in Arkansas on our summer mission trip with Ozark Mission Project. REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

### RE-CONFIRMED

Tuesdays from 6 - 7pm

An Eight-week class starting June 25th; Facilitated by Rob Holifield and Carole Baker

Many have asked for an adult confirmation class. Here it is! Whether you were never confirmed in the Methodist church or can't remember what you learned during your confirmation, this class will be a great opportunity to learn what marks us as believers in Jesus Christ. From the creeds to the sacraments, come and learn what and why we believe what we believe! Register at [centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/](http://centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/)

### CHURCHWIDE PRAYER

Sun, June 30th, 5pm – 6pm

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### FEED THE FREEZER, NURTURE A NEIGHBOR

Help out when life gets crazy by making a freezer meal to restock our Congregational Care Freezer. These meals are to help support folks when they go through loss, change, or stress. Visit us in the Atrium in July to learn how to make one or more freezer meals.

### HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH GOD

Mondays from 6 -7:30pm

A Four-week class starting July 8th; Facilitated by Molly Pickering

Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. Book required: Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession by Samuel Wells and Abigail Koche (This class will qualify as a LSM advanced class). Register at [centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/](http://centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/)

### WHERE DID WE COME FROM AND HOW DID WE GET HERE?

Wednesdays from 6 – 8 pm

A Four-week class starting July 10;Facilitated by Randy Godsey.

Have you ever wondered how the United Methodist church got started. If so, then enroll in this class to understand the history and the theology of the church. Learn what it means to be a witness the United Methodist way and how the organization of the church is different from other churches. Understand how we got to where we are today and why our distinctive characteristics are still relevant and necessary in today's church world. What roles did John and Charles Wesley play in the United Methodist church? Book required: Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way by Kenneth L. Carder (This class also qualifies as an advanced LSM class for those needing the credit.) Register at [centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/](http://centralrogers.com/connect/join-a-group/)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

Central will be hosting delegates from the South-Central Jurisdictional Conference on July 10-12, 2024.

If you can serve from 7:30 – 9:00 am with greeting or parking lot management, please contact Carole Baker at the church office or email [cbaker@centralrogers.com](mailto:cbaker@centralrogers.com)

### NEXT CONNECTIONS

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Room: Main Building - Chapel

Wanting to learn more about Central? Our Next Connections program will take place at 11:30am in the chapel. If you want to know more about the ministries and mission of this amazing church this 45 minute program is for you! You can register online or you are welcome to drop in. Childcare is available.

### TOWN HALL

Sun, July 14th, 4pm – 6pm

As part of the process of listening to the members of Central, we will come together as a faith community to hold a discussion to hear thoughts and questions around the 2024 General Conference.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Mon, July 22nd, 6pm – 7:30pm in the Conference Room

### CHURCHWIDE GUATEMALA TRIP

Interested in going on an international mission trip? Want to experience first hand the amazing work of GRACES? Join us as we head to Guatemala THIS summer, July 27-August 3. Want to hear and learn more – email Lucy Swanson a [lswanson@centralrogers.com](mailto:lswanson@centralrogers.com) for more info!

### EVENSONG & RECITAL

Sun, July 28th, 4:30pm – 6:15pm

Evensong & Recital, begins at 4:30pm, in the Chapel. Our 30 minute recitals begin the service, followed by a contemplative liturgical service of prayer, led by the Chancel Choir. These unique worship experiences have become a vital part of the life of our church and also provide wonderful opportunities to introduce Central UMC to your friends and family.

### GRAVITY BLAST OFF

Sun, August 4th, 6pm – 8pm

Students embarking on their 6th grade year, bring your parents and join us for a FUN FILLED night welcoming you to GRAVITY YOUTH MINISTRIES! Registration is REQUIRED.

### CHURCHWIDE PRAYER

Sun, August 25th, 5pm – 6pm

Join us as we gather once a month to pray as a church family. All are welcome and child care is provided.