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Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant
Jana Oder.....Weekday Preschool Director

Return Service Requested

Welcome New Members

Ab Yang & TouFue Chang, Sarah Swofford, Richard & Susie Paddack, Mitzi Epperson, Oleta Ellis, Finnley Pogue, Kessler Roadman, Jacob Baker, Blake Thompson and Rich Pounds. Welcome to Central!

New Baby!

Esther Ketner was born 6/23 to Jake and Angie Ketner. Conley Payne was born 7/5 to Jeff and Breanna Payne, proud grandparents are Rick and Leslie Payne.

Condolences:

Kris & Donia Ledford and family in the passing of Donia's sister, Tiffany Gunther. To Don & Deloras Carroll in the passing of Don's mother, Elizabeth Carroll. To Celina & Jeff McCoy and family in the passing of Celina's mother, Elaine Ketchum.

Office Volunteers Needed!

We have a few spots in need of volunteers. Once a week, we need someone(s) to refill the seat pockets in the Sanctuary with envelopes and pencils. We could also use additional help with our Benevolence ministry. If you feel called to work with this ministry, please contact Debbie Dalaeli to learn more (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org).

Library Accepting Donations

Our library is accepting donations of any and all new and gently used books and DVD's (both Adult's and Children's). Any books not added to the library will be added to a book sale this fall to benefit Central's Library. There is a table outside the library for your donations. Thanks Central!

Dates at a Glance:

- **Aug 1-3:** DayCamp 8am-5pm Daily
- **Aug 3rd & 10th:** Youth Events
- **Aug 7th:** Church Picnic, 5pm
- **Aug 12th:** Shine Your Light Ladies Event
- **Aug 18th:** Owasso Public School Starts
- **Aug 20th:** ReConnect Training
- **Aug 21st:** Quarterly Business Meeting
- **Aug 24th:** Fall Schedule: 5:30-6:15
Wednesday dinner, at 6:30pm: Student Takeover, Adult Bible Study, Mom's Group and Prayer Group
- **Aug 28th & 31st :** Freedom Groups Start
- **Aug 28th:** 6pm Discovery Class

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CENTRAL CONNECTION

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

Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

July 28th, 2016

Camps and VBS: Thank You Central!

We would like to give a very special thank you to everyone who donated a scholarship, gave of your time or finances to help support all 3 of our camps and our VBS.



Church Picnic: Sunday, August 7th, 5pm

The first Sunday of each month in June, July and August we have a picnic potluck at the church, our final picnic is **August 7th!** Let the kids play on the playground, get wet on the inflatables, play some kickball or gagaball! The church provides the hot dogs and hamburgers and we ask that you bring a dish to serve at least 15 (please use the list is below, based on your last name for what to bring).

Potluck List:

Wednesdays at Central

We will NOT have any adult or children Wednesday night activities on **August 3rd, 10th or 17th.** However the YOUTH will have "Water Balloons and Watermelon" this next Wednesday night (August 3rd at 6:30pm) with a seed spitting contest and lots of fun. On August 10th, the youth will have "Youth/Parent Connexion" at 6:30pm, this is a chance to put faces with names and learn about all the ways your youth can plug into CBS.

Student Takeover (as well as Bro. Leon's Adult Bible Study and Prayer Meeting) starts back up on **August 24th at 6:30pm.** Cathy Bradford will be having a Mom's small group as well at 6:30pm in the Hope room. We will also begin offering our Wednesday meals again at 5:30pm, more details to come!

Speaking of Student Takeover, this year we will not be offering a new t-shirt design but we do have tees available in limited sizes and quantities in red, blue or purple for \$5 each (Adult sizes Small-2XL). You may purchase these through the church office.

Shine Your Light—Ladies Event

Gals the Women's Ministry would like to invite you to a fun potluck dinner and craft night on **August 12th, 6-7:30pm** at Central. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert for the potluck. All craft supplies are provided and we will be making Crisco Mason Jar candles! You won't want to miss out on this fun night of fellowship! We will have a sign up table in the main foyer this Sunday and August 7th after 1st service and before 2nd service. It is \$3 if you sign up in advance or \$5 at the door. Childcare is available with those who sign up in advance.

Freedom Groups—Starting Aug. 28th

Everyone has an area of their life they need freedom in, a safe place to find healing, hope and acceptance. We offer groups for couples, Men or Ladies on Sundays (4-6pm) or Wednesdays (6:30-8pm). Childcare is available upon request. To sign up or learn more, email FreedomGroups@cbcowasso.org

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next Business Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 21st at 6pm** in the Sanctuary. We plan to share the Lord's supper together. If you are new to Central, we'd invite you to attend as these meetings are open to the entire church body.

Any new business to propose for the agenda needs to be presented in the office no later than August 17th at noon so we can get it in print.

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Pastors Desk

Dear Central,

Earlier this year the Lord prompted me to lead our church through 21 days of prayer and fasting for spiritual breakthroughs. As a result of God's grace and mercy the Lord answered our prayers. Over a three-month period, we baptized more people than we did the previous 12 months. *To God be the Glory!!* Once again I believe the Lord is leading us to do another 21 days of prayer and fasting as school starts and as we gear up for the Fall. There are some very specific things we are asking the Lord to undergird as we seek His glory and His will on the things we believe He is calling us to do.

So I invite you to join us. We are asking at a minimum that in addition to your normal prayer and Bible study times, that you choose **one meal on one day per week for three weeks** to join other members here at Central for the purpose of prayer and fasting. We will provide you a guide and prayer list to help lead you during your time. For the first two weeks we are asking our people to a partial fast and the final week for a complete fast for the meal of your choosing. If the Lord calls you to do more, then follow His lead. The dates for this Fall's prayer emphasis will be **August 21st – September 10th**. Remember, the purpose of our prayer and fasting is not to twist God's arm into doing what we want Him to do. It's actually the opposite. It is to put us in communion with Him, so He might show us what He is about to do. This way, He gets all the glory!!

Also in August I will begin a new sermon series called, "We are Central." This short sermon series will examine key passages of scriptures that speak of our special calling as His church and our purpose in our community, state, country and world. It's one thing to find our purpose individually, but when we discover it corporately and together, there is more room for God to be glorified and known.

It is my great honor to be called the Pastor of Central. I love you and look forward to seeing what God is going to do in our midst.

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Scott

Benevolence and VBS update

On Wednesday nights this summer during the Midweek Family Worship Service, we have been taking up an offering for Benevolence, and to date, we have received \$971.05! Also, a special Thank You to everyone who contributed to the food drive during VBS, we filled a large truck full of food for Owasso Community Resources to donate to those in need!

Pastor's Discovery Class: Aug. 28th

If you are new to Central or want to become a member, this class is for you. A light meal will be served and childcare is available upon request. Email Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org to get your class materials to read prior to class. Must register by August 21st.

Cry-Out Simulcast

Imagine: hundreds of thousands of women gathered in thousands of locations seeking God together! What could be more vital at this critical time, than to come together to cry out to Him for our world, our nation, our churches, our cities, and our homes? This is the heartbeat behind the Cry Out! Simulcast, a nationwide prayer event for women, taking place on **Friday, September 23rd**. Women across the nation—and around the world—will be gathering together to pray. And you can be a part of this movement. Find out how at <http://www.CryOut16.com/> The Women's Ministry is hosting a community-wide event at Central. Save the date! More details to come on registration!

Keep In the Know — Sign Up To Receive This Emailed

Each week we email a weekly update and we also send out an online version of this newsletter. If you would prefer to receive your news emailed instead of in print, email Angie.Combs@cbcowasso.org.



RECONNECT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Regional Connect > 1

Sunday School Leadership Training

Central is privileged to host again a regional Sunday School Conference here on Saturday, August 20, from 8:30am to 12noon. The theme is "Connect>1 Sunday School". This theme is based on the four connection points of Sunday School being the church's primary strategy to connect people with Jesus, His Truth, His community and His mission. There will be an emphasis on this fall's launch of an evangelistic emphasis called Connect>1.

Central Baptist will be participating in this evangelistic emphasis because it goes right along with our Strategic Plan and one of the Critical Success Factors, Evangelism. We have trained leaders from around the state leading out in breakout sessions for each age level: Preschool, Grade School, Students, Adults, Pastors.

Other churches from around Owasso will be attending but we need all of our Sunday Leaders and potential Sunday School leaders attending this training. Breakfast will be served prior to the Keynote speaker and followed by the age graded breakout sessions. If you are currently a leader of any kind in a Sunday School class or think you might like to be a Sunday School leader then make plans to be here.

"I always walk away from these beginning of the new Sunday School year trainings with a renewed spirit to my calling as a leader in what I believe is the best organization to advance God's kingdom, the Sunday School. I encourage you to join us and see how God can use you." - Matt Flindt

DayCamp Information

Parents, it's coming up next week! If you signed your kiddo up, here's what you need to know: Meet at Central at 8am, we will leave around 8:15am, we plan to be back at Central by 5pm.

What to Bring: Backpack or Bag with a Swimsuit, Towel, Sunscreen, shoes they can wear to the pool (put them in athletic shoes to wear the rest of the time). Their name-tags (Debra will give them at Camp) will provide as a \$5 credit for the snack bar.

Parents, label anything you'd like to see come home! Put them in normal summer clothes, as in tees and shorts. They will get dirty! Please do not let them bring electronics, phones, favorite towel, pets, expensive jewelry or anything that will make them sad if it is lost.

If you have medications that they need to take at lunchtime or have for emergency use, please let a sponsor know Monday morning, and have it in the original container in a ziplock bag with the following information very clearly labeled: Child's Name, Central Baptist, Owasso and the Dosage Instructions.

In case of emergency, you may call:
Debbie in the office (918-272-3376)
Camp Tulakogee 918-462-3212
Debra Stephens 918-693-2163.

APEPT

If you are new to Central you may or may not have heard the term "APEPT" used. APEPT is the survey tool we use to find out how you are wired missionally to respond to reaching out to a lost world. Go to our website: www.cbcowasso.org and look for the APEPT icon towards the bottom of the page. Take the free survey and then a full report will be emailed to Matt Flindt and he will contact you to discuss the results. If you have taken the survey and not seen your results contact Matt Flindt in the church office.