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Our Staff

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Jeremy Goggans.....Minister to Youth
Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant
Jana Oder.....Weekday Preschool Director

Return Service Requested

Welcome New Members:

Breanna Stewart, Marcene Davis, Andy Koerner

Welcome New February Babies:

Cyrus Vakilzadeh (2-14-15) born to Nick and Sydney Vakilzadeh. Clay and Debra Stephens are the proud Grandparents. Jack Michael Fowler (2-23-15) born to Chris and Amber Fowler.

Donations:

Susan Utter gave a donation to the building fund in memory of her husband, John Utter.

“The Story” Good Friday Production

Are you interested in joining with our Adult Choir as we prepare for our Easter program? Join us in the choir room, Sundays at 5pm. Childcare is provided.

Food Pantry Needs:

Our pantry is in need of Mac and Cheese, Dry Noodles and Beans, Cornbread Mix, Soup, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Breakfast Items. You can use the big blue bins in the Main (West) and South foyers. Please remember we can only accept nonperishable and unopened items. Thank you to all who donate!

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

<http://cbcowasso.org/e-news>

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February 26th, 2015



Annie Armstrong

The main goal of the North American Mission board is to create more churches. Our population is increasing but church growth has not kept up. 49% of NAMB’s funding comes from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Currently 25% of all Christian churches planted in North America are planted by Southern Baptists. Begin now to participate in reaching our church goal of \$6000. Mark “Annie Armstrong” on your offering. Look for the prayer guide in the March 8th worship bulletin.

Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis

What if science and faith revealed the same truth? This five week study explores the scientific evidence that confirms the Biblical account of creation. Topics include: “Flood or Fiction”, “How Old is the Earth”, “Dinosaurs”, “Origins of the Universe” and “Uniqueness of Earth”. This free class begins **March 22nd at 6pm**. Sign up in the ministry hallway!

Wednesday Meals

The meal for this **Wednesday, March 4th** is Mexican chicken bake, homemade salsa, veggies, nachos, salad bar, dessert. The Kids Menu is: pizza, veggie, salad bar, dessert. The rate is \$5 per each adult portion, \$2.50 per each half or kids portion. 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.

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 1st at 3pm we are having a Missions Committee meeting in the conference room. The first 30 minutes are open to all!

Skit 'n Miss

The Women’s Ministry is hosting a family-friendly comedy night with **Skit 'n Miss**. Invite all your friends and join us **Sunday, at 6pm**. Childcare is not available for this event though children are welcome to attend.



Impact New England

Central Baptist is ready to take the next step in our partnership with the churches in New England. On **Saturday, March 7th from 9am-10:30am**, Dr. Curt Watke will be leading a listening/implementation session on how Central Baptist can create these partnerships with churches specifically, but not limited to, Rhode Island and Maine. If you are interested in partnering with church leaders and members in a grassroots approach on helping create venues to reach the lost in the New England area then you need to attend this meeting. Interests in the arts, music, book clubs, outdoor activities, Bible studies and skateboarding are just a few ways of creating venues to reach the lost. Whether you would like to go to New England or would prefer to work with teams here, this meeting is for you. For more information contact Matt Flindt (email Matt.Flindt@cbcowasso.org).



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The Road to the Cross

Are all roads created equal? Robert Frost told us that he traveled on *the road less traveled*. He seemed to be pretty proud of that fact. What about you? Are you glad you are on the road you are currently on? Do you tend to travel on the road less traveled or the one that is tried and true? Maybe you are frantically attempting to get off the road you are on. Maybe you feel stuck and are looking for an exit. Who is to say that the road heavily traveled is the best road to travel on anyways?

Beginning on March 15th, I will introduce a new series titled, "The Road to the Cross." Prior to Easter, we will be looking at specific roads that Jesus traveled that led up to the cross. After Easter, we will look at some specific roads that His followers traveled on after His resurrection. The focus is not necessarily on the road but on the activity and experiences that happened along the way. That being said, Jesus did indeed talk about the two roads that everyone finds themselves on. More specifically He mentions one road less traveled that leads to eternal life and the road more traveled leads to eternal destruction. Every human being is on one of these two roads. I'll talk more on those roads in a second.

What happened on these roads that led to and from the cross? This will be our focus in our series. So many of life's lessons and experiences happen on the road. Think about your last road trip, did anything memorable happen? Did you experience car trouble? Did you make any memories? Did you experience any crises? Did you run into any interesting people? Did you have a "God Moment" where the Lord taught you a lesson? We often focus on life in the home, work and the church. There is no doubt that a lot of life takes place in these areas but many of life's missions and lessons happen on the road. It is the in-between home, work, the church and school where God teaches us about the most important things in life. It is also on the road that we intersect with other people each on their own journeys. This was certainly true with Jesus and His disciples.

Remember, everyone is on some road. They travel right beside us every day. Sometimes they are going in the same direction but often they are going in the opposite direction. As we live life on the road we need to pay attention to those all around us. If we are to live "on mission" we might as well do it all the time, don't forget while you are on the road.

On Easter this year I will be focusing on the words from Matthew's gospel. They are also the words of Jesus:

"Go in through the narrow gate. The gate to destruction is wide, and the road that leads there is easy to follow. A lot of people go through that gate. 14 But the gate to life is very narrow. The road that leads there is so hard to follow that only a few people find it." -Matthew 7:13-14

When we think about Jesus' words, make certain you are on the correct road. According to His words, the road we better be on is "the road less traveled." Be thinking of who you can invite to our church on Good Friday and Easter. It might turn out to be the most important day of their life. You might say, "Pastor, Good Friday and Easter are in April!" That's right, March is a perfect time to begin to cultivate those friendships. While you are on the road, look for those divine appointments where we can invite people to walk with us. Better yet, walk "with" them. While we are on the road together, remind others of the road that God paved for eternity.

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

Pastor Scott

New to Central? Pastor's Discovery Class

If you are new to Central, there is a special class hosted by Pastor Scott that is designed for you! It is open to guests, prospective members and anyone wanting to know more about CBC, what we believe and where we are going as a church. If you have questions, we have answers! This class meets in Pastor Scott's office on Sunday mornings at 9:30am. You can drop in on this series at any time and take the extra classes in the next series. This Sunday's class (March 1st) is "Session One: Centered In Christ". As an alternative to the four weekly Sunday classes, you can choose to attend an all-in-one "intensive" session. The next available class is March 28th. To sign up for this class, please contact Debbie Dalaeli (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org) to sign up and arrange to pick up the class materials to read over (at least a week in advance). You can also sign up for this class on the South bulletin board by the office.



2015 Youth Events Coming Up:

"No Girls Allowed" Youth Retreat

Guys, save the date for a youth retreat on **March 13th and 14th** at Tulakogee. Food, Bible study, dodge ball, basketball, airsoft, fishing etc. Cost: \$40

CBC Senior Day

This is the Sunday set aside to honor all our graduating Seniors of the class of 2015. We will have a Senior Breakfast for you and your family in May. More info to come.

Summit Camp at Grand Lake in Grove

Save the date! June 8th-13th. This camp is for 6th-12th grade students and the cost is \$175 (scholarships are available).

Contact Jeremy Goggans for more information!

Opportunities To Serve:

Jr. High needs a guy to lead on Sunday mornings, talk to Jeremy Goggans if you are interested. Please contact Don at 918-272-3097 if you would like to greet people at our doors with a smile on Sunday mornings.

Transform: Leadership Training Event

Our Sunday School leadership has a very unique opportunity to be trained by the best in the country when it comes to leading a Sunday School Class. On **March 28th, from 8:30am to 2:30pm** at First Baptist Church Broken Arrow, Lifeway hosts "Transform". During this six hour event, leaders will be able to focus on the very narrow age ranges they teach and will gain new insights and hands-on skills they can put to work immediately. Leaders will come to understand how to teach with the goal of transformation, practical teaching methods, how to prepare to teach, classroom dynamics and much more. The Education ministry will pay the \$25 registration fee for those who sign up in the ministry hallway or contact the church office/Matt Flindt.



GCK Open Enrollment

Grand Central Kids Preschool is open for enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year for current GCK students and Central members. Pick up a packet outside Ms. Jana's office and return it as soon as possible as spaces fill up quickly. Public enrollment begins **March 2nd**.

McTeacher's Night

Join us for McTeacher's Night at the McDonald's on 76th on **March 31st from 5-7pm**. GCK will receive 100% of the proceeds for every pie sold and 20% of the proceeds from all other items purchased during this time. Funds raised will go towards a new copier for the preschool.

Homebound Ministry

We are starting a new rotation of Homebound Ministry and have several spots to fill. If you are interested in this, please contact Barbara Whisenhunt (bjwhisenhunt@cox.net) or Rev Kev (revkev.laufer@cbcowasso.org). We are also starting a card ministry if you would like to send out a greeting or letter to one of the Homebound.

Homebound & Card Ministry Meeting

There is a special meeting to discuss the Homebound Visitation schedules and Card Ministry for homebound coming up **Sunday, March 8th at 3pm** in the Fellowship Hall North. Please make plans to be here for this meeting if you would like to learn more or would like to be involved.

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 will be around \$165. VBS will be **July 12th-17th**. Daycamp for 1st and 2nd grade children is late July-early August, the dates and costs will be announced later. If you have any questions about any of these children's events, please contact Debra Stephens (by email: debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org).