



You are probably familiar with the phrase, "When God closes a door, He opens a window." I'm beginning to think the phrase should be, "When God closes a door, He closes a door."

Recently, I was denied getting on a flight to Chicago that would eventually take me to South Asia. There

was a mix up on the flight manifest. So, the airline rebooked my flight for two days later. My second attempt was canceled due to bad weather conditions. My third attempt got delayed that eventually left me grounded here in Tulsa. It was rather a frustrating experience to say the least.

Have you ever had plans canceled? After the third attempt to leave Tulsa, I began questioning whether God wanted me to go on this trip I had been planning since last fall. Time will tell if the trip ever happens. And time will tell whether God opens another avenue for me to make it to South Asia.

Let's face it. We don't adjust well when doors are closed on us. We want what we want, and we want it right now. Being told "No" does not sit well with our American customs. In the middle of my "flight delays," God brought to my attention a passage in Proverbs 19:21. It reads: "You can make many plans, but the Lord's purpose will prevail."

When I read this, peace came to my heart. Suddenly, I realized that something bigger than myself was directing my path. I still don't know what that is. I still don't know why and when I will be able to make my trip, but I know that it is in God's hands.

Maybe your life is in a holding pattern. Maybe your plans have been canceled and you are trying to figure out what's next. You can be mad about it. But what good would that do? You can be frustrated. But again, what would that do for you? Regardless of your situation, you need to remember that God is good. His plans are perfect. And those plans include you. Sometimes God does shut the door and we have no idea why. Maybe we will figure it out someday or maybe we will never know. But there's one thing we can agree on: God's ways are always the best ways!

In His Grip of Grace
Pastor Scott

Pastor's Discovery Class

Are you new to Central? Would you like to learn more about who we are, where we are going and what we believe? Join us for a light lunch and meet the staff on **July 8th at 12noon**. Childcare will be available upon request. For more information or to register for this class email Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org, call the office or sign up through our website under "New To CBC".

You're Invited, Youth Update

Jeremy Goggans has turned in his resignation as youth minister, effective May 31st. Central will honor his nearly 10 years of service with a reception May 30th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall North. A card basket will be available or drop to the office before May 30th. The Youth Leadership Team will lead until a new minister is hired (Ian Scott, Kara Laufer, Robert West and Jennifer Nottingham, Ryland Russell is the staff contact)

Children: (1st-6th grades)

Email: Debra.Stephens@cbcowasso.org

- Kids Camp:** June 11-14th, for children who completed 3rd-6th grades, cost is \$180, held at Camp Tulakogee.
- VBS:** July 15th-19th. Free event. Kids ages 4years (by June 1st) up to 6th grade, nightly adult VBS too! Register: www.cbcowasso.org
- VBS Musical and church picnic:** July 22nd during the 10:45am service, kids will show off all they have learned with a church-wide picnic to follow!
- Daycamp:** July 30th-August 1st, for kids who completed 1st or 2nd grades. \$85 per child.

Youth: Mid (6th-8th), High (9th-12th)

Email: Ian.Scott916@gmail.com

- Wednesdays at 6:30pm.** Youth will continue to meet except for when we are busy with VBS, Missions or Camp.
- Summer Camp** at Summit. June 11th-15th, for students that have completed 6th-12th grade, cost is \$175 per student.

Adults

- VBS Workers Meeting:** June 3rd at 3pm.
- Ladies Bible Study:** The Armor of God by Priscilla Shirer. Starts June 5th, 7 week study. Meets at Gloria Sprenger's home.
- Men's Ministry:** Free breakfast, June 9th, 8am with Bro. Leon Shade speaking.
- Burgers With Dad:** church-wide family picnic will be held Father's Day, June 17th after the 10:45am service. We are planning on water inflatables for the kids so come prepared!



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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Our Staff

Scott A. Carlson.....Senior 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, Charlotte Farr

Return Service Requested

Welcome New Members: Tim & Julie Barnes

Donations: Miracle Class donated to CBC memory of Faye Strain's mother.

Sympathy: To Richard and Faye Strain and Tommy Pratt in the passing of Faye's mother. To Wanda and Marvin Smith in the passing of Wanda's sister. To Scott and Debbie Manion and Angie and Jeremy Goggans in the passing of Scott's mother and Angie's Grandmother, Marlene Manion.

Thank You: We collected over \$400 for the Mother's Day offering that benefits the Baptist Children's Homes and the Baptist Village.

Rogers County Early Voting

CBC has agreed to be an early voting location for Rogers County. Early voting will be available for anyone in Rogers County on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday preceding elections. This is another example of the way our church benefits the community.

Need To Reserve The Church?

If your group needs to reserve the church, the event form has been added to our app, or you can access on our website, under "Members". All requests for events and use of the building must be submitted in advance and receive approval in staff meetings on Tuesdays. You will be notified once it's approved. If you have questions, contact Debbie Dalaeli in the office.

Mission: Dignity Special Offering

After devoting their lives in service often in small communities, now in their golden years some ministers and their widows find it difficult to meet the most basic of needs. Mission Dignity aims to bring dignity to them with financial help to afford medical needs, housing even food. We will collect a special offering on June 24th, please be praying for how God would have you support this ministry.

At A Glance: Dates To Remember

- 6/3: VBS Workers Meeting at 3pm
- 6/9: Men's Breakfast, 8am
- **6/11-14:** Kids Camp: 1st-6th grade kids
- **6/11-15:** Youth Camp 6th-12th grade youth
- 6/17: Burgers with Dad family picnic
- 6/24: Mission Dignity Sunday
- 7/8: Pastor's Discovery Class at 12noon
- 7/15-19: VBS: GAME ON!
- 7/22: VBS Musical

Indianapolis Mission Trip

June 30th-July 6th, cost \$125. Informative meeting on May 30th, 5:30pm in the Joy room. Training will be required (those dates will be announced at the meeting).

Nicaragua Missions December Trip

Informational meetings will be held in the choir room at 8:15, 9:45, 10:45 and 5pm on Sunday, June 24th. There is also a meeting Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30pm.