



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

New Members

Emma DeCoster, Patricia Witt, Allen and Melisa Harrison,  
Glen and Michael Kastler

Donation

A donation was made to the CBC Food Pantry by Marlena  
Burwell in honor of James Burwell’s birthday.

Text Giving Now Available

It’s Easy! Text **CBCOWASSO** and your amount to the number  
**73256**. You can choose checking, savings, debit or credit card.  
Central pays \$2 per transaction. You’ll receive a text acknowl-  
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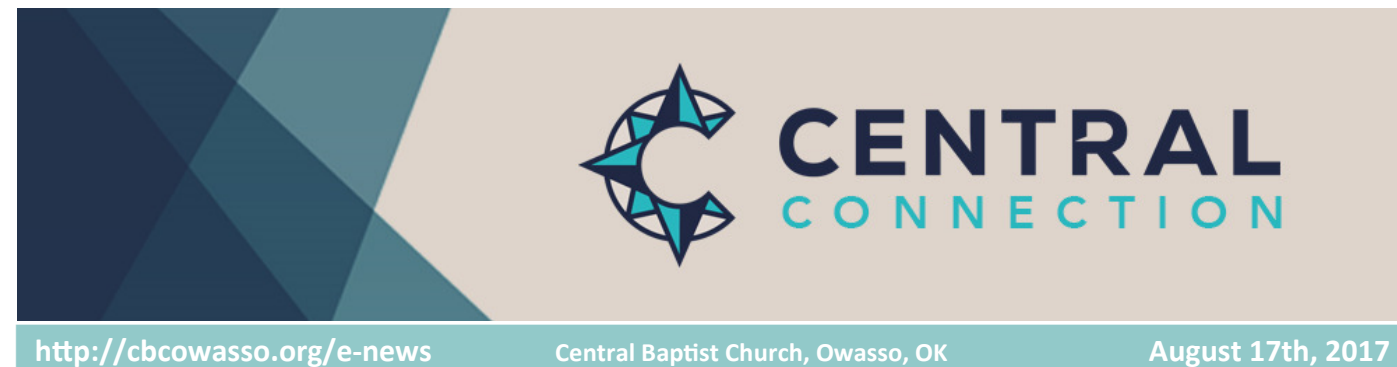
Help Wanted!

We have a need for helpers and teachers in the preschool dur-  
ing the Sunday School (9:30am) hour on Sundays as well as  
some openings for Extended Care workers (during 1st or 2nd  
service) for preschool and babies. We also could use one set  
of workers to help with preschool worship (during the 10:45am  
service). Contact Tonya Cowan (918-504-1895) or Debra Ste-  
phens (debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org) if you are interested  
in learning more. A background check will be required.

Upcoming Dates

- **8/20:** Freedom Group Sign Up Ends  
-Sign up for Discovery Class Ends  
-Church Picnic 5pm (see cover)
- **8/23:** Wed. Fall Schedule Starts (\*see  
cover for complete schedule)
- **8/27:** Honoring Rhonda in services  
-Discovery Class at 6pm
- **8/30:** Dave Ramsey’s FPU Begins  
- Freedom Group Starts at 6:30pm
- **9/3:** New Sunday School year, pre-  
school and children move up
- **9/4:** Labor Day (Office Is Closed)
- **9/7:** Senior Adult Woolaroc Trip
- **9/10:** Life Hurts, God Heals for high  
school (9-12th grade) begins at 4pm  
-Choir kickoff starts at 5pm
- **9/24:** Life Hurts, Gods Heals for mid-  
dle school (6-8th grade) begins at  
4pm
- **10/1:** Lord’s Supper during Sunday  
morning worship services.

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Final Picnic of the Summer

We are ending summer with a picnic **this Sun-  
day, August 20th at 5pm**. The church provides  
the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks, we  
ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to  
share based upon your last name: **A-K: Side  
Dish, L-Z: Dessert**. Don’t forget towels, we’ll  
have water inflatables for the kids!

Celebrating 20 Years: Rhonda Wyble

Rhonda Wyble has been a vital part of our Music Minis-  
try at CBC for 20 years this month. We would like to  
honor Rhonda for her faithful service during both ser-  
vices on **August 27th**. We will have a basket for cards  
that morning if you would like to show appreciation.  
Thank you Rhonda for sharing your gifts and talents with  
us for the last 20 years, we look forward to many more!

Wednesdays At Central: Fall Schedule

This next Wednesday, August 23rd, we start our fall schedule! This brings back Sarah Carlson and her  
wonderful staff for Wednesday dinner! Here is the complete schedule:

- **4:30pm & 6:30pm:** Bro. Leon Shade’s Adult Bible Study (6:30pm is the same lesson) meets in the Mira-  
cle classroom and will be starting a study on the book of Hebrews.
- **5:30-6:15pm:** Wednesday dinner (There’s a new sign up on the bulletin board by the office, sign up by  
Monday at noon each week. \$5 full portion, \$2.50 half portion or kids and toddlers 2 and under are  
free, max of \$20 per family.) The menu is pork loin, potatoes, veggie, salad bar and dessert.
- **6:30pm:** Student Takeover 1st-4th grade in Kid Central, 5th-12th grade youth in Youth wing. The Pre-  
school/Children’s Student Takeover is happy to begin using The Gospel Project as  
their Wednesday night curriculum. We also have a Prayer Group that meets in the Connections  
Room. Nursery is available to workers and those attending a class.

If you can help Sarah and her crew in the kitchen with Wednesday meals, contact the church office!

Freedom Group: Sign Up By Aug. 20th

Pastor Scott will be offering “**Learning To Tell My-  
self The Truth**” on Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting  
**August 30th**. This class will help you find freedom  
from tyranny of anger, depression, anxiety, per-  
fectionism, and other emotional difficulties. Eve-  
ryone has something in their past or are currently  
working through what is holding them back from  
being all that God wants you to be. This class is  
offered the same time as Student Takeover, so  
childcare will be readily available. Sign up by  
email [freedomgroups@cbcowasso.org](mailto:freedomgroups@cbcowasso.org).

Youth: Life Hurts, God Heals

“Life Hurts, God Heals” is a Freedom Group  
for youth. A new series starts in September.  
High Schoolers (9th-12th grade) begins on  
September 10th at 4pm, Middle School (6th-  
8th grade) begins on September 24th at  
4pm. This class is designed to help youth  
work through stress, anxiety and a host of  
other topics common to today’s youth.  
There is no advance sign up needed for ei-  
ther class. Email Ian Scott  
([ian.scott916@gmail.com](mailto:ian.scott916@gmail.com)) with questions.

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## Strangers

Have you ever felt that you didn't belong, that you didn't fit in?

*That is great! Why? Because you aren't suppose to belong or fit*

in. The apostle Peter urged us to remember we are at best strangers and temporary residents of this world. In other words, we don't belong here. And if we don't belong here, we need to stop trying to fit in. Jesus even said in His prayer in John 17 that we are not of this world. So why then do we try so hard to belong and to fit in?

An amazing thing happens when a person becomes a follower of Jesus Christ. His residency changes. God changes our address and this place called earth is no longer called our home. We have become new creations, the past is gone, everything is made new!

I wonder how Daniel and his three friends felt when they were escorted off to Babylon? They were to never see their homes again. Yet they knew they didn't belong in Babylon. And even though the King tried to get the young men to adapt to their new environment, the boys from Jerusalem would not compromise. They never forget who they were and whose they were. They were strangers in a distant land, but more importantly they were citizens of their heavenly calling.

Even when they spent time in the Lion's den or the fiery furnace, they were not alone. Jesus was with them. And Jesus is also with you. Maybe you feel like a stranger in this world. Honestly, that is a good thing. God is still reminding his children that they do not belong to this earth. You have been called to a higher calling and a more pure residency.

During the month of September, I will be preaching a 4-part series entitled, "Strangers." We will be looking at the calling and service of four very special young men who would not compromise their faith. How do you stay faithful to God in a hostile world? How to stay faithful to God when home seems so far away? The mini-series will answer these questions.

In the meantime, stop trying to fit in! You belong to another world!!

*Pastor Scott*

## Children's Church Updates

Starting this Sunday, the Children's Worship (dismissed during the 10:45am service) will only be for those in 1st-3rd grades. Preschool is undergoing some class name changes and Sunday School promotions for the kids will be **September 3rd**. Any questions, see Debra Stephens.

## Pastor's Discovery Class

If you are new to Central or would like to learn more about the church and our beliefs, this stand alone class is for you! This is a required class for church membership. The next class is **August 27th at 6pm**. Childcare is available and a small meal will be served. Sign up by August 20th and get the class material to review before the class, contact Debbie.Daeli@cbcowasso.org, use the tear-away slip on the Sunday worship guides, or click on our church calendar on our website.

## Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

FPU is designed to help you learn how to get out of debt and make your money start to work for you! You will watch the FPU lessons online on your own time then you'll meet with your members in class each week to talk about the lesson, answer questions, and complete the hands-on learning activities in FPU. Classes begin **Wednesday, August 30th at 6:30pm**, the class is 10 weeks. Class kits are available for \$99 and can be picked up at class. The kit comes with a membership number that will give you access to the videos online and your family only needs one kit. Sign up online through the Dave Ramsey website, call the church office or sign up at the display case in the Ministry hallway. For more information contact Matt Flindt.

## Choir Kickoff

Do you love to sing? Join the choir! The kickoff is Sunday, **September 10th at 5pm** and they meet in the choir room, located just behind the sanctuary, ages 14 and up. No sign up is needed! Childcare will be available.

## Grand Central Kids Preschool

GCK is enrolling for babies up to 4 year olds. Enrollment packages are outside Miss Jana's office or in the church office. GCK offers either a 3-day program (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or a 2-day option (Tuesdays and Thursdays). For questions, contact Jana Oder, the director, at 918-212-1196.

## T-Shirts Available for Purchase

This year we are not adding a new t-shirt for Student Takeover, however we do have limited sizes and quantities available of prior years through the church office for \$5 each. Ryland has the new Central logo tees available for purchase in the South foyer for \$10 for an adult size or \$5 for a kids' size. The women's ministry tees are \$15.

## Edna McMillan State Offering

The Oklahoma State Missions September Offering is named in honor of Edna McMillan, a woman who led the passionate cause of reaching Oklahomans with the Gospel in the early 1900's. This year, Central's goal is \$4,000.

## Senior Adults: Woolaroc

The plans are to meet at Central on September 7th at 9am, arrive at Woolaroc at 10am. We will have lunch in Bartlesville. Entrance to museum is \$10 (be prepared to pay this upfront before we leave, exact change is preferred), we will stop for lunch while there (approx. \$8-10). Sign up in the ministry hallway. See Faye Loyd with any questions.



## PRCO "Arms Of Grace" Fall Banquet

Pregnancy Resource Center of Owasso will be having their 2017 Fall Banquet, Arms of Grace, on October 10th. Susie Paddock will be in the main foyer on August 20th with tickets to the event and more details on the raffle (that you do not need to be present at to win) and information about a men's mentoring program for young dads. The deadline to buy tickets is Sept. 29th. The weblink is <http://prcowasso.org/armsofgrace/>

## Benevolence Ministry

Matthew 25:40 Jesus reminds us "when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!" Our Benevolence ministry is how we love on those in need in our community. We join with the Ministerial Alliance to help Owasso Community Resources provide emergency rent assistance to local families; we help families through our church office with emergency utilities assistance or food. You can support this ministry by designating "benevolence" on your offering or by donating food items in the South foyer. Our food pantry is currently in need of breakfast items, boxed dinners, peanut butter, jelly, soups, spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles.