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2026 SPRING CLASSES
REGISTRATION OPEN

MEET OUR NEW CENTRAL ROGERS MEMBERS

GRAVITY GIRLS NIGHT
IN, LEGGOS AND EGOS,
AND GALENTINES
EVENTS ANNOUNCED

A THANK YOU FROM
THE CHURCH STAFF &
CHRISTMAS EVE
OFFERING TOTAL

CENTRAL - FIL - A,
PLUS FULL WNL
DINNER MENU

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Happy New Year! New Year's Day is my favorite holiday of the year. I used to say I am not sure why, but I know exactly why. First of all, growing up, it was the only day all year long that I could watch football all day. But, now things are different because every weekend in the fall you can watch college football from the beginning of the day to very late.

New Years football is fun, but over the years the holiday has become something much more special. The weeks leading up to it has become a time of reflection, goal setting, and prayer. I review the previous year going over the most significant events, the holy moments, and even the hard moments. I ask God about the areas I need to change, do better and build upon. I make lists to remember lessons and to give thanks. On New Years Day, I prepare for the year. I am one that still makes resolutions and sets goals.

I know that many may scoff at resolutions these days. The joke is that we break them, and break them quickly. I have probably broken more resolutions than I have kept but some of those resolutions have profoundly shaped my life. Two years ago, I made the resolution to read the Bible using "Bible Recap" and to preach on it. This was one of the most formative practices I have ever experienced. Last year I set a goal for my running and health as a challenge from my son, and I feel better than I have in 15 years. I have many times grabbed a hold of one key resolution that God used to make my life better.

So, today I encourage you to spend these first two weeks of the new year reflecting and surrendering 2026 to God. What did you learn in 2025? How did you see God move? How is God calling you to grow in faith and as a person in 2026? Ask God what goals and resolutions He wants you to make. And take some time to surrender 2026 to God. I will have a moment on New Years' Eve when I bow before the Lord and I will pray over all I love deeply: my wife, my family and my church, I will speak those words 2026 is Yours....to God be the glory!

One more thing....as I write this days before Christmas Eve, I cannot get out of my mind The Incarnation. I will list the lessons God has taught me about the Incarnation during Advent as one of my key moments of the year. The Incarnation is God coming to earth to dwell among us. Jesus came to make a way for all to be connected to Christ, and to be able to live forever in Heaven. It is a lot of wonderful! But it is even more than that. I read this poem by Charles Wesley on Christmas Eve. I will begin my new year reading it and will read it throughout the year. Below are Charles Wesley's profound statements about the 'Mystery of Godliness"

Stupendous mystery! God in our flesh is seen
(While angels ask, how can it be?")
And dwells with sinful men!
Our nature He assumes, That we may his retrieve;
He comes, to our dead world He comes,
That all thro' Him may live.
(from the Unpublished Poetry of Charles Wesley Volume III, p106)

Jesus came so that we will live. But He also came to make it possible for us to take on some of God's nature. Wow! That is God's goal for all of us after we become believers. God wants us to take on His very character by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.

So friends, here is a resolution. What if you allow the Holy Spirit more time to work in you? What if you read your Bible daily? What if you participated in Holy Communion every Sunday? What if you prayed together with your church family once a month? How would your life be different? How would your life be better? How about you try it and see? What if?

Pastor Rob



Sally Crutcher joined by transferring from another denomination. She was previously a member of Central and attended with her family for many years. Sally is a Book Conservator with the University of Arkansas. She lives in Lowell, AR.



Hannah Crutcher joined by transferring from another denomination. She was previously a member of Central and attended with her family for many years. Hannah is in Accounts Receivables with JB Hunt. She lives in Lowell, AR.



Dorothy Nies joined by transferring from another denomination. Dorothy is retired and moved to Northwest Arkansas to be close to family. Dorothy joined with daughter, Bonnie Baggett. Dorothy lives in Bentonville, AR.



Joe and Diana Weigel join by transferring from another denomination. Joe is in Finance with Walmart, Inc and Diana is a Category Lead with General Mills. Joe and Diana were married in October of this year in the Chapel. The Weigel's live in Rogers, AR.



Suzanne Carner joined by transferring from another denomination. Suzanne is a retired nurse. She lives with husband (Lawrence) in Centerton, AR.



Bonnie Baggett joined by transfer of membership from First UMC, Bentonville, AR. Bonnie is retired as a teacher and administrator from Bentonville Schools. Bonnie joined with her mother Dorothy Nies. Bonnie lives in Bentonville, AR.



Ryan and Robyn Maner joined by transferring from another denomination. Ryan is a VP with JB Hunt and Robyn is a teacher at Providence Academy. Their youngest daughters, Riley and Zoe (pictured) were baptized and joined as preparatory members. The Maners have five children; Ava (pictured) and Seth (not pictured) who are both in college. Also pictured is their son Deacon is a student in Rogers High School. The Maners live in Rogers, AR.

NEW MEMBERS

WED. NITE LIVE MENU

SPRING 2026

- 1/7** CHICKEN NUGGETS
- 1/14** SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
- 1/21** GRILLED CHEESE & SOUP
- 1/28** BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY
- 2/4** ALFREDO
- 2/11** CHICKEN SOUP
- 2/18** PANCAKES
- 2/25** PULLED PORK
- 3/4** SPRING ROLL IN A BOWL
- 3/11** PIZZA
- 3/18** BAKED POTATOES
- 3/25** NO DINNER
- 4/1** TACOS
- 4/8** WINGS
- 4/15** RAMEN
- 4/22** WRAPS



Spring Classes

Grow Deeper in 2026

NEW classes are being offered this fall starting on January 14th! Registration for the spring weekday classes is open! There are many exciting studies available on Wednesday nights following the Wed. Nite Live (WNL) dinner. All are welcome!

Disciple I (continuing from fall 2025), Disciple III (continuing from fall 2025), Disciple IV (continuing from fall 2025), Epic of Eden - ISAIAH, Divorce Care, Grief Share
Additional Classes TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

Gravity

YOUTH MINISTRIES

GRAVITY GIRLS NIGHT IN

"Life Is Sweeter Together"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
6PM - YOUTH ROOM

*Put On Your Pajamas & Join
Us For A Night Of Fun!*

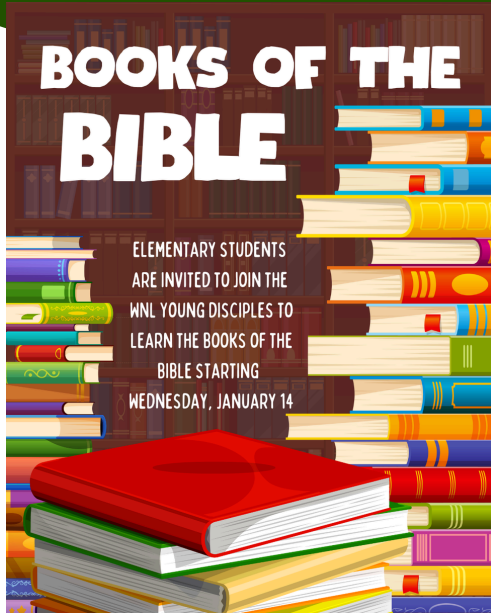
JOIN US FOR GRAVITY
GIRLS NIGHT IN: A NIGHT
FOR GIRLS IN 6-12TH
GRADE, PUT ON YOUR
PAJAMAS AND
EXPERIENCE A NIGHT OF
ALL THE BEST OF BEING A
GIRL! BESIDES AMAZING
GIVEAWAYS, & DELICIOUS
FOOD, LET'S TALK
MAKEUP, HAIR,
CLOTHING, DECORATING
AND SO MUCH MORE!

A GREAT EVENT TO
INVITE A FRIEND TO!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!



@GravityYouthMinistries



Wed. Nite Live

Wed. Nite Live classes will start back up on Wednesday, January 14. This semester the Young Disciples (kindergarten – 5th grade) will be learning the books of the Bible. Join us as we look at types of literature, who wrote the books, how the Bible is organized and so much more! We will start our evening at 6pm in the Chapel with worship and end at 7pm upstairs in room 211. Preschoolers and nursery aged kids will meet in room 127.



Eggos and Legos

The Central Men's group is thrilled to partner with KidsMin to host a brand-new event just for boys! Boys aged 4 and up (along with their grown up) are invited to join us in the Atrium for breakfast and some fun building with Legos. Come enjoy good food, fellowship and a little friendly competition.

Registration is required and will close on January 14.

REGISTER HERE: <https://centralrogers.com/event/24210184-2026-01-17-eggos-legos/>



Galentine's Tea

Join us on Saturday, February 14 for our third annual Galentine's Tea, hosted by the Central Women's Board. We will gather in the Atrium at 10:30am for a proper tea, complete with finger foods. There will be entertainment, a devotional and of course a goodie bag to take home. Girls aged 4 and up (along with their grown up) are invited to register using the QR code in the graphic!



A wonderful time was had by all learning how to make beautiful Christmas wreaths with Kelli Turnbow! It was a great time of fun and fellowship! Thanks to Kelli for sharing her time and talents in making homes and doors a little brighter for the Christmas season.

THE  SERIES

Central - Fil-A

**Join us for a night out:
Faith, Fellowship, and Fun for ALL!**

Wednesday Nite Live is back!

On January 7th, we are kicking off the year with "Messy Church at Central Fil-A"! Whether you're a child, teen, or adult, this is a gathering where all generations can come together to explore faith in a fun, creative way. We'll enjoy Chick-Fil-A inspired food, hands-on activities, games, and an accessible and meaningful time of worship that brings us closer to God and each other.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to build relationships across generations and share fellowship around the table. Come along for a chance to grow together in faith, share God's love, and experience community in a new, exciting way.

Everyone is welcome! Come hungry, come messy, and come ready for an unforgettable time!





Men's Fellowship Breakfast

Every 3rd Saturday, 7:00a



Connection Biking Club

Join the Biking Club to build community and friendships through mutual interest! The group goes on rides Tuesdays at 6:00p

Interested? Contact: Mitchell Lloyd



Church Wide PRAYER

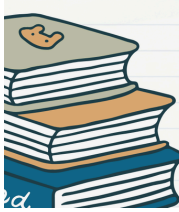
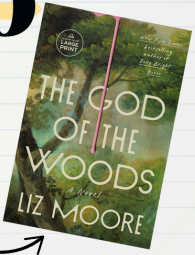
Last Sunday of the Month
5:00p - Chapel
Child Care Provided



Connection Book Club

January 27 - 6:30p
Contact: Molly Pickering

January Pick



Dear Central Family,



Thank You

On behalf of the staff, THANK YOU for your generous gifts to the Christmas Staff Love Offering! "Santa" Rob had the pleasure of delivering 31 bonuses on Christmas Eve to some very appreciative and grateful staff!

We also want to thank you for your gifts toward the Christmas Eve Offering. This year marked the 13th time we have collected an offering at all our Christmas Eve services to specifically give away to various local, state and global missions and ministries that Central supports. This year we will be sending \$5,000 EACH to Grace Food Pantry (Grace Chapel UMC in Rogers), H2O (Help-2-Others Food Pantry at Living Waters UMC in Centerton), TASC (Teen Action & Support Center in Benton and Washington counties) plus GRACES (Guatemalan Relief Assistance for Children's Education Services in Antigua, Guatemala). That is \$20,000 in total support!

Over the last 13 years Central has had the great pleasure of distributing \$274,349 in financial support to help groups helping others!

Thank you Central!



January

- 1 New Years Day - Church Office Closed
- 1 - 3 Emerging Adults to PASSION
- 6 Bike Club
- 7 Sacred Thread Quilt Mission
- 7 Prayer Shawl
- 7 WNL Worship Kickoff Event (Dinner: Chicken Nuggets)
- 10 How To...Crochet
- 10 Gravity Girls Night In
- 13 Bike Club
- 14 Prayer Shawl
- 14 WNL Classes Begin (Dinner: Spaghetti & Meatballs)
- 17 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 17 Egos & Legos
- 17 Penny Wedding Shower
- 18 Grace Community Meal
- 20 Bike Club
- 21 Prayer Shawl
- 21 WNL (Dinner: Grilled Cheese and Soup)
- 22 Priscilla Circle
- 24 Easter Choir Kickoff
- 25 Church Wide Prayer
- 26 Church Council Meeting
- 27 Bike Club
- 27 Book Club: The god of the woods
- 28 Prayer Shawl
- 28 WNL (Dinner: Biscuits and Sausage Gravy)