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Return Service Requested

Thank You!

A big thank you from Sk8 Church: because of all the generous donations for the competition, we were able to give away 30 large pizzas, 80 hot dogs, 100 snow cones and countless cookies and bottles of water! The event was a huge success!

Welcome Little One!

Congratulations to Roger and Stephanie DeCoster who welcomed daughter, Ella Ann on March 30th!

Condolences:

To Jessica Lemmons and family in the passing of her husband, Josh Lemmons. To Phil and Angie Chartier and family in the passing of Phil's mother, Bobbie.

Upcoming Meetings:

Missions Meeting (May 3rd, 3pm) first 30minutes open to all. Men's Ministry (May 13th, 7:35pm, Norwood Class), Women's Ministry (May 13th, 7:35pm, Lydia Class).

Food Pantry Needs:

Our pantry is in need of Spaghetti Sauce, Cornbread Mix, Boxed Pasta Dinners, Dry Beans, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Jelly, Cereal/Breakfast items as well as paper sacks if you have them. You can use the big blue bins in the Main (West) and South foyers. Thank you to all who donate!



Golden Anniversary Celebration

We'd like to celebrate and congratulate Don and Carol Palmer on celebrating their golden anniversary—50 years! You're invited, Sunday, May 24th from 2-4pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to the Central church family.

Weather Related Schedule Changes

In the event of inclement weather, snow, ice or severe storms, you may access info on our church Facebook page, our website (www.cbcowasso.org), the church office voice mail or if you have the CBC App (with notifications turned on) you will receive service cancellations on your mobile device.

Prayer Requests

Every weekday morning, the staff holds a prayer time at 9am. We also have a Prayer Chain email list. If you would like to add a prayer or would like to be included on the list, contact the office.



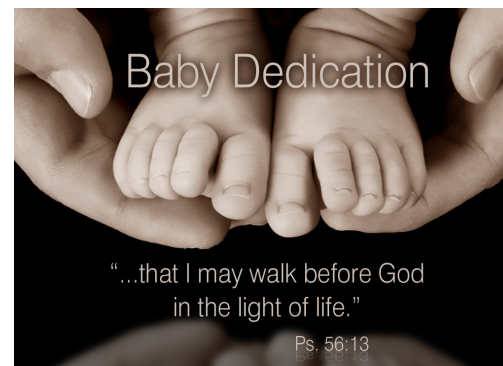
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CENTRAL CONNECTION

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Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

April 23rd, 2015



Baby Dedications

We will have our next Baby Dedication Ceremony on Mother's Day, **May 10th** during the 10:45am service. If you would like to include your family, please contact Debra Stephens no later than **Sunday, April 26th**. We will need a photo and the child's birthdate.



Graduation Sunday!

Senior Recognition Day is **May 17th**! We will have a breakfast for all graduating Seniors and family in Fellowship Hall North at 9:30am, the Recognition Service is 10:45am in the Worship Center. Seniors are asked to submit a picture and a completed form, (available online) by May 3rd. You can also email your photo and information to jerry.goggans@cbcowasso.org.

VBS Clinic

Thursday, April 30th from 7-9pm all interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend this free clinic and qualify to get your VBS tee for free! Email debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org to let Debra know where you would like to help. VBS will be from **6-8:30pm July 12th-16th**.

Congratulations Debra Stephens

Join us in celebrating with Debra Stephens for 10 years of service at CBC as our Children's Director. A celebration is in the planning stages so be on the look out for more info. Here is a little info about Debra in case you don't know her that well: Debra and Clay have four children (Kenton, Sydney, Natalie and Garrett) and two grandboys, Boston and Cyrus. Debra has been a member of Central for 23 years. Before joining the staff, Debra served in leadership roles in Sunday School, VBS and Women's Ministry.

Wednesday Meals Upcoming Menu

The meal for this **Wednesday, April 29th** is Brisket, Texas Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Salad Bar and Dessert. The Kids Menu is: Corn Dog, Applesauce, Veggie, Salad Bar and Dessert. The rate is \$5 per each adult portion, \$2.50 per each half or kids portion. Children 3 and under are free. Please sign up on the South bulletin board by the office no later than Monday at noon to be sure that we purchase enough food.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Thank you to all who gave, we reached \$7,202 of our \$6,000 goal! 100% will go to support missionaries and their families!

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Are We A Safe Place?



1983 in Louisville, Kentucky a national initiative known as “Project Safe Place” was established to benefit young people ages 13-17 with short-term residential and counseling services. What has happened over the past 32 years is remarkable as now there are “Safe Places” all across our nation that support children up to adolescents who are “at risk” or in a crisis situation. All a young person has to do is walk into one of these “Safe Places” and request help, within 30 minutes a safe place counselor will be on sight to assist him/her. If the young person finds him/herself in a crisis situation or feels “at risk” for any reason all they have to do is ask for help at a designated safe place. From designated schools, fire stations, libraries, convenience stores (Quick Trip in N.E. Oklahoma), to youth friendly businesses, a young person just needs to simply look for the sign (above) and they will know they are at a “Safe Place.”

What about us? Are we a safe place? Let’s get more personal. What about you? - Yes, You. Are you a safe place for people to come to you to find healing? What about your home? Is it a safe place? Is your home a safe place for your children to be real? Do other kids run to your home when theirs is in chaos? Is your family a safe place? Have you equipped your children to help other children or would you rather your kids keep to themselves? No doubt, this approach is safer and less messy. I mean, who has time to get messy with other people’s problems?! Who wants more drama in their already over-dramatized life?

What about our church? Can people come to Central and know that we are a safe place where they can be real and find healing? What about your small group? (That is if you go to a small group and if you don’t...you really should!) If a stranger came to your small group, would they have the freedom to be real and share about their crisis? Would they be embraced or would they be judged? Would your class immediately try to fix them by giving them advice or tell them to need to get professional help or would they be surrounded by your small group with love and acceptance? These are tough questions, but these are questions that need to be asked.

What does the Bible say? What biblical examples do we find of God’s people providing “Safe Places” for people to heal? This will be the topic of my new Sermon Series in the months of May and June called, “Safe Place.”

We have been talking a lot recently about our church becoming a hospital. What does that mean? What will it look like? How will it change the landscape of our church family? Are we going to “like” it? Is it going to help our church grow? Will it cause some people to leave? Will it be uncomfortable? Of all these questions I can only answer one with 100% certainty, it will make us all uncomfortable! But so does the true Christian life. Following Christ is not about comfort. It’s about obedience.

Three things we desire as we head down this road:

1. That we provide a safe place for people to be real.
2. That we provide an effective process for them to find healing.
3. That we equip those finding healing to help others through the process.

I look forward to explaining more to you on Sunday morning about the future that God is leading us down. Many times before Jesus gave spiritual counsel, He took care of their physical needs. This is our way to take care of people’s emotional and mental needs along with their physical needs as we share with them the good news of Jesus Christ. Jesus came to seek and to save all those who were lost. May we be found in the field doing His work when He returns.

Until the whole world hears, let’s get on the road again!

Pastor Scott

Tour Israel in 2016

Pastor Scott is exploring the possibility of a 10-day Israel tour in 2016. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Debbie (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org).



Business Meeting

On **May 3rd at 6pm**, we will have our next Business Meeting in the sanctuary. We will take the Lord’s Supper and as usual we will be taking a Benevolence offering. Any new business needs to be submitted to the church office no later than **Tuesday, April 28th**.

Senior Adult Potluck & Games

Seniors, save the date: **Monday, May 11th from 4:30-7pm** in the Fellowship Hall North, there will be a potluck and game night! Bring your games and don’t forget food items to donate to the food pantry!

Graduation Party

All are invited to a graduation party honoring Austin Stewart and Mackenzie McCann (hosted by their parents) on **Sunday, May 17th from 2-5pm** in the Fellowship Hall North. A come & go event.

Skit ‘n Miss + First Summer Picnic

Join us for our first church picnic of the summer, **Sunday, June 7th at 5pm**. Stick around for a night of improv comedy with Skit ‘n Miss! More details on both events to come!

Summer Mowing Teams

If you would be interested in helping with lawn care on a rotation, please contact Matt Flindt or sign up in the Ministry Hall. All supplies provided!

Preparation For New England

Step One. We are now ready to begin the process of our members meeting and training online with the individuals in Maine. The first step will deal with Venue Development. Our members will meet online one hour per week for 8-weeks with an additional two hours of actual field work each week. If you signed up with an interest in partnering with New England or want to know more about how to create venues to build relationships then this training is for you. Our first class with a focus on Maine is **Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm**. Contact matt.flindt@cbcowasso.org for more information about this opportunity.

May 8th is the last Mom-to-Mom meeting until Fall (9am-11:30am) in the Joy Classroom (by the carousel).

Mother’s Day Offering

Central will again be participating in the Mother’s Day offering on **Sunday, May 10th**, which helps support both the Baptist Village Retirement Community through the Adams’ Care Fund and the Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis

Join us in the Fellowship Hall, Sundays at 6pm. There are three discussions left in this series. **Tonight’s class** is “Rise of Civilization”. May 3rd is “Origin of the Universe” and the final class is May 10th with “Uniqueness of Earth”. Childcare is not available, and you not required to sign up for this class.

Summit Camp, Grand Lake

Save the date! **June 8th-13th**. This camp is for 6th-12th grade students and the cost is \$175 due by **May 27th** (scholarships are available). Packets are available in the youth area. If you have any questions, contact Jeremy (jeremy.goggans@cbcowasso.org). There is a mandatory parent/camper meeting **May 20th at 7:30pm**.



2015 Children’s Events

Save these dates!

KMAK kids camp will again be at Camp Tulakogee for 3rd-6th grade children, **June 15th-18th**, the cost is \$165. The parent/camper meeting is coming up on **May 20th at 7:30pm**.



VBS will be **July 12th-17th**. Daycamp for 1st and 2nd grade children is **July 27th-29th** and the cost is \$80 per camper. If you have any questions about any of these children’s events, please contact Debra Stephens (by email at: debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org).