



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

One of our favorite holiday traditions is our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Bring the entire family and your friends for this short service full of worship, carols and candlelight. It starts at 5pm.



I don't know if you have ever heard someone say, "Oh wow [he/she] is a part of your family?" Most families have some *Black Sheep* in the family tree. The crazy thing is, so did the family lineage of Jesus. Matthew 1:17 says, "Thus there were 14 generations in all from Abraham to David, 14 from David to the exile to Babylon, and 14 from the exile to the Messiah." Not all of the family journey leading up to the arrival of Jesus was a pristine smooth road. There were some twists and turns because of the lives of some in the family connected to the Savior. And for some reason God made sure to include all the *good, bad, and the ugly* parts of the family history to get recognition. There are people like *Tamar the Outsider, evil King Manasseh* and a prostitute named *Rahab*. A person should not leave out the murderer and adulterer, David. So all of this begs the question: "How and why would Jesus claim someone like you or me?"

The amazing thing is that not only does He claim you and me, we are the *very reason* He came to this earth in the form of a baby. It is truly **God With Us**. The beautiful, mysterious, wonderful, and powerful reality. For all who believe, this is life-giving, sustaining, and comforting. Regardless of what we might be facing this holiday season: **believe**. We should always try to remember and remind one another of the miracle that is Christmas, the reality of a good and providing Father who cares for us. Let's remember to consider that things we say and do, and even the way we say them and do them can have an incredible impact on others.

- Merry Christmas,
Pastor Brian Zinck

Weather Related Schedule Changes

If you download the Central app and turn on notifications, you will be alerted of any service cancellations with a pop-up notice. Our Central Facebook page and church office will also keep you updated. Contact Matt Flindt if you would be willing to help clear sidewalks after a snow.

Making Disciples

Each Sunday we end our service with our mission statement: "Live for Christ, Love People, Make Disciples". For us to live out Romans 12:1-2, all three are needed. 2019 presents itself as a transitional year for Central. That transition will completely be based on its membership and its walk with the Lord. Central will always be offering classes to help you with the *head* knowledge needed to live out our mission statement. Our prayer is for the membership to take ownership of their personal transformation. As each member begins moving toward God so goes the church as God speaks to the body, we respond and God gets the glory. It begins with prayer and opening God's Word. If you have questions on how you can begin this journey contact Matt Flindt in the church office or by email at matt.flindt@cbcowasso.org.

Experiencing God Bible Study

Knowing and Doing the Will of God.

Many of you have either heard or participated in the Experiencing God study which was released in 1990. For many of you, it opened our eyes that the Christian life was more than head knowledge of God's Word and more church activities. We longed to experience God and hungered to do God's Will. As the Psalmist states: "Show me your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth, and teach me...". As we are being obedient to "Making Disciples" at Central a very important part of discipleship is learning to see where God is at work and joining Him. This study will lay the foundation for you to experience God. One additional element will be added to this study, the two months following the end of the 12 week study we will stay in contact holding each other accountable to what we learned and meet at least four more times.

Workbooks are \$16 each. Two classes offered: Sundays at 3:30pm starting January 6th or Wednesdays at 6:30pm starting January 9th. Childcare will be available by reservation only.



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our Staff

Pastor Brian Zinck.....Interim Pastor
Kevin Laufer.....Minister to Families & Senior Adults
Matthew Flindt.....Minister of Educ./Bus. Admin.
Ryland Russell.....Minister of Worship & Media Arts
Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant
Jana Oder.....GCK Preschool Director
Pam Rains.....Financial Secretary

Front Office Secretaries:

Donia Ledford, Angie Combs, Brenda Eckenfels

Return Service Requested

Welcome New Member:

Brenda Eckenfels

Donations:

To the building fund by Jan Rice in memory of Linda Hardy's mother. The Duckett's and the Hope class gave a donation to Benevolence Fund in memory of Roy Bradford.

Sympathy:

Joe and Cathy Bradford in the passing of Joe's dad, Roy. To Don and Pam Sherrer in the passing of her mother and her father. To Mike and Dixie Maxwell in the passing of Mike's brother.

Lottie Moon

Cards are filling up the Lottie Moon Post Office (outside the Fellowship Hall). Don't forget to check to see if your family has any waiting for you! Last day to pick up cards is December 30th. It is not too late to give towards Lottie Moon offering, just designate LMCO on your envelope.

Thank You Central

You said "yes" (99%) to our 2019 proposed budget. We will have our next business meeting on January 27th. Between GCK and Central, we donated 69 Christmas Child shoeboxes this Christmas season to Samaritan's Purse. Our church decorated the Project Hope tree with so many families pledging support. Our Lottie Moon International Missions offering has raised \$5,436.75 to date. *All contributions for the 2018 tax year need to be post-marked by December 31st or turned into the church office by 12noon (before the office closes) on December 31st. Contribution statements for 2018 will be available the end of January.*

Calendar At A Glance:

12/23: 1st-4th graders Pizza Party after 10:45 service
12/24-12/25: Office Closed
12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5pm
12/26: No classes/activities/meal
12/26-27: Office Open 8am-12noon
12/30-1/2: Youth Staycation Winter Retreat
12/31: Office Open 8am-12noon
1/1: Office Closed, New Years Day
1/2: Wednesday classes (no youth or meal), 6:30pm
1/6: Experiencing God Bible Study starts, 3:30pm
1/9: Wednesday schedule resumes
1/9: Experiencing God Bible Study starts, 6:30pm
1/12: Men's Breakfast, 8am
1/27: Quarterly Business Meeting and Lord's Supper
See our full calendar, www.CBCOwasso.org under "Members".

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast is January 12th at 8am, this is a free event. Zach Foote will be our guest speaker. No sign up is needed.

Schedule Changes To Note

We are on break for our Wednesday nights until Jan. 2nd for the adult and children's classes only, full schedule resumes Jan.9th. The church office will be closed Dec. 24-25th and Jan. 1st. The office will be open 8am-12noon on Dec. 26th-27th and 31st.