



The Weekly News

April 17, 2024

Don't forget to join Central for In Their Shoes this Sunday



This Sunday, April 21, the Central Outreach and Advocacy Center will host their fourth annual In Their Shoes fundraiser! It is a great day to learn more about Central OAC and to help raise money and awareness. Here is schedule for the day:

- 9:45 a.m.: Sunday School in the OAC Lobby, led by the OAC team
- 11 a.m.: Worship in the Sanctuary

- 12 p.m. In Their Shoes Event (lunch - see piece above and link below and a one-mile guided walk)

If you have not already registered for the event, you can do so today. (You may not be guaranteed a T-shirt or box lunch, but you are still welcome!) The OAC team promises that you will have fun and that you will learn something during the stops along the way. Central OAC is very grateful for the many ways you, as a congregation, support us!

To learn more about how you can participate in In Their Shoes, reach out to Kimberly Parker at kparker@centraloac.org.

Lunch for In Their Shoes following worship in Tull Hall

Before beginning your one-mile walk around our neighborhood with the 'In Our Shoes' fundraiser, we will gather to eat lunch and enjoy fellowship! Box lunches from Jason's Deli will be available following worship.

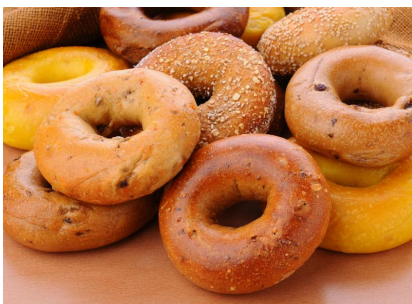


However, even if you are not participating in the In Their Shoes walk, you can order a box lunch [here](#) and sit with friends in Tull Hall. Of course, if you're signed up to walk through In Their Shoes, your lunch is already included in your registration fee so there is no need to place an order. We look forward to this special time together.

Our Sunday School classes will be combined on Sunday morning as we meet in the Central OAC. Please join us for this inter-generational time as we learn the latest on the work of the OAC, hear their stories, and join together in a time of reflection and fellowship.

Those attending Sunday worship are encouraged to dress comfortably for the walk afterwards with the Central OAC!

Breakfast Ministry Sign Up



Central welcomes you to join us for breakfast this Sunday! Reminder that we host congregational breakfasts on the third Sunday of the month. We encourage the congregation to use the sign up link below to bring goodies to share.

[Sign up here!](#)

Congregational Meeting for May 5

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, May 5, at the close of worship for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2027. Please make plans to attend and to enjoy time with church friends at a church lunch after the meeting.



The next time you are at Central, feel free to pick up a Central magnet for your vehicle or refrigerator! They are available in the narthex.



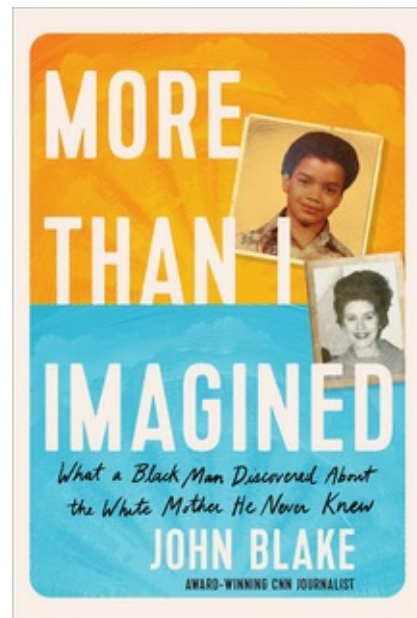
Centralite and CNN journalist John Blake has been honored with a Christopher Award for his memoir, ***“More Than I Imagined: What a Black Man Discovered About the White Mother He Never Knew,”*** (Convergent Books/Penguin Random House). It is one of 12 books for adults and young people as the Christopher Awards program marks its 75th year.

Forgiveness, faith, and racial reconciliation lie at the core of the book in which Blake meets the white mother he never knew and learns that personal relationships can often move people beyond old prejudices based on stereotypes.

Previous winners include former President Jimmy Carter, Pulitzer Prize winning historians David McCullough and Jon Meacham. Blake’s memoir was also selected as a gold medal winner in the “biography/inspiration” category for the 2024 The Illumination Awards, which honors exemplary Christian books.

Blake has been honored by the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists, the American Academy of Religion, the National Association of Black Journalists, and the Religion Communicators Council.

Christopher Awards were also given to creators of 11 TV/Cable shows and feature films. The Awards celebrate authors, and illustrators as well as writers, producers, and directors whose work “affirms the highest values of the human spirit” and reflects the Christopher motto, “It’s better to light one candle than to curse the darkness.”



We want to hear from you!

We want to hear from you! Do you have photos from a Central event or gathering to share? Please send them to us so we can share to the congregation and community. Our deadline for each week's e-newsletter is Monday at noon. Contact ajohns@cpatlanta.org

Parking on Washington Request

Central would like to kindly request that members **not** park at our entrance on Washington Street unless there is a significant issue of mobility. This entrance to the church is often vital to our disabled member's ability to park and attend service. If you are parking on Washington without a mobility issue - such as to unload, please move your car no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Thirsty Thursdays 7 p.m. Manuel's Tavern

Central members meet monthly at *Manuel's Tavern* for a time of informal fellowship. While this event was initially for Young Professionals, the event is open to all ages. Guests are welcome and no RSVP is required! Below are the dates through May 2024. Manuel's is located at 602 North Highland Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30307.

April 25
May 23

Questions? Contact *M.E. Davis* at maryelizabeth.pope@gmail.com

Serve



MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRIES

"WELCOME KIT" DONATION DRIVE!

To benefit refugee families in partnership with The Welcome Co-Op and the MDM community

STEP 1: PURCHASE TOWEL, WASH CLOTH, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT, SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, TOILET PAPER (AT LEAST 4 ROLLS), & BATH SOAP

STEP 2: ASSEMBLE THESE INTO A CONTAINER (EITHER BAG OR BOX)

STEP 3: DELIVER ON SUNDAY APRIL 14TH BETWEEN 2PM AND 4PM TO MDM - 5140 MEMORIAL DRIVE 30083

We will also accept notebooks, packs of pens, feminine hygiene products, & small stuffed animals. **ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW.** Thank you!



Rehoboth Bluebird Box

A sign of spring and renewal, bluebirds are believed to be messengers of hope and happiness during transitional times.

As we transition to a new year, you can invite bluebirds to spread joy and prosperity by providing a safe nesting site to establish new beginnings.

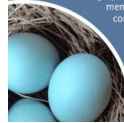


HE MOVED FROM THERE AND DUG ANOTHER WELL, AND THEY DID NOT QUARREL OVER IT; SO HE CALLED IT REHOBOTH, SAYING, "NOW THE LORD HAS MADE ROOM FOR US, AND WE SHALL BE FRUITFUL IN THE LAND." *Genesis 26:22*

Rehoboth

The wood used for these bluebird boxes is Philippine Mahogany and comes from the sanctuary of former Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, Ga. While Rehoboth—meaning "open spaces"—has closed as a congregation, its mission continues through church-based nonprofit, Memorial Drive Ministries (MDM). Located in the most diverse sq. mile in North America, MDM is a place of sanctuary and service for the Clarkston, Ga community.

These bluebird nest boxes are the fruit of combined creativity and craftsmanship of Brian Bishop, Elder, Deacon at Central Presbyterian Church and beloved Reverend Stephen Bacon. To honor the work and legacy of Rehoboth, Steve Bacon, and members of the greater Presbyterian community, proceeds of the birdhouses will be donated to MDM. To learn more and support the mission of Memorial Drive Ministries, please visit mdmatl.org.



Bluebird Nesting Just as the church provides a safe and welcoming "open space" in the community, bluebirds also require a nurturing habitat to welcome the genesis of new life. In the South, bluebirds may begin looking for nests as early as January, so please prepare for your feathered friends. For important information about bluebird nesting conditions and how/where to properly install, maintain, and protect their nest box, please scan the QR code or visit nabirdsociety.org or audeobn.org.



Please join Central in supporting refugee families through a "Welcome Kit Donation Drive" organized by Memorial Drive Ministries.

MDM is collecting new items to create warm welcome kits distributed upon their arrival. The donation of new items ensures these families feel supported as they start anew in our community.

Please note, all donations must be new and can be dropped off at 5140 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 by Sunday, April 14, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Members can also drop off their items at Central!

Your support is greatly appreciated in making a difference in their lives.

There is another wonderful chance to aid Memorial Drive Ministries by acquiring a Bluebird box. By providing a safe haven for these exquisite birds, you're not only supporting new beginnings but also embracing the spirit of spring.

Crafted from Philippine Mahogany sourced from the sanctuary of the former Rehoboth Presbyterian Church in Decatur, these Bluebird boxes are both meaningful and sustainable.

To discover more about purchasing a Bluebird box, please visit [here](#) or click on the flyer above. A suggested donation of \$50 helps support MDM's endeavors. Please mark any Bluebird box gifts as attn; David Roth.

Humanitarian Response in Israel/Palestine

We have witnessed the millions of people caught in the middle of the devastating conflict between the government of Israel and Hamas. This humanitarian crisis is dire, and the loss of human life is unimaginable. Through

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), the Presbyterian Church (USA) is providing assistance to those most vulnerable and supporting partners in Palestine and Israel who are responding to the needs of their neighbors. Our biggest concern is the safety and care for those caught in the middle of this conflict and in need of humanitarian aid, no matter their religious beliefs, politics, or nationality.



PDA has approved solidarity grants and will continue supporting our partners providing humanitarian assistance. Response efforts will encompass a wide array of vital humanitarian interventions, including but not limited to medical supplies, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), food and non-food items and delivering crucial psychosocial support to individuals.

Years of recovery lie ahead. Will you stand in the “GAP” for all affected by this conflict?

Give. Act. Pray

- **Give:** [Click this link](#) to give to Disaster Relief for Israel/Palestine (please note Middle East in the Disaster Supported box).
- **Act:** Urge the U.S. government to advocate for an immediate cease-fire and the end of the blockade on Gaza to ensure urgent access to humanitarian aid, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.
- **Pray:** Our best response is prayer. Pray that through the response of the faith community, survivors and those offering assistance will be reminded of the hope that is found in Christ.

[You can also click here to read more.](#)

Sunday Sign-Ups: Friendship & Fellowship

We are grateful for the many ways we’re reconnecting in this new season. We need the support of our Central family to sustain two crucial ministries: the collection of the friendship folders and the hosting of our lemonade fellowship hour. Both of these Sunday activities are simple, fun, and crucial to our continued engagement of visitors and of course, connecting with one another. Here are a couple of notes:

1. Individuals or groups (such as committees) are invited to host the lemonade fellowship. Supplies are provided.
2. Collection of the friendship folders is an excellent family activity! Please note the need to move easily in both the sanctuary and balcony.

Please use this [Sign-Up Genius](#) to claim a few Sundays that work for you to

plug into these volunteer opportunities.



Tower Bell Ringers

Thanks to all our “regular” ringers for taking care of the tower bell each Sunday. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday in March or beyond, click on the link below.

If you still aren't sure about it, go to the bell tower on Sunday morning and observe our expert ringers in action!

[Sign Up as a Tower Bell Ringer](#)

Worship

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Isaiah 41:1-10 + John 20:24-29

Kimberly Parker preaching

Learn

Central Women meet TOMORROW!

Central Women will meet on tomorrow, April 18, at the home of Julie Boggs, 1507 Peachtree Battle Avenue, NW, Atlanta 30327.

Our own Althea Brown will discuss her documentary project focused on Gen. James B. McPherson, after whom the Fort in Atlanta was named. Althea recently received a grant from the National Black Arts Festival funding which will contribute to the completion of the project.

Althea herself reflects: "As an individual recipient of the grant, I am deeply honored and invigorated by the prospect of joining this cohort of talented peers and engaging in a journey of collective growth and exploration. In essence, this funding represents more than just financial assistance—it embodies a shared commitment to the advancement of artistry and cultural representation, underscoring NBAF's



steadfast dedication to nurturing and celebrating diverse creative voices within our community." (See Central's April 3 e-news for more details)

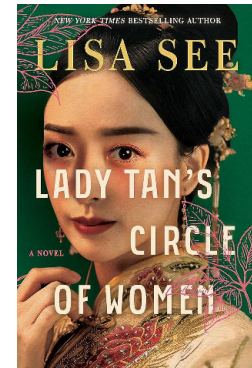
Please use this link to sign up to attend and to indicate what you would like to bring for our shared meal.

Bookworms | Lady Tan and Her Circle of Women

April 23

7:30 p.m.

**322 Kenilworth Circle
Stone Mountain, 30083**



Central's book club, Bookworms, will meet on Tuesday, April 23, at the home of Martha Crenshaw, 322 Kenilworth Circle, Stone Mountain, 30083. Up for discussion is the fascinating historical novel, ***Lady Tan and Her Circle of Women, by Lisa See, with facilitator Vicki Collier.***

This compelling story explores the life of Tan Yunxian, a female physician in imperial China during the Ming dynasty. Read this stunning novel, organize your carpools, and join Bookworms on April 23 for a lively discussion!

Questions? Contact ***Linda McCord.***

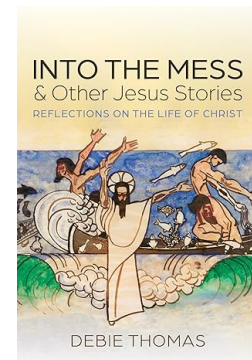
Grappling with Jesus's Teachings |

A Sojourners Class

Sundays

9:45 a.m.

Brotherhood Room



The stories of Jesus' teachings that we find in the Gospels can present challenges in understanding and interpretation. In this class, we will grapple with these challenging stories with help from the thought-provoking essays of Debie Thomas in her recently-published book, ***Into the Mess and Other Jesus Stories: Reflections on the Life of Christ.*** The "Wonders" section of this book, on the miracles of Jesus, provided the source for lively class discussions this past fall. In February and March, we will discuss stories from the "Teachings" section of the book: the beatitudes, the ten bridesmaids, the good Samaritan, and more. Join us for enriching dialogues that promise to offer fresh perspectives on Jesus' teachings.

The Sojourners class meets from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Brotherhood room. Information about this class is available from Ed Carwile (***carwile1230@earthlink.net***) and Robert Catterall (***rfcatterall@gmail.com***).

Central Women Schedule of Upcoming Events

All the women of Central are invited to join the group for any or all of our

upcoming programs. We'll have dinner at 7 p.m. followed by our varied and compelling programs. Questions? Contact Linda McCord at lindasavagemccord@gmail.com

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| 4/18/24: Home of Julie Boggs 1507 Peachtree Battle Ave Nw, Atlanta, 30327 | Althea Brown and Filmmaking | Julie Boggs |
| 5/16/24: Home of Frances St. John 4555 Crestwicke Pointe, Atlanta, 30319 | Artists in Our Midst | Linda McCord |

Give

Automated Giving through Realm

If you would like to make your pledge payments electronically, you can do so through your Realm account by visiting cpcatlanta.org, navigating to the giving page, and selecting 2024 Member Giving from the drop-down menu. To set up scheduled giving, you can choose “give multiple times” with a start date and ending date and gifts will process automatically on the schedule you choose (monthly, weekly, bi-monthly, etc.).

Realm does not update your scheduled gifts automatically with your new pledge

Should you already have an automatic gift set up, you may need to adjust the gift to match your new pledge or set up a new 2024 gift while canceling the 2023 gift if it does not have an end date. If your 2023 automated giving had an end date of December 2023, you will need to set up a new scheduled giving for 2024. This is done by logging into your Realm account, going to your giving tab, and clicking on the schedule button. You can use the three dots on the right to edit, hold, or cancel your giving. If you have any difficulties, please reach out to Kristie Johns (770) 888-9292 or kjohns@cpcatlanta.org for help.

4 Ways to Give



Mobile Giving



Online Giving



Text Giving

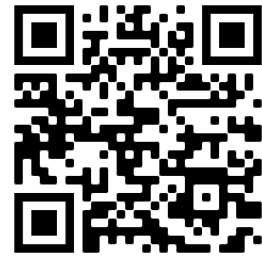


Cash/Check

There are four easy ways you can make your contribution to the mission and ministry of Central Church.

Give through REALM Connect mobile app

Give through the Realm Connect mobile app; download from your device's store.



2023 Pledge: You may pledge through this *link*

Give online

Visit the **CPC website** to securely make your contribution.

Text to give*

Text **CPCATLANTA** to **73256** followed by your gift amount.

Mail a check to our address

201 Washington St SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Please give generously, and thank you!

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Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.

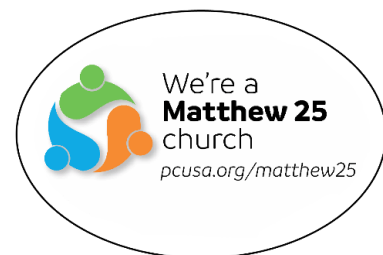
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