

#### 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  
Jeremy Goggans.....Minister to Youth  
Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries  
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant  
Jana Oder.....Weekday Preschool Director

Return Service Requested

#### New Members

Stuart and Sharon Reimer

#### Sympathy

To the friends and family of Thelma Miller. To Cathie Michaelson in the passing of her father, Joseph Freese. To Karen & Jeff McMurphy and Braden and Kyla in the passing of Karen's mother, Marilyn Zimmerman. To Doc Hudson and family in the passing of his wife, Jean Hudson.

#### Congratulations

Congratulations to James and Jennifer Weakley on the birth of their son, Jonah, born November 3rd.

#### 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.

#### Help Wanted

The office needs a volunteer with IT/Computer knowledge, see Matt Flindt. There's several spots open to help on rotation or even to teach in nursery up to children's church, and workers are desperately needed to help with child-care during the Prophecy Conference and during the Christmas programs see Tonya Cowan or Debra Stephens for more information including dates and times.

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Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

November 17th, 2016



## Thanksgiving Dinner

NOVEMBER 20 @ 6:00 PM

### Thanksgiving at Central

We would like to invite your family to our Thanksgiving dinner. It is coming up **Sunday, November 20th**. We will eat dinner at 6pm. GCK Preschool will be our entertainment and our special guests. We are expecting about 100 GCK adults and 34 children! 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 and you can drop your dish off to the kitchen after 5pm on the 20th.

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

If you picked up a turkey, please return it to the kitchen, sliced and ready to serve between 4:30-5pm.

### Office Hours

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, **November 24th and 25th** and open 8am-12noon on **November 23rd**. No evening activities on **November 23rd**.

### Senior Adult Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be **December 6th, from 6-8pm** in the Fellowship Hall. It is a potluck party, please sign up in the Ministry Hallway and let us know what dish you will be bringing. We will have a devotional and sing Christmas carols!

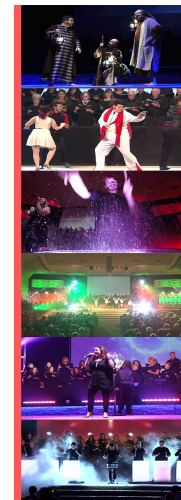
### Prophecy Conference, November 18th-20th

Dr. Rich Freeman of Chosen People Ministries will be speaking:

- **Friday, November 18th, 6:30pm:** "How Did We Get To Where We Are?" A history of Israel from Genesis to today.
- **Saturday, November 19th, 10am:** Brunch followed by "What Do We Do About It?" a session on Proclaiming the Gospel in light of the Middle East Crisis. The 6pm Saturday session is "Where Are We Going?" A glimpse at Ezekiel's prophecy of a coming war.
- **Sunday, November 20th:** Dr. Freeman will speak on "The Gospel According To Isaiah 53" during the morning worship services. He will also be speaking at **9:30am** during the Sunday School hour in the Sanctuary. At **3pm** is a small session on those interested in traveling to Israel.

### Central's Family Christmas Tree

If you are new to Central, each year we put up a Christmas tree in the main (west) foyer and decorate it with ornaments that each represent a family at Central. We invite you to add an ornament to the tree! After the holidays these will be carefully packed away for the next year.



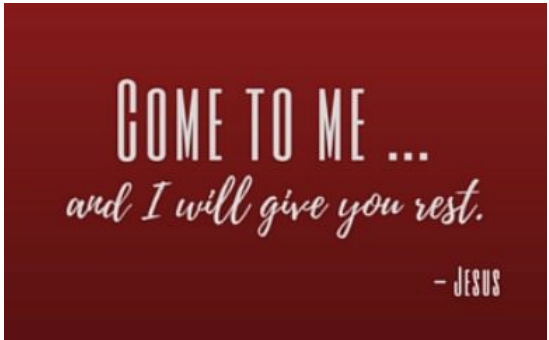
## Central CHRISTMAS & SPECTACULAR

December 10 & 11 @ 6:00 pm  
Matinee Show Sunday Dec 11 @ 3:00 pm  
FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA - 4:45-5:45pm

 **CENTRAL**  
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The Personnel Committee would like to inform the church of our Pastor’s upcoming sabbatical. Pastor Scott will begin an eight-week sabbatical on December 1st of this year and continue through January 31st, 2017. We have had two of our staff (Rev Kev and Debra Stephens) already take sabbaticals and the feedback from them has been overwhelmingly positive. We are very fortunate to have so many of our staff with such long tenure. We feel very strongly that to keep them prepared for leading our church that after ten years of service, they need this time to rest, rejuvenate and strengthen their connection with God.

*The Personnel Committee*

2017 Budget Information

Printed copies of the 2017 Proposed Budget is available in all the foyers. On **December 4th**, the church will have a opportunity to vote on the 2017 Budget during the morning worship services. Below is a sample of the ballot.

2017 PROPOSED MINISTRY BUDGET  
\$1,040,000.00

A weekly offering of \$20,000.00 will be needed to meet this budget.

\_\_\_\_I vote to adopt the 2017 proposed church ministry budget.  
(yes)

\_\_\_\_I vote to reject the 2017 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 that 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.)

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

*“You have ... heard about this hope in the message of truth, the gospel that has come to you. It is bearing fruit and growing all over the world, just as it has among you since the day you heard it”... COLOSSIANS 1:5-6 (HCSB)* These verses are the heart behind this year’s Lottie Moon Christmas offering, spreading the message of truth all over the world. Did you know that 100% of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goes to the support of missionaries? Currently we support over 5,000 international missionaries by supporting this cooperative program. Please prayerfully consider your gift this year. You will also be able to support the LMCO through our Lottie Moon Post Office, which is an easy way 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¢ per card. You can put your Lottie Moon donations in any of the offering lock boxes by the doors or we have a new option, you can text your gift to the LMCO by texting **CBCOWASSO LOTTIE** to **73256**. The Mission committee has set a goal of \$22,000 for the month of December. Thank you Central for being a church that helps support missionaries around the world!

Text Giving Now Available

Did you know you can now TEXT your tithes and offering? Text **CBCOWASSO** and your amount to the number **73256**. You can choose checking, savings, debit or credit card. Central pays \$2 per transaction. You’ll receive a text acknowledging your gift and a receipt will be emailed to you. It’s easy!

Sk8 Church

Sk8 Church is now meeting on **Sundays, 4:30pm** at the Owasso Skate Park due to the time change. For more information or to volunteer, contact Angie Ketner by email at: [angie.ketner@cbcowasso.org](mailto:angie.ketner@cbcowasso.org).

Red Socks Mission For Students

Students from the “Life Hurts, God Heals” classes are participating in a Mission project on December 3rd, 10am-2pm. They will be going into downtown Tulsa to make PB&J’s and delivering them along with socks to the homeless. Students need to make sure we have your medical form on file in the office and that we have a signed participant form to go on this mission project. You can pick up these forms in the church office.

Mission Project: Assisted Living

The Youth and Women’s Ministry are teaming up for a mission project to benefit the residents of Prairie Village and North County Assisted Living. They are requesting donated items with a goal to fill 100 mugs/tins and will be collecting through **December 6th**. A collection basket is located in the Ministry Hallway by the Women’s Ministry display case. Items they are looking for include: candy (sugar and sugar-free), microwave popcorn, hot cocoa packets, instant soup packets, pens, nonskid socks, scarves, puzzles or puzzle books (larger print is preferred), nail polish/remover, books, craft items for room decorations, trial sized items and gloves.

Pastor’s Discovery Class

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 class is required for church membership. You must preregister at least one week in advance and read class materials prior to the class. Register for a class, arrange to pick up materials and reserve childcare (if needed). Contact by email to [Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org](mailto:Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org) for more information. A light meal will be served during this class. The November class is canceled, the next class date will be announced shortly.

Thank You!

Huge Thank You to GCK! Their November missions project was to collect soup and they just delivered part of their collections (118 cans plus extras)! The More Like Christ Sunday School class would like to thank all who contributed to the coat collection. 170 coats were collected and 118 were given out during the Fall Family Festival. Special thank you to Margie Stafford and her team and to all those who baked cookies during the election! 1,995 voted at Central!



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, brings joy and hope to needy children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 100 million shoe box gifts have been delivered to children in more than 130 countries. Central is proud to again be partnering with Samaritan’s Purse for this great program! Please include inside your box, \$7 in the brochure’s envelope and cut out and attach the label to the front of your box, marking if it is for a boy or a girl and checking the appropriate age box, make checks out to OCC. Boxes are due back to Central by **this Sunday, November 20th at 12noon**. If you would prefer to just pay towards the postage, you can add it to your offering and designate “GCK Christmas Child” on your offering envelope, it will be used towards the boxes GCK is making.

Spring Freedom Groups

Everyone has something holding them back. We are all broken, held captive by something and we need freedom. That is what Freedom Groups are about. In the spring we will be offering several Freedom Groups, we have “Lifechange for Every Christian” and “Life Change For Couples” Freedom Groups, plus we plan to offer two additional classes, “Boundaries” and “Learning To Tell Myself The Truth”. Childcare will be made available to those that request it at sign-up. Email [freedomgroups@cbcowasso.org](mailto:freedomgroups@cbcowasso.org) to learn more about any of theses classes or to inquire about being a co-facilitator.