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Our Staff

Scott A. Carlson.....Senior Pastor
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Ryland Russell.....Minister of Worship & Media Arts
Jeremy Goggans.....Minister to Youth
Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant
Jana Oder.....Weekday Preschool Director

Return Service Requested

Welcome New Members:

Bill & Alberta Turman, Isiah & Katie Shuler

Condolences:

To Marvin & Wanda Smith in the passing of Wanda's mother, Wanda Findley. To Barry Woods, Mike & Jenny Woods, Noah, Emma and Seth in the passing of Sue Woods. To Don and Pam Sherrer in the death of Don's brother, Leonard.

Donations:

- A donation was made to the Building Fund by the Miracle Class in memory of Wanda Smith's mother.
- Donations were made to the Music Ministry by Duane & Lorrie Gray, Jim & Faye Loyd, Ray & Anne Duckett, Ralph & Margaret Bacon, Sam & Debbie Dalaeli and Charlene Rowan in memory of Sue Woods.

Women's Ministry Meeting

Would you like to help plan events for the Women's Ministry? Their next meeting is coming up on Sunday, November 29th from 3-3:45pm in the Miracle Class Room. All ladies are welcome to attend! No childcare will be available during this meeting.

Youth! Nerf Ops: Black Friday Edition

What's more fun than fighting massive crowds for sales? Nerf Ops with pizza! Save the date! 11/27 from 6:30-10pm. We are asking that you bring some non-perishable food items for the food pantry.

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.



Severe Weather?

In the event of bad weather you may access info on our church Facebook page, the church office voice mail, our website (www.cbcoawasso.org), or if you have the CBC App (with notifications turned on) you will receive service cancelations on your mobile device.

After snow, we need volunteers to help clear the sidewalks at the church. If you would like to be on the Winter Weather team, contact Matt Flindt or the Church Office.



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Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

November 19th, 2015

Children's Mission Project

During the month of November, please bring packages of new adult socks (all adult sizes needed) to donate to the Evergreen Nursing Home. There is a collection box in the entry to the Kids hall, across from Miss Jana's office. Coming up in December, during Student Takeover, our kids will take a trip to go caroling at the nursing home and deliver their socks.

Thanksgiving at Central

We would like to invite your family to our Thanksgiving dinner. This year we are welcoming our GCK Families and will get to hear these little ones sing under the leading of Miss Mindy! It is coming up **Sunday, November 22nd**. We will eat dinner at 6pm. The church provides the turkey, potatoes, stuffing, gravy and drinks. We ask that you bring a dish (or two) to serve 15 according to your last name:

A-H: Side Dish **I-N:** Salad **O-Z:** Dessert

You can begin bringing your dishes to the kitchen ready to serve starting at 5pm on Sunday. If you have a dish or utensil that you would like returned, you might want to put your name on it. You can pick them up after the meal in the kitchen. If you have picked up a boneless turkey breast to cook for the meal please have it returned to the kitchen, sliced and ready to serve between 4:30-5pm on the 22nd.

Thanksgiving Dinner Setup Help Needed!

Immediately following this Sunday's 10:45am worship service, we will need volunteers to help set up tables and chairs for the meal. Then on Monday at 6:30pm we will start setting back up the worship chairs. If you can help with one or both, it would be appreciated! See Matt Flindt for more information.

Thanksgiving Hours

Please note the church office will only be open 11/25 from 8am until 12noon and will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after to allow our staff time to be with their families. If you need to reach someone during that time, Don Palmer will be our Deacon of the week and can be reached at 918-272-3097.

Men's Ministry Event

Iron Sharpens Iron. Guys, save the date: **Nov. 21st from 11am-3pm** in the Youth Hall. It's all about knives! Buy, Sell, Trade or just show off your collection! There will be a knife throwing contest and hot dogs!

No Wednesday Activities 11/25

There will not be any Wednesday activities (Dinner, Bible Studies, Student Takeover, Freedom Groups, and any other small groups) on Wednesday, **November 25th**. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Family Christmas Tree

Each year, we set up a Family Christmas tree in the main foyer to represent the families at Central. If you are new to CBC, we invite you to bring an ornament to hang on the tree to represent your family. You can hang the ornament yourself or bring it by the church office. After Christmas, we will carefully pack these away for next year!

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It's a Wonderful Life

If "Life" is supposed to be so wonderful, why then does there seem to be so much misfortune in people's lives? George Bailey thought this very thing when he contemplated suicide in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life." After his uncle Billy loses the business' \$8,000 dollars, and after reflecting on how he would be held responsible for the evil Mr. Potter taking over the town, Bailey thought that his wife, young children, and friends would be better off with him dead. It took "Clarence the Angel" to show George Bailey what his world "Bedford Falls" would have really looked like if he had never been born. The truth was revealed. George Bailey's life mattered!! You see all lives matter. And so does yours!

Starting November 29th and going through the end of December, I will be preaching a series titled, "It's a Wonderful Life." I will be examining what the world would be like if Christ had never been born. I will also be talking about why God created you and the importance and significance of your life. You might not think that your life is that significant but God thinks otherwise. You were born with a purpose. You matter to God; otherwise, you would never have been born.

I have met hundreds if not thousands of people who struggle through the holidays. They believe they should be happy, but inside they are constantly reminded of their failures, shortcomings, circumstances, and the sheer absence of "True Joy." They are haunted by their own lack of peace and happiness. They believe that all the good things in life have eluded them. They have bought into the lie that the "abundant life" Jesus talked about simply wasn't meant for them.

I hope to see you each Sunday as we examine the scriptures to see what God says about "This Wonderful Life."

Until the whole world hears,
Pastor Scott

2016 Budget

Below is a sample of our 2016 Proposed Ministry Budget ballot. We will be voting on whether or not to adopt this proposed budget at the end of our morning worship services on Sunday, December 6th.

(sample) 2016 PROPOSED MINISTRY BUDGET

\$1,060,500

A weekly offering of \$20,394.23 will be needed to meet this budget.

_____ I vote to adopt the 2016 proposed church ministry budget. (Yes.)

_____ I vote to reject the 2016 proposed church ministry budget. (No.)

_____ I commit myself to God during this next church year to be faithful with the resources God has entrusted to me. I recognize that I do not owe God 10% of my money, but rather God owns all of my resources...my money, my family, my time and my talents. Today I make a commitment to God to give to this ministry as He directs. I also commit to pray and give my service to the Lord. I understand that this includes my time, my talents and my resources. Today I commit to God to be a faithful steward of everything he has entrusted to me.

(Check appropriate statements.)



Central Christmas Spectacular

With all this hard work and prep, you will want to invite your family and friends to this year's Christmas show! There will be two showings, **December 12th and 13th at 6pm**. Doors open at 5:30pm each night, admission is free but seating is first come first serve. Childcare will be available for little ones aged 4years and younger. On your Smartphone in the app store, download the FREE app "Wham City Lights" to become an active part of the light show using your phone!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Matthew 28:19-20, we have been commanded to "go make disciples of all the nations", this is the focus of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering this year. Currently we support over 5,000 international missionaries by supporting the cooperative program and a portion of our budget is designated to the LMCO. Did you know that 100% of the LMCO goes to the support of missionaries? Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. You will also be able to the LMCO by our Lottie Moon Post Office, which allows you to give and receive holiday cards for members of our church. It will open in our main foyer in December. There is a suggested donation of .25 cents per card. (You can put your Lottie Moon donations in any of the offering lock boxes by the doors.) Thank you Central, for being a church that helps support Missionaries around the world!

GCK News!

We love our preschool and they love this community! In the month of October they collected 43 peanut butters and 41 jellies for our community food pantry. In the month of November, they are collecting Canned Fruit. If you would like to donate, you can outside of Miss Jana's office (at the entrance to Kid Central).

Debra's Sabbatical

Our church has presented Debra Stephens with an 8-week sabbatical in honor of her 10 year anniversary here at Central. She will go on sabbatical after Thanksgiving and return at the end of January. Please pray for Debra that God will refresh and renew her and give her a fresh excitement and an expanded vision for our children's ministry.

Senior Adult's Old Time Christmas Party

Seniors, save the date, **Thursday, December 10th at 4:30pm** for an old time Christmas party. Meats, drinks and rolls will be provided; you bring sides and desserts.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We would like to invite your family to join us, **Thursday, December 24th at 5pm** for Christmas carols and Pastor Scott's retelling of the Christmas story. This is a wonderful time for families to slow down and remember the real reason for the season.

Freedom Groups

Because we all are broken, captive and we need to be free through Jesus Christ, Central will offer a new series of small groups seeking freedom in Christ through the "Biblical Life Change" series. There will be a small group for individuals and an identical small group for couples. These classes will begin in late January. If you would like to learn more or are interested in being a co-facilitator, email: freedomgroups@cbcowasso.org

New To Central? New Sunday School Class and Pastor's Discovery Class

Pastor Scott and Sarah have started a new **Sunday School Class** for those who are currently not attending a class during the Sunday School hour. This class is designed to help you connect with others at Central and then either join an existing class or help to pioneer a new class. This class meets in the Choir Room and is open to all!

Coming up on **December 6th** is the next **Pastor's Discovery Class**. A light meal will be provided as well as child-care. This class is open to guests, prospective members and anyone wanting to know more about CBC, what we believe and where we are going as a church. You must register by contacting Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org.