



# Central Happenings

## Awakening To Missions



"Why did I sign up to go on this mission trip in the first place?" That is what I kept asking myself for the two weeks preceding our June 24 departure to Guatemala. My two daughters, Hannah and Jessie, and I were going to help work in an orphanage called Eagle's Nest located in the high mountain city of Solala, Guatemala.

I knew when I first heard about the trip, through an organization called Caroline's Promise, it would be a great adventure. As the time grew closer, my anxiety about leaving all my safe and familiar surroundings grew by leaps and bounds. Maybe I don't have a heart for missions, I thought. Really what good can a group

of 23 people do in such a poor country? All my anxieties were calmed and my questions answered on our 10 day journey.

During our time in Guatemala we visited several schools passing out large army duffle bags full of collected school supplies. We visited a Compassion International program and gave out over 160 backpacks and tons of candy. We visited a village almost destroyed by mudslides bringing supplies for the villagers. And, oh yes, we loved on many babies. The Eagle's Nest Orphanage has over 70 children, most under the age of 2. The team spent two days painting and one full day disinfecting everything in the orphanage. We took shifts holding and caring for these beautiful children. One afternoon, several of us took a zip line through the forest...very high above the forest canopy. Each night we could look out over the lake and see an active volcano flowing with lava, it was a breathtaking sight.

Several of the observations my kids and I made during our trip were:

- Guatemala is a very beautiful but very poor country. It is hard to describe the extreme poverty and desolation versus the beauty of the nature that exists.
- Not only is Spanish spoken in Guatemala but there are over 25 different Mayan dialects
- The Christian population of Guatemala is very active and passionate about Jesus
- Cars in Guatemala have very little brakes but very loud horns!!

I felt God showed me that He is alive and well, not only in our comfortable lives, but also in the lives of people who have nothing but are willing to give everything. God wants to use each of us every place He takes us; the more we depend on Him the more He is able to use us. I realized it is not always the work the mission team performs during a trip that makes an impact; often it is the impact the mission trip had on the mission team.

I now feel that a heart for missions sometimes only comes from going on a mission trip. Even several months after our trip I miss the beauty, the vivid colors and the people of Guatemala. My children and I definitely plan to join in on another mission trip.

*Betsy Kozlow*



### TRUNK OR TREAT

Come one, come all to Central's annual Trunk or Treat. Dress the kids up in their costumes (nothing scary, please) and join us on Sunday, October 28. The fun will begin at 4:30 with a special magic show from Fish the Magish. Following the show we will have food, games, crafts and hay

rides. Everyone will enjoy seeing the children dressed up in their costumes for the costumes parade. The best part of the evening is the actual Trunk or Treating. Adults and youth decorate their cars and pass out some yummy candy for all of the children to enjoy. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet in the narthex so you can reserve your parking space for this fun event.

Even if you do not have children you will enjoy the fellowship and fun. If you have any questions or would like to help out call or e-mail Kathy Malpass at 629-5859 or

[kmalpass@triad.rr.com](mailto:kmalpass@triad.rr.com).



### Great News and Lots of THANKS!!!!!!!

Don Barrett completed building and installing an additional double door on the other end of the brown shed. This meant, no more having to move everything in and out for the Consignment Sale. The new door opens on the end where the racks are stored for quick access. It was a great blessing.

Thank You, Don!!!!!!!



The Day School is off to another busy year! We have added a 5 day class for four year olds so they should really be ready for Kindergarten next year. We have also added some music classes - Ms. Tami

Nobles of Kindermusik teaches ABC Music & Me on Wednesdays and Thursdays after preschool classes. The children are really enjoying learning about different instruments and music styles and it certainly sounds lively in there!

October is Fire Safety Month and we will be visited by the Asheboro Dept. and the four year olds will visit them at the Station! We will also have our



Mini-Pumpkin Patch with stories and songs. We will also have a fire drill some time during October which is always fun!!

We invite one and all to stop by and visit us sometime!



“Operation Christmas Child is an extraordinary outreach project.

Working together, we can help transform lives today and for eternity”

—Franklin Graham

It's that time again and shoe boxes are available to be picked up in the Narthex. When packing your shoe-boxes please try to give \$7.00 or more per box to cover shipping and other project costs. Remember a shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love.”



## Thank you so very much!!!

Dear Central Family,

Please accept this conference table as a token of our appreciation for the bountiful and continuous flow of blessings that we have received from God through our association with you. We all ask for miracles and expect the spectacular, but mostly miracles are witnessed in the simple acts of God's love; the warmth

of a smile, a helping hand, the laughter of a child and the wisdom of our elders. Truly, everyday that we have been members of this church, we have been a part of the heart of God that has changed our lives, one miracle at the time.

God Bless you and Thank you Central Family!

Don and Kathryn Barrett

We would like to extend a gracious thank you to the following special people who donated items to our Staff Conference Room....Don and Kathryn Barrett for the lovely conference table; Peggy Woodruff for the beautiful chairs; Thelma and Dick Renigar for the gorgeous desk and Emily Matkins and Rachel Hargett for the pretty curtains. Thank you so much!

## The Final Lap Gang



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The Final Lap Gang, which the bed changers at Victory Junction are called, finished another successful ten weeks of service this summer. A total of 59 Central members traveled to the camp during June, July and August.

A heartfelt thanks to all who traveled to the camp each week-end. A thank-you note from the campers called us the “best bed changers in the world.” Those members who participated felt they were blessed for being able to serve.

...Because **BODY AND SOUL FOR MEN** is here! This is not a formatted DVD Study-Discussion, but a physical and spiritual enrichment time for men of all abilities and ages.

Here's the Plan! Tuesday and Friday mornings, starting Friday, October 5th from 5:30 to 6:15 am for early birds or from 6:15 to 7:00 am, for those who like to sleep in, men can gather in the Family Life Center for a warm-up, stretch, cardio-vascular work-out, and resistance work-out with a simultaneous power point of info and inspiration. The first time, please arrive at least 10 minutes early to record stats for

everyone. The session will end after 45 minutes and the last 5-7 minutes will be a devotional along with some lifestyle change challenges, sometimes a “prepared especially for you breakfast” and words of encouragement to get the day going. Everyone's schedule is busy, so if you can't make all the sessions, come as often as you can.

Look at one of the workout sheets in the Narthex, office area or Family life Center. For questions ask Derrick Atwell, Jim Kinlaw or Gary Parks. Come join us anytime!

Let's get our bodies and souls fit!

That is the theme of our stewardship campaign this year. Giving can be a thing of joy. Giving can be done out of joy. And it can produce joy. Giving to the church helps us fulfill the church’s mission of working with God to bring His Kingdom here on earth. Giving to the church helps us to be faithful in making disciples, serving others, reaching out to others through missions and programs and ministries. It helps us raise up and train children and youth through numerous outreach programs.

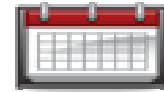
Throughout the month of November we will “celebrate God’s generosity.” On November 4 we will turn in our “Every Member in Ministry” cards indicating the areas of ministry we believe God is calling us to serve in next year. On November 11 and 18 we will turn in our “Estimate of Giving” cards indicating our financial commitments to the church’s budget.



God has been gracious and generous to our church. And he has been gracious and generous to each of us individually and as families. Let’s show God how generous we can be toward him through his church!

### Become a Foster Parent

Locally, the Triad community needs help. Too many children have unmet needs and our community is in need of caring people to help with the fostering of these children. Classes will begin in mid October at NC MENTOR in Greensboro. Classes are free and foster parents will receive financial support along with clinical support. To learn more contact a recruiter at 318-1396, ext. 12. Basic requirements are spare bedroom, satisfactory background check, HS diploma or GED and a flexible schedule.



#### Monday, October 22 at 7:00 PM

Church Council Meeting in FLC Conf. Room

#### Sunday, October 28 starting at 4:30 PM

Trunk or Treat in the FLC and Parking Lot

#### Sunday, November 11

Dedication/Operation Christmas Child Boxes

#### Thursday, November 15 at 7:30 PM

Annual Charge Conference FLC Conf. Room

#### Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 PM

Churchwide Thanksgiving Meal

#### Sunday, December 9

Children’s Christmas Program

#### Sunday, December 23

Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata

#### Sunday December 24 at 5:00 & 8:00 PM

Candlelight Communion Services



## Walk to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)

The Walk to Emmaus Weekend is a 72-hour experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as he is revealed to you through other believers. You will enjoy three busy days singing, learning, laughing, praying, worshipping, and participating in small groups. Discussions center around 15 talks given by laity and clergy. The theme of each talk is God’s grace, how that

grace comes alive in the Christian community, and how it expresses itself in the world. You’ll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and bring grace to others. You will leave the weekend with an experience of Christian love in action that will equip you for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership. If you would like to know more about the Walk to Emmaus contact Matt and Daffie Matthews or one

of the pastors.

Congratulations to our newest Emmaus pilgrims: Eddie and Renee Voncannon, Shawn and Jennifer Fracheur, Sean Murphy.

We also have three youth attending the Chrysalis Flight (The Youth version of Walk to Emmaus) October 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Evan Freemyer, Kevin Murphy, and Robert Marley.

## YOUTH NEWS



### Children’s Choir

#### Youth Fall Retreats

Plans are to take our Middle School Group on their Fall Retreat on October 12–14 and our High School November 2–4 to Camp Don Lee on the coast.

#### Tuesday Breakfast Club

Tuesday mornings at 6:45, at Chick-fil-A! Start your day off on the right foot with a warm breakfast with a side order of prayer! (Bring \$3.25 to cover your meal, which

includes: a drink, hash browns & your choice of a chicken, sausage, or egg biscuit.) Note: All students MUST ride with an adult in designated vehicles. If your parents say you can ride with a fellow student—they will need to sign a “release” statement.

#### Children’s Choir Ministry

**Who:** Children ages K-5<sup>th</sup> are invited to join us for a time of praise and fellowship.

**When:** October 21, November 4 & 11

**Time:** 4:30-5:30

**Where:** Adult Choir Room

We will be singing at the 11:00 Worship Service on October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Lisa Garrison at 378-5432 for more details.



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## Small Groups and Ministries

### Lay Shepherd Ministry

Our Lay Shepherd ministry is alive and active. For the first 6 months of 2007 there have been 524 visits, 96 phone calls, 789 cards and notes written and almost 200 tapes of our worship services delivered. This is a ministry to our shut-in, bereaved and ill members and beyond. Our Lay Shepherd ministry also delivers and coordinates meals to families of new babies. From our most elderly to our newest additions we at Central care about one another. Why not consider being a Lay Shepherd. If you would like more information contact Peggy Woodruff or Dianne Leonard. A special "Thank You" to all our Lay Shepherds who are faithfully using the gifts God has given them.



### Seven Areas of Life Training (SALT)

Does your life need some seasoning? It is becoming stale? Why not take a step of faith and let God's word add some spice to your life? SALT is a Bible study designed to transform lives and help us learn to live into everything God knows we can be. There are currently two groups underway and three more beginning in October. (Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday) For more information contact Pastor Barry. **WARNING! NOT FOR THE COMFORTABLY SATISFIED!**

### Small Group Studies

Currently we have three Beth Moore ladies Bible studies, a group of ladies studying Nicole Johnson's book, "Fresh Brewed Life", a men's groups participating in "Wild at Heart", Body and Soul for physical and spiritual health and two SALT small group Bible studies. There continues to be opportunities for spiritual formation and growth here at Central. These are just a few with more on the rise. Look for a place to "plug in" and find one that encourages you as you journey with Christ.

