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Is it true that the older we get the faster times flies? Well, if not, it certainly appears that way. To be sure I believe that as we mature, our awareness and consciousness of it begins to change. In any event—it's August once again and for SouthCentral Church, that means another calendar year for us has arrived. 18 years as a church family! That excites me!! Furthermore, I am also motivated by the presence of each and every person in the SouthCentral story. After 18 years I am still enthused by the excitement of many forces that cause our church to be a dynamic one.

Vacation Bible School last month was another one for the success books. It was only our third year at it and I must say that I believe we've got the hang of it. To our teachers and their assistants; those who literally "brought" students; to the caregroups and individuals who served in any and every way possible—we thank you and urge your continued participation in the educational program.

SouthCentral Sunday 2016— our 18th anniversary will be observed on Sunday August 21st. Our regular service time will remain in place, however we look forward to celebrating with those friends and family that we all invite. Our friend and favorite, Dr. Rodney Dulin of Central Pointe in Dallas and Mesquite will be our guest pulpitarian for the morning. There is no telling what other special guests will be present that day as we praise God for yet another year! Please make your plans to be present and to bring someone with you!

Post anniversary will be a busy time for us as we make plans for 2017 and even begin to consider some other changes. Just remember: CHANGE IS GOOD.

Our giving took a hit during the month of July. How thankful we are to see contributions increasing again—both from the collections and from our electronic giving. Let's remain faithful and consistent in all things! And above all, let us be truly THANKFUL for what the Lord does for us, and may we express it through our giving to HIM.

This has been an especially tense and heartbreaking time for our country as we continue to witness violence in our nation and so close to home. We pray hard and earnestly for the families of those who lives have been taken at the hands of law enforcement. We also pray for law enforcement and their families. We pray for OUR families because we know that the answer will only come from above. We need to pray daily for our country, our state and our city. This election cycle is making us hear and see strange and "not-so-strange" things. The rhetoric and actions of some are trying to take us back to the days of segregation, along with all that came with it. We not only need to pray, but we need to VOTE! If you are not a registered voter, then I strongly encourage you to get registered. (You can even do it online) If you are apathetic and don't think that it matters or that your vote will not matter—just don't do it then, and you will be assured that it won't.

Pastor Bowdre

August 2016

Schedule of Services

Sundays

Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays

Mid-Week Bible Classes
6:30 p.m.

Ministry Meetings

2nd Sunday

Care Groups

North, Central & South

3rd Sunday

Youth C.O.R.E.

(Centered On Rejoicing
Eternally)

4th Sunday

MENistry

8:00 a.m.

1st Tuesday

The G.A.M.E.

(Girlfriends Anointed
Motivated and Excelling)

1st Thursday

Technology Meeting

6:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

Women's Circle Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals

1st & 3rd Sundays

SouthCentralites

8:00 a.m.

2nd & 3rd Sundays

Total Praise

Deacons

Prentice Butler
Rufus Thompson

Pastoral Illumination



At SouthCentral Church of Christ...PRAISE is what we do!

Derren Smith, Minister of Involvement/Development

July 3, 2016

Sunday School	35
10:00 Worship	87
Mid Week	0
Visitors	32
Placed Membership	7

July 10, 2016

Sunday School	46
10:00 Worship	106
Mid Week	0
Visitors	32
Placed Membership	8

July 17 2016

Sunday School	38
10:00 Worship	109
Mid Week	38
Visitors	17
Placed Membership	8

July 24, 2016

Sunday School	52
10:00 Worship	96
Mid Week	53
Visitors	21
Placed Membership	8

July 31, 2016

Sunday School	44
10:00 Worship	111
Mid Week	53
Visitors	35
Placed Membership	8

Anniversary dues—Each member is asked to give \$25 to help defray cost associated with our upcoming Anniversary. This is over and above your regular offering. Funds may be paid to Paula Loftin, Janet Jones, or Feleta Stewart or you may give by indicating it on your contribution card. Please write “Anniversary” in the blank so that the funds will be allocated for the intended purpose.

Membership Cards — We are in the process of updating ALL membership records. If you have not already completed a membership card, please do so at your earliest convenience. Cards may be turned in to Paula Loftin, or any usher.

Central Pointe’ Church of Christ—Dallas will have their 16th annual Women’s Conference August 12-14. The keynote speaker is Dr. Mark Thompson of Detroit, Michigan. The theme this year is, "Women in Action." You can register online at centralpointechurch.org. The conference will be held at the church’s main location at 7440 S. Westmoreland Road in Dallas.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF CHRIST—Kilgore, 6646 CR 292 75662—Homecoming Revival —Sunday August 14th—2:30 pm (lunch served from 12:45-2:15 pm) The guest speaker will be Thomas O. Fitzgerald, minister of the Eastside Church in Forney, Texas. The revival will run through Wednesday at 7:30 nightly. Rufus Thorn is the minister.

Universal Heights Church of Christ—Tyler, 10173 Henry Murphy Road invites us to their annual revival Sunday August 21. Lunch will be served after worship and the afternoon service will begin at 2:30pm. The revival continues through Wednesday night at 7: 00 with different speakers each night. Brother Douglas Howie is the host minister.

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We urge you to go to our church website often for announcements, upcoming events and to learn more about the ministries and programs of SouthCentral Church. We also maintain a Facebook page that you’re sure to find engaging. Tell friends and family & encourage them to visit us online! The Technology/Media Ministry will be meeting again soon. Maybe that’s a ministry YOU would like to be a part of! We appreciate all of their ideas and gifts that they bring to the table. If interested, see deacon Prentice Butler.



Please pay your age in 2016 for this year’s birthday challenge. You may pay them to **Paula Loftin, Feleta Stewart, caregroup leaders, or on your contribution card.**

