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UP-TO-DATE NEWS

www.cumcmdn.org

Ministry Staff

John Branning, *Lead Pastor*

Dennis Gossett, *Associate Pastor*

Senior Adult Ministry

Bob Peden, *Music and Worship*

Jonathan Crabtree, *Student Ministry*

Kristina Crabtree, *Spiritual Formation*

Sabrina Williams, *Children and Family*

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June 3-5 Jonathan Crabtree
601-831-8280

June 10-12 Kristina Crabtree
601-513-1868

June 17-19 Bob Peden
601-938-7868

June 24-26 Kristina Crabtree

Scripture for 2016

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17

MAILBOX OR INBOX?

The Administrative Council voted in May to send the *Central Call* exclusively by email except to those who request a hard copy.

If you would like to continue receiving the *Central Call* by mail, please contact the Church Office at 601-693-1521.

Prayer concerns will be updated through the Central Daily Updates and the Sunday Bulletin.

The central CALL

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WHAT'S "NEXT"? WORSHIP FOR YOUNG ADULTS!

Are you a recent high school graduate or beginning your career? NEXT is a new ministry for young adults that will meet on Tuesday nights for a time of worship & teaching.

NEXT will kick-off on June 7 at 8:30 p.m. at The Palms on North Hills Street. Join us for an exciting time as we journey together to see what's NEXT! For more information, contact Jonathan at 601-831-8280 or jonathan@cumcmdn.org.



DATES TO REMEMBER

May 30 & July 4
Office Closed for Holiday

June 3, 10, 17, 24
Lunch Bunch
11:30 a.m.

June 7
VBS Volunteer Meeting
1:30 p.m. in 11th Street Gym

June 7, 14, 21, 28
NEXT Young Adult Worship
The Palms on North Hills
8:30 p.m.

June 8-10
Annual Conference

June 9
NEXUS Youth Rally

June 13-17
VBS: Egypt
9 a.m. - Noon in Fellowship Hall

June 18
Ironmaker Event for Men
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Register by June 16

June 26
Shrimp Boil
5:30 p.m. -
Soule' Steam Works
Buy your ticket by June 16



From prison cell to Pharaoh's palace, students will be transported to ancient Egypt where they'll meet Bible-time heroes, visit the Egyptian marketplace, and spend time exploring firsthand the unique culture of Joseph's world.

JUNE 13-18 • 9a.m.-Noon REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

Register at www.cumcmdn.org by selecting the Children tab, then VBS. Click on the VBS picture to register.

Please register early so that we can plan for the correct number of supplies, snacks...and volunteers! For information, contact Sabrina at 601-479-2178 or sabrina@cumcmdn.org.

HOW CAN I HELP WITH VBS?

- Volunteer as a marketplace helper, group leader, snack provider, or general helper. Sign-up sheets are in The Crossing. (Volunteer Meeting: June 7, 1:30 p.m., Gym)
- Help break down the Fellowship Hall after 9:45 worship on June 12 and erect our marketplace tents.
- Break down and reset the Fellowship Hall on Friday, June 17.
- Provide teacher snacks.
- Pray for this ministry. This is one of Central's largest outreach ministries!

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Sunday Gatherings
Worship 8:30/9:45/10:55 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
NEXT Young Adult Worship
at The Palms
2413 North Hills Street
Tuesdays: 8:30 p.m.

MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE NEWS

The Mississippi Annual Conference will meet June 8-10, in Jackson, Miss. Bishop Swanson has designated the 2016 Mission Offering for The Mississippi-Africa University Partnership.

If you would like to donate to this Mission Offering, please make your check payable to CUMC, and note "Mission Offering" in the memo line. Our lay delegate will present our offering during the Mission Service on June 9.

Checks will need to be received in the offering or church office no later than June 5 to be included.

Rev. Dennis Gossett will be ordained as Elder into full connection with the United Methodist Church of the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Ordination will be held June 10 at 6 p.m. in the Jackson Convention Center.

Central UMC will be recognized on June 8 at the Annual Conference Glory Sighting Banquet, which celebrates vitality in churches. Central is being recognized as the Glory Sighting for the Meridian District.



CHURCHWIDE SHRIMP BOIL • JUNE 26 • 5 P.M.

The weather is warm, and it's time for our annual Shrimp Boil – Central's biggest churchwide fellowship event!

Jim and Joann McRae are once again opening Soule' Steam Works to their church family for this afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The gigantic water slide has been secured, as well as a smaller water blow-up for the younger children. Please purchase your tickets by June 16, so we can order enough shrimp for everyone. Tickets are on sale at the Information Desk in the Crossing. Cost is Adults \$10, Children \$6.

For more information, or to volunteer with set-up/break down, cooking, etc., contact Sabrina at 601-479-2178 or sabrina@cumcmdn.org.

JUNE MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM

The following are our Focus Missions for the month of June:

Aslane's Mission
The Free Clinic of Meridian
Center for Pregnancy Choices

Check the website out for monthly mission involvement and ways to donate and participate. You may also sign up for the Central Daily Update for more information.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUMMER PROGRAM OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Central's Children's Center is offering a summer Mother's Morning Out program on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This program is for children who will be one-year-old by September 1, 2016, through children just finishing kindergarten. Cost is \$175 for the summer and is payable when registering.

MMO begins on Tuesday, June 7, and goes through Thursday, July 28, excluding the week of Vacation Bible School. There are still openings in the three, four and five-year-old classes. This year's theme is "Get On Board, Children," the story of Noah's Ark. Contact Glenda Thomas, 601-483-8502 for additional information.

FALL REGISTRATION STILL OPEN

The Children's Center has openings in the four-year-old class and a limited number in the two-year-old class. Cost is \$75 registration fee and 1/2 August tuition (\$92.50). Ages: One-year-old by September 1, 2016, through four-years-old by September 1, 2016. Monthly fee is \$185.00. We are also accepting names for a waiting list for classes that are full at this time. Contact Glenda Thomas, 601-483-8502.

YOUTH SUMMER ACTIVITIES



Central Youth have a busy summer scheduled. To keep up-to-date with Youth activities, please subscribe to the weekly **Central Student Ministry News**. Send Jonathan an email (jonathan@cumcmdn.org) to get on the list.

Also, make sure you are in the loop by signing up for Youth Remind text messages by texting @cumcyouthp to 81010 for parents and @chacos to 81010 for students. Follow us on Facebook - Central UMC Youth - Meridian.

Want more details? Sign up for Weekly Youth Email Newsletter!

- June 1 • Youth at The Park on North Hills • \$5
- June 6, 13, 20, 27 • 12-1:30 p.m. Noon Ball in the Gym/Lunch • \$5 (open to rising 6th graders)
- June 9 • NEXUS Youth Gathering at Annual Conference • \$25
- June 12 • Slip and Slide/Cookout at Wesley UMC
- June 13-17 • VBS Volunteers
- June 22 • Wesley House Mission
- June 30-July 3 • Youth Trip M28/Rafting Trip- Lake Junaluska

SENIOR ADULTS

Lunch Bunch will meet every Friday in June at 11:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Activities Room. XYZ and day trips will resume in the fall.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER CAMP AT WESLEY PINES

Younger Elementary Camp

Campers entering grades 1-3 without parent - Cost \$140
7/6/16 - 7/8/16 (Wednesday-Friday)

Older Elementary Camp

Campers entering grades 4-6 (not over the age of 12) - Cost \$300
6/27/16 - 7/1/16 (Monday - Friday)

To register, contact Sabrina at sabrina@cumcmdn.org or 601-479-2178.

IRONMAKERS

MEN'S IRONMAKER EVENT • JUNE 18

Men of all ages are invited to join us for the second event in our Men's IronMaker Series. It will be held Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Childcare will be provided, and a light meal will be served. Cost is \$5.

Please call the church office to make your reservation by Thursday, June 16.

COMMUNITY GROUPS TO BEGIN IN JUNE

Beginning in June, community groups will be forming to meet in locations throughout our area. We encourage everyone to become involved in a group knowing that, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) For more information, visit www.cumcmdn.org/community and choose Community Groups from the drop-down menu. You may complete an online registration form or call the church office to sign up.

MISSIONS GARAGE SALE SET FOR JULY

Are you ready to clean out your attic or closet? The Missions Team is hosting a Giant Garage Sale with individual "booth" spaces for rent. The sale will be in the church parking garage on July 30 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

You may purchase a booth space for \$25 and keep all profit from your sales.

Proceeds from booth sales will support Central Missions. Spaces are not limited to church members, so please share information about our sale. If you would like to reserve a spot, contact Kristina Crabtree at kristina@cumcmdn.org, or call the church office.

MISSIONS

the heart of worship

The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines worship as, "extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to an object of esteem." As Christians, that object of esteem is the triune God. And as monotheists, we believe that nothing else should take the place of that object of esteem.

We live into our belief about worship in three primary ways:

- 1) We join at least weekly in gatherings of Christians to sing and pray and hear the Word of God being read, spoken, and visualized.
- 2) We spend time alone or in small gatherings with God in order to share our deepest desires and concerns with God and to hear what our object of esteem has to say to us as individuals.
- 3) We give glory and worship to God throughout the day in everything we do. We allow nothing else to take the place of esteem and that belongs to God in everything we do each moment of each day.

You are encouraged to attend to the worship of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in all of these ways.