

Resurrection Sunday Services
Sun., April 20 | 8:30am & 10:30am
Charlotte Sanctuary

Resurrection Sunday is a time to thank Jesus for His sacrifice, which brings us life! Hear a message from Pastor Livingston and worship with Central Choir and Orchestra. Overflow parking is available at Country Day School with shuttle service. Overflow seating will be available on this busy day, so please come early - we encourage you to attend the 8:30am service! Adult Life Groups will not meet.



Larry DeLawder

Primetimers' Dinner
Tues., May 6 | \$10 | Weatherby Hall

This dinner will featuring everyone's favorite Barney Fife impersonater, entertainer Larry DeLawder.

Widow Connection Coffee
Sat., June 14 | Free | Youth Building Cafe

Widows are invited to a summer coffee and will be encouraged through prayer and fellowship. Please register by June 9.



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Dinner Recap

Primetimers have got talent!

Hello, dear Primetimers!

Happy Spring! Once again, we had a most enjoyable evening together, didn't we? Even though the date was "April 1st," it's "no fool-in' " that we all had a wonderful time at our talent show!

Thank you to all the Primetimers who shared their gifts and talents. Bobby Aycok, who has been the sound man for Primetimers' gatherings, blew us away as he sang, "People Get Ready." Who knew he had such a voice? Hopefully, he'll share his gift with us again sometime!

Bob Richardson is a man of many gifts. He made chocolate-covered peanut butter eggs for every table to share for dessert. He also shared a few pictures of two or three of the 400 kinds of lovely daylilies that he grows. He tends these beauties with such care!



Accompanied by Terry McHam, Chuck Neu sang a favorite hymn, "He Lives" - appropriate as we approach Resurrection Sunday! Chuck motioned for us to join him, so it was an enjoyable "mini hymn-sing."



Cynthia Johnson, Alessandra Batista, and Maxine Scott used American Sign Language as they led us in inspiring worship with "I Call You Faithful" - a song that declares that God is holy, righteous, awesome and faithful.

Playing games is one of the favorite things we do at Primetimers events, and once again, we played Bingo. It makes me smile just thinking of that evening - it was so much fun!

On May 5, join us for the last gathering of our 2024-25 season. Our guest, Larry DeLawder, impersonates Barney Fife and is a hilarious comedian - don't miss this dinner!

In the meantime, it's my prayer that you'll enjoy a meaningful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on April 20!

Blessings
and love,
Pam
Macaluso



Connecting With God

When we connect with God, things happen.



When my daughter was nine years old, the doctor discovered that she had a blockage in her brain. She had only been sick for a short time, and when the neurologist confirmed that she must have surgery, my husband and I were devastated. We knew that only God could intervene, so when people asked, "What can we do?" we quickly answered, "Please pray!"

We started "storming heaven" by pouring out our hearts to God. We believed that God could heal Angie either on earth or in heaven. Angie had given her heart to Jesus and was baptized a few weeks before she became ill. We were intent on spending every moment in God's presence by presenting our daughter's health into His divine care. After many long months and several surgeries, Angie was healed! Our family has never been the same, because we truly believe in miracles.

I am reminded of Hannah from the Old Testament and her prayer. Day after day, year after year, she was teased and mocked by Elkanah's other wife,

Peninnah. Hannah wanted a child but she was barren. Hannah wept so hard she could not eat. Then, after years of sadness, Hannah refused to endure the taunts of Peninnah, who had children.

"In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord weeping bitterly." 1 Samuel 1: 10

In Hannah's prayer, she promised God that if He gave her a son she would dedicate him to the Lord. Later Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She did not give up. God heard Hannah's weeping. When we connect with God things happen. We need to understand that waging spiritual warfare takes time and effort.

Dear Friend,
Are you burdened for others? Have you sincerely brought petitions to God on their behalf? Step out in faith and connect with God. Time spent in His presence will open up your heart to miracles.

Blessings,
 Sherry Harris



Let your holiday dinner entree 'ham' it up!

Hams are already the centerpiece of many a holiday dinner, but you can ramp up the "wow" factor even more with a delicious glaze, which adds flavor and helps keeps the meat from drying out. While many packaged hams include a "glaze packet," you don't have to settle for a sugary layer without flavor.

The recipes below work for a 6-8 pound ham, so increase the measurements for a larger one. For a glossy finish, brush the sauce liberally onto the ham during the last 10-15 minutes of baking, reapplying it periodically, and letting it cool slightly before serving.



Honey Mustard Glaze

½ cup honey
 ⅓ cup Dijon mustard
 ⅓ cup brown sugar
 4 tbs unsalted butter
 ½ teaspoon dry thyme
 Pinch of salt

Combine ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until dissolved, about 3 minutes.

Sweet Orange Glaze

½ cup orange marmalade*
 1 cup brown sugar
 1 cup honey

Combine ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until dissolved.

**Peach or pineapple preserves can be substituted for the marmalade.*

Savory Balsamic Glaze

1 cup balsamic vinegar
 ¼ cup honey
 ½ cup brown sugar
 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine ingredients in a saucepan over medium heat. Stir until dissolved.

Resource for Seniors: Men of Acts



Men of Acts Ministry gives assistance to Central's elderly, single or disabled individuals by performing repairs and labor that the homeowners could not otherwise perform or afford on their homes. Men of Acts volunteers donate their time and skills to honor the Lord and help others. Once-a-month work days are scheduled for home repair and lawn service.

If you would like to request assistance, call Pastor Alan Humble, 704-295-6880.

Prayer requests

Please remember to pray for the following Primetimers:

Cindy Como, dealing with health issues
Eleanor Broadie, on the loss of her sister

