

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

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Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

March 26th, 2015



## THE STORY A VISUAL CONCERT

FRIDAY APRIL 3  
6:30-7:30PM  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED UP TO AGE 5

### Who Will You Invite?

CBC Worship Ministry presents "The Story" a Visual Concert on **April 3rd, 2015 at 6:30pm**. Join us from 6:30-7:30pm on Good Friday to experience a journey that starts at creation and ends with Christ's return. Childcare is available for children up to age 5. Admission is free! Our Sunday Easter services will be held at the regular service times (8:15am and 10:45am).

### Preparation For New England

Step One. We are now ready to begin the process of our members meeting and training online with the individuals in Rhode Island and Maine. The first step will deal with Venue Development. Our members will meet online one hour per week for 8-weeks with an additional two hours of actual field work each week. Each team in Owasso, Rhode Island and Maine will go out into the community putting into practice what we learned. If you signed up with an interest in partnering with New England or want to know more about how to create venues to build relationship then this training is for you. Our first class begins **Monday, April 6th at 6:30pm** if working with the Rhode Island team is your interest. If Maine is your focus the first class is **Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm**. Look for the bulletin insert for more details and for more emails with more information and questions answered.

### Annie Armstrong

The main goal of the North American Mission Board is to create more churches. Our population is increasing but church growth has not kept up. 49% of NAMB's funding comes from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Currently 25% of all Christian churches planted in North America are planted by Southern Baptists. Our church goal for this Easter offering is \$6,000. So far we have received \$2,522. Please designate "Annie Armstrong" on your offering envelope.

### Wednesday Meals

The meal for this **Wednesday, April 1st** is Manicotti, Garlic Bread, Veggie, Salad Bar and Dessert. The Kids Menu is: Chicken Nuggets, Garlic Bread, Veggie, Salad Bar and Dessert. The rate is \$5 per each adult portion, \$2.50 per each half or kids portion. Children 3 and under are free. Please sign up on the South bulletin board by the office no later than Monday at noon to be sure that we purchase enough food.

The next issue will be published on Thursday, April 23rd, 2015

# Pastors Desk



## Why Do You Seek The Living One Among The Dead?

It was a normal Sunday morning for most people. But most people were not grieving the loss of their son and Savior. This was the case for the women who came on that first Easter Sunday morning to check on the body of Jesus. The rest of the world either rested in their beds or were getting ready for the beginning of a new week, but not these women. Three days earlier they had witnessed one of the most horrific experiences of their lives, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. But this day, this Sunday, would prove to be a game changer for the rest of their lives.

It was early on a Sunday morning as they approached the tomb bringing spices to anoint the body. They noticed something was different. The stone had been rolled away from the tomb! When they entered all they saw was the burial cloths that had once clothed their Savior. The Bible says they were “perplexed”. Wouldn’t you be? Matthew’s gospel states that two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling apparel. Immediately the women became frightened and bowed their faces low to the ground. Then the question was asked, “Why do you seek the Living One among the dead?” What a question! Hadn’t Jesus already told His followers that the grave could not keep Him? Had He not already told them that He would be betrayed, beaten, crucified and killed? Didn’t He predict that He would be raised on the 3rd day?

What does the resurrection mean to you? Maybe you find yourself in a dark time. Maybe you are haunted by past mistakes or you just cannot seem to get ahead of the curve. You know that Jesus’ resurrection is good news but it was so long ago. Why does it give so much hope to others, but for you it just doesn’t work? You know it’s one of those things that should give you hope but you just do not feel it.

Here is my question to you: are you like those ladies on the first day of the week? Are you seeking Him? I know they were seeking the dead body of Jesus but lets give them some credit, at least they were seeking His dead body. We are so busy, consumed with the affairs of the day, that we often seek everything but the real presence of Christ. We get impatient with God because He doesn’t attend to the things that we deem important. I mean, think about it, we expect Him to come to us when we are not willing to come to Him.

Those who know my story know that I have struggled with depression and anxiety for all of my adult life. Thankfully, with medication, exercise, and my spiritual walk with Christ, both symptoms are at a minimum. But from time to time they still raise their ugly head to battle with me personally. So what does the glorious resurrection mean to me? Well, that depends on whether I am seeking the Living God among the dead or among the living. If I expect Him to be in the grave with no power then I have low expectations of what He wants to do through me. But if I know that He is a Living God and know that He brings life to everything He touches, then I seek Him to touch every aspect of my life, physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. I know my redeemer lives and I know that He is life and is the God of life.

I am reminded of what Jesus said in John 10:10. “The enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy, but I have come to give you life, real life, life abundantly.” (Carlson Paraphrase) I fully realize that this doesn’t mean that all of my life is going to be easy and joyous. But I know that in the dark times, the difficult times, the times I don’t feel him, He is there to walk with me, bringing a calm assurance in the midst of the storm.

As we celebrate Jesus this Easter let me ask you, “Whom do you seek? Do you seek a man among the dead, or do you seek the Living God who brings life?”

Until the whole world hears, let’s get on the road again!

*Pastor Scott*

## 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, please contact Debbie (debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org).

## Missions and Ministry Meetings

The next Missions meeting is **April 8th at 5:30pm** in the conference room. The first 30 minutes is open to all. The Men's Ministry and Women's Ministry will meet following Student Takeover that evening. Men's Ministry meets in the Norwood classroom and the Women's Ministry meets in the Lydia Classroom.

## Disaster Relief Training

On **Saturday, April 11th**, Central is hosting the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Preparedness Workshop to learn how to help in a disaster and to be certified in different areas of need. We are also in need of volunteers to help during the training event with registration, coffee, runners (etc.), if you are able to help email [revkev.laufer@cbcowasso.org](mailto:revkev.laufer@cbcowasso.org).

## Severe Weather Show

On **Saturday, April 18th at 11am** in the Fellowship Hall North, David Gaede will be hosting a preparedness presentation for severe weather. The Men's Ministry will be serving hot dogs and burgers to everyone afterwards. This is a free church-wide event and no childcare will be available.

## Fritts Vow Renewal

On **Saturday, April 18th at 1pm**, Keith and Jennifer Fritts renew their vows followed by a Promise to Daughter Ceremony in Fellowship Hall South. This event is open to the church.

## VBS Clinic

**Thursday, April 30th from 7-9pm** all interested in volunteering are encouraged to attend this free clinic and qualify to get your VBS tee for free! Email [debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org](mailto:debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org) to let Debra know where you would like to help. VBS will be from 6-8pm July 12th-16th.



## McTeacher's Night

Join us for McTeacher's Night at the McDonald's on 76th on **March 31st from 5-7pm**. GCK will receive 100% of the proceeds for every pie sold and 20% of the proceeds from all other items purchased during this time. Funds raised will go towards a new copier for the preschool. Enrollment for the next school year is open! Packets are available in the office and outside of Miss Jana's office. The

4's class is on a waitlist. For more information contact Jana, 918-212-1196.

## Summer Mowing Teams

If you would be interested in helping with lawn care, please contact Matt Flindt or sign up in the Ministry Hall.

## Opportunities To Serve:

Jr. High needs a guy to lead on Sunday mornings, talk to Jeremy Goggans if you are interested. Please contact Don at 918-272-3097 if you would like to greet people at our doors with a smile on Sunday mornings.

**2015  
Youth Events  
Coming Up:**



## CBC Senior Day: May 17th

This is the Sunday set aside to honor all our graduating Seniors of the class of 2015. We will have a Senior Breakfast for you and your family. More info to come.

## Summit Camp at Grand Lake in Grove

Save the date! June 8th-13th. This camp is for 6th-12th grade students and the cost is \$175 (scholarships are available). Packets are available in the youth area.

**Contact Jeremy Goggans for more information!**

## 2015 Children's Events

Save these dates! KMAK kids camp will again be at Camp Tulakogee for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

children, **June 15th-18th**, the cost is \$165. VBS will be **July 12th-17th**. 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@cbcowasso.org](mailto:debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org)).





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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 To Our Newest Member: Carol Laufer

Sympathy:

To Mark, Debbie, Jordan & Janna Green in the passing of Debbie's mother (Jordan & Janna's grandmother). To Chase & Donna DuBose and family in the loss of Donna's dad, Bill Head.

Baby Dedications

We will have our next Baby Dedication Ceremony on Mother's day, May 10th during the 10:45am service. If you would like to include your family, please contact Debra Stephens no later than April 26th. We will need a photo and the child's birthdate.

Hodson Elementary Test Monitors

It's time for spring testing and the 3rd-5th grade is in need of testing monitors, pick up a flyer or see one of our bulletin boards for more information.

Food Pantry Needs:

If you are out and about, our pantry is in need of Dry Noodles and Beans, Cornbread Mix, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Breakfast Items. Please remember we can only accept nonperishable and unopened items. Thank you to all who donate!

Ordination Ceremony

The Deacons have made a recommendation that Paul Norwood be ordained as a deacon. The ordained men of Central are invited to take part in the Deacon Ordination Council for Paul Norwood at Central on April 12 at 3:00pm. An Ordination Service is scheduled to ordain Paul as a Deacon on April 19th at 3:00pm with the Council's approval. This service is open to the church.



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