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Return Service Requested

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a wedding shower for Jeff and Briena Payne on Saturday, May 30th from 10am-12noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome Little One!

Congratulations to Jason and Mandy Sullivent on the birth of their son, Jett Lucas, born May 12th, 2015. Congratulations to Hali and Matt Spencer (and Grandparents Kim and Alan Spencer) on their new little one, Finnlee Michael. (Born April 28th, 2015)

Condolences:

Rob and Ashley Hopper in the passing of their brother-in-law, Shane Farley. To Eric and Renee Heinerikson in the loss of Renee's father, Terry Clark. To John and Tess Carter in the loss of Tess' mother, Sadie Penick.

Welcome New Members:

Larry and Debbie Wilson

Food Pantry Needs:

Our pantry is in need of Spaghetti Sauce, Cornbread Mix, Boxed Pasta Dinners, Spaghetti-Ohs/Raviolis, 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!

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.cbcoawasso.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 request or would like to be included on the list, contact the office.



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CENTRAL CONNECTION

http://cbcoawasso.org/e-news

Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

May 21st, 2015

Reminder: Office Closed Monday for Memorial Day.



KMAK kids camp will again be at Camp Tulakogee for 3rd-6th grade children, June 15th-18th, the cost is \$165. If you missed the parent/camper meeting on May 20th, you can still send your kids, contact Debra ASAP.

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@cbcoawasso.org).

Summit Camp, Grand Lake

It's coming up soon! June 8th -13th. This camp is for 6th-12th grade students and the cost is \$175 due by May 27th (scholarships are still available). Camp packets are available in the youth area. If you have any questions, contact Jeremy (jeremy.goggans@cbcoawasso.org).



VBS: July 12th-17th form 6-8:30pm

VBS will be July 12th-17th from 6-8:30pm. This year's verse is Isaiah 30:21 and the theme is "Unknown to us, known to Him." We'd like to invite you to join us for a "Journey off the Map". You can register your child online (cbcoawasso.org).

Join us for prayer in the weeks before VBS from 6-7pm on Tuesday evenings in the Lydia classroom starting June 2nd. No sign up is needed and no childcare will be available. The VBS volunteers meeting will be June 14th at 3pm in FH-N.



First Church Picnic: Sunday, June 7th, 5pm

The first Sunday of each month in June, July and August we have a picnic potluck at the church! The church provides the hot dogs and hamburgers and we ask that you bring a dish to serve at least 15 (the list is below based on your last name). Stick around afterwards for a fun night of improv comedy with our special guests, "Skit 'n Miss". This show is appropriate for the entire family, free of charge and will begin at 6pm in the Sanctuary.

Potluck List: [A-G]: Soda/Drinks, [H-M]: Dessert, [N-Z]: Side Dish/Salad

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Safe Place

On Sunday mornings we are looking at different Biblical accounts of when God's people provided safe places for those in need. So...what *is* a safe place? Maybe a better question would be, "**WHO** is a safe place?" So far we have examined how Jesus provided a safe place for a woman caught in adultery. We also examined how a woman named Rahab, who happened to be a prostitute, provided a safe place for the Israelite spies while in Jericho. This past Sunday we looked at a story of four men who brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. These men overcame great physical obstacles to bring their friend to Jesus the healer. Because of a great crowd, the only way the men could get their friend to Jesus was to climb on top of the house, dig a hole through the roof, and then lower their friend to Jesus. These men became a safe place for their friend because they were the only ones who would bring him to Jesus.

I sometimes wonder if people think of Christians as safe places. I know many who think that we simply come to church and talk about how bad the world is and how holy we think we are. I know many friends and family who have believed this or currently believe this right now, you probably know of some too!

If we are going to be a safe place we are going to have to get outside of the church walls and demonstrate this to the world, one on one. We have to develop relationships with people and demonstrate that we care for them and that we accept them for *who* they are and *where* they are. We need to become a people who are full of compassion and love. While we cannot provide the healing, we can provide our time and love. We can walk with them as Jesus brings healing in their lives.

Three guiding principles will need to be followed as we travel down this path:

- ◆ That we provide a safe place for people to be real and honest.
- ◆ That we provide an effective process for them to find healing.
- ◆ That we equip those finding healing to help others through the process.

Beginning this fall, we will be providing "Freedom Groups" to help us in this process. We are putting together more information on the dates.

I am super excited about the next few Sunday's topics as we continue through this series. Here are some of the Biblical stories we will look at through June:

Ruth 2 "Boaz-the Kinsmen Redeemer"
 Luke 10:25-37 "Good Samaritan"
 2 Chronicles 30 "Hezekiah protecting the people"
 Genesis 22 "Abraham & Isaac"
 1 Samuel 20 "Jonathan & David"

I am so honored to be your Pastor.

Walk with Jesus, the only true "Safe Place." Bring people to Jesus, the only true "Safe Place."

Pastor Scott



Golden Anniversary

We'd like to celebrate and congratulate Don and Carol Palmer on celebrating their golden anniversary—50 years! You're invited, it is **this Sunday, May 24th from 2-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to the Central church family. No gifts please, cards welcome.

Wednesdays SUMMER Schedule

Student Takeover is on break for the summer. There are not any activities on **May 27th except for the adult Bible Study at 5pm**. The Summer Schedule begins **June 3rd** at Centennial Park. A brochure outlining our summer of "Connecting with our Community" is available today in the sign holders in each foyer and at the Welcome Desk in the Main (West) Foyer. One per family please.

Each week throughout the summer, the plans for the next Wednesday night will be available in the bulletin, Sunday School Informer, foyer signs, Central Scoop, Facebook and a list will also be available on the website. Bro. Leon Shade's Bible Study will meet each Wednesday night at the church at **5pm** to study the Bible and to pray for those going out. Wednesday nights will be a "come and go" at the designated park from **6-8pm**. You are welcome to bring your dinner and a lawn chair with you! You can see more information about the park's amenities, the address and the complete summer schedule in the handout.

Senior Adults: Patio Pool Party

Please save the date for a Patio Pool Picnic Party at the home of Jack and Barbara Fuch's on **June 19th from 12noon-4pm**.

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 as more details become available, please contact Debbie (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org).

Pastor's Discovery Class

A brand new format is coming for our "Pastor's Discovery Class". A light meal will be furnished as well as childcare provided for those in attendance. This class will be open to guests, prospective members and anyone wanting to know more about CBC, what we believe, and where we are going as a church. This is a required class for church membership. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm on select Sunday evenings. You must pre-register for this class at least one week in advance and read class materials prior to the class. Contact Debbie Dalaeli to register for the class, to obtain the materials and reserve childcare if needed. Our next class is **May 31st** and **this Sunday (May 24th)** is the last day to sign up for this class. You can call the church office (918-272-3376) or email Debbie (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org).

Summer Mowing Teams

This year, we are changing up how we are forming the mowing teams. Each Sunday School class (with some exceptions) including the staff, have been assigned to one of five teams that will rotate through the summer. This means four times during the summer your Sunday School class along with at least two other classes will be mowing, edging and weed eating the church grounds. Your Sunday School teacher will be enlisting a class mowing team leader and their job is to enlist class members to mow on your scheduled week and report those names to Robert West. Our church has all the lawn equipment, we just need the volunteers. Schedules will be available this Sunday in your classes and in the display case in the Ministry Hallway.

Mission: Dignity

You can help provide dignity to retired Pastors and their widows. **Sunday, June 28th** is designated "Mission: Dignity Sunday". Please be praying about how God would have you give towards this wonderful mission.