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Return Service Requested

Congratulations: To Hanna and Zach Foote on their son, Walter. He is the grandson of Kevin and Kendra Laufer.

Sympathy:

To Troy and Susan Stephens and family in the passing of Susan's mother, Juanita Hooper. To Josh and Athena Hartung-Smith and family in the passing of Athena's mother, Lisa. To Jo Ann Fritts in the loss of her daughter, Karen Borgsmiller. Karen was the niece of David & Lou Dunham. To Karen Elder and family in the passing of her husband, David.

Sisterhood!

..some spiritual gift to strengthen you, to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine." - Romans 1:11-12 (HCSB)
"Sisterhood!" is for all the ladies of Central (ages 17+), let's reach out and lift each other with intercessory prayer, acts of kindness and words of encouragement. Participants that sign up will each be given a "sister" to pray for and encourage for the next 11 months. You can remain anonymous or reach out and get to know your sister. It's wonderful to know you have someone that prays for your daily and is there to send you an encouraging note or surprise you with a gift from time to time. More information and sign up forms will be available Sunday, February 14th through your Sunday School class and the Sisterhood table in the main foyer or you can print the form on Facebook (cbc women's ministry) or stop by the display case.

Quarterly Business Meeting

February 21st at 3pm.

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.cbcowasso.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 CONNECTION

http://cbcowasso.org/e-news

Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

January 28th, 2016

summer CAMP

June 2016

Yes, we are still in the middle of winter and many of us are clinging to coats and our heaters but believe it or not, we are talking Summer Camps! Central has chosen a new camp for both our older kids and teens! It is Summit Camp at Grand Lake Baptist Assembly in Grove. Our youth tried this camp out last summer and LOVED it, so this year we are also having two of our camps here! (Daycamp for 1st and 2nd graders is in August will still be at Tulakogee, more details to come.)

Kids Camp, 3rd-6th Grade, June 7th-10th

We need to get a headcount ASAP of approximately how many campers (currently in the 3rd-6th grade) so they can reserve us a cabin! Please email Debra (debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org) and put CAMP in the subject line. Please include your child's name, grade and if you wish to attend as an Adult Helper. Also, please invite your child's friends! The rate is \$125 per camper.

Youth Camp, 6th-12th Grade, June 13th-17th

If your student is currently in the 6th-12th grade, this camp week is for you! The youth camp is \$175 per camper (there are scholarships available and a \$25 discount for each additional sibling). This price includes meals, t-shirt, picture, registration, all activities. The camp theme is Pursue: Faith. Focus. Finish. Email Jeremy (Jeremy.goggans@cbcowasso.org) for more information.

Baby Bottle Fundraiser Reminder!

If you haven't returned your baby bottles, please get these to the office by Sunday, January 31st. You can make checks payable to PRCO. All funds received will benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center of Owasso.



Senior Adult Trip: Jubilee Conference

Sign up for this year's trip to Jubilee in Branson, April 18th-20th. Total cost is \$176.50 and a deposit of \$65 is required by February 10th. We are making our own arrangements for housing this year, 2-bedroom condos near the Welk Center that will house two people per room. There is an additional expense for breakfast. The sign up sheet is in the ministry hall; if you want to go to the Sight & Sound performance, please write, "SS" behind your name so we know how many tickets to order. This year's conference itinerary includes performances by David Phelps, McKamey's, Ricky Skaggs, comedy by Chonda Pierce and more! Any questions or to pay your deposit, please see Faye Loyd.

VBS 2016: Submerged

VBS Clinic dates have been announced. There are multiple training opportunities including the clinic here at Central. If you are interested, please note these dates and locations:

- Thursday, Feb. 18th in Muskogee.
Tuesday, March 29th, VBS Early Bird Clinic at FBC Tulsa at 6:30pm.
Thursday, April 28th, VBS Clinic here at Central.
Tuesday, May 3rd, VBS Clinic at South Tulsa Baptist Church, 7-9pm.

This year's VBS will be July 10th-14th. Please be thinking now of friends who do not attend church that you can be praying for and inviting!

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Dear Central,

Nothing short of a miracle and God's power can explain what took place in our worship services on January 24th. If you weren't here on the 24th, it is very difficult to explain. What started as a simple testimony of one person's sacrificial gift to help pay down our church debt, snowballed into nearly seventy people committing nearly \$70,000 over the next few months. If just those who pledged publicly during the worship services give financially, our church's debt will be reduced to around \$60,000. I believe that many who did not make public pledges at the time will join the rest of us to help eliminate our financial note once and for all. Again, what I witnessed last Sunday morning will never be forgotten. Furthermore, I have never seen anything like this before, but I do pray that I will see many things like it in the future.

Here is a simple truth. What we witnessed that morning was never about the money. It was about God's people getting in tune with God and each other to do something significant that we could never do on our own. One small child stood up and pledged his allowance of \$7.00 a week until the church debt reflected zero. How do you explain that? Wouldn't you call that "Radical?"

During the months of January and February we are talking about being "Radicalized" in our faith and walk with Christ. Let me tell you what we don't mean by "Radicalized." We are not talking about people being brainwashed so that destruction and death be brought against our fellow man. Instead, we are talking about having our hearts in complete tune with the Holy Spirit of God so that we might bring hope to the nations and salvation to all who will call upon Jesus as Lord.

I am so excited I can hardly stand it. I can't wait to see what God is going to do in our midst in all the areas that are included in this sermon series: From Stewardship, to Service, to Loving Relationships, to Faith, to Purity, to Discipleship, and then finally to Evangelism. What would happen if we got radical in all these areas? What would happen if we wouldn't settle for mediocrity or the status quo?

Just this morning I was reading out of John's gospel where Jesus said, **"Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.'" John 5:19 (NASB)**

If this was true about Jesus while He walked on this earth, what does that say about us? Why do we think we can operate outside of the power and guidance of our Creator? If you and I ever want to do anything significant for the kingdom, we must, and let me emphasize again, we must obtain our strength from the Lord. But the real secret is to discover what He is doing and join Him in that activity. It is there and only there we experience His power and become radical followers of Jesus Christ.

Let's get Radical!

*Pastor Scott*

## New To Central? Pastor's Discovery Class

The next **Pastor's Discovery Class** will be **February 28th at 6pm**, however you can sign up now. A light meal will be provided as well as childcare. 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 in the church office or by email at [Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org](mailto:Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org) at least a week in advance to receive class materials, reserve your meal and to request childcare if needed.

## Youth Events:

**Nerf Ops: Feb. 19th** and save the date for **July 5th-7th** for a missions project at John 3:16. Jeremy needs at least 10 adults and lots of students to make this event (2 ministry days and 1 field trip day) a success. Please contact Jeremy Goggans if you would be willing to serve in the mission opportunity as soon as possible!

## Wednesday Meal

**Wednesday meals** are served from **5:30-6:15pm** in the Fellowship Hall. You must sign up (by calling the office by noon Monday or signing up on the South bulletin board or you can use the tear away form on this paperwork). Meals are \$5 per adult portion, \$2.50 per half portion or kids meal. Little ones ages 3 and under are free.

The menu for 2/3 is chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, salad bar, dessert. The kids meal is spaghetti, salad bar, dessert.

## Benevolence in 2015

In 2015, Central provided almost \$4800 towards rental assistance for 53 local families (partnered through Owasso Community Resources), almost \$9700 towards emergency utility assistance (320 local families) and fed around 200 local families in need with our food pantry. Barely 3 weeks into the new year and the need has already been strong! Did you know only .25% of our budget goes towards Benevolence? The rest is funded by your generous donations to the food pantry, donations collected at the business meetings or donations received through offerings.

Here's how you can help:

If you can help people in our community, please write "Benevolence" on your offering envelope to help with utilities for those with shut off notices in Owasso or Collinsville. Let's help our neighbors keep warm this winter! We also have the "SWORD" ministry that you can give towards which helps church members going through a tough time who need a hand up. If you would like to give an offering to be used to help one of our church families, write "SWORD" on your envelope when you give. We are constantly in need of household grocery staples (nonperishables) such as breakfast cereals/bars/oatmeal, boxed dinners, pasta and pasta sauce and as the need presents, we focus on an "item of the month" that the pantry is in need of. You can find this in the weekly worship guides, Central Scoop, signs by the donation bins in the Main and South foyer or here in the newsletter. Thank you Central for being a church that gives so generously towards this community!

Our preschool, Grand Central Kids is a great example of generosity. Miss Jana frequently has the children participating in Mission projects throughout the year. Just in these last few months of 2015: in October GCK collected 43 Peanut Butters and 41 Jellies for the pantry, November they collected 65 cans of fruit and in December the children collected 26 bags of dry beans, 22 boxes of cornbread and 33 cans of soup and January they just collected 46 canned meats and 18 other items! Miss Jana would like to invite the families of Central to help with a February missions project for Mission:Owasso. Now through February 18th, they are collecting baby diapers of all sizes (open packages are welcome) and baby wipes. You can drop these off at Miss Jana's office at the entrance to the kids hall.



## Mission Ignition

Reserve your child's spot now! March 5th, 2016 from 9am-3pm. We will be taking the church vans. This fun weekend is for kids to teach them about Missions. It is held at First Baptist Tulsa and is \$10 per child. For more information, see Debra Stephens.