



9001 N 145 E Ave, Owasso, OK 74055

#### 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

#### Welcome Little One

Liam Roy Street was born to Wesley & Kara Street on 10/30/14. Tom & Mary Street are the proud grandparents.

#### Condolences

To Greg & Kathie Estep in the passing of Kathie's father, Samuel Turner, Sr.

#### Severe Weather?

In the event of bad weather you may access info on our church Facebook page, our website ([www.cbcowasso.org](http://www.cbcowasso.org)), the church office voice mail 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.

#### MEND

On **December 9th at 7pm**, MEND will be holding a special Candlelight Ceremony and Michele Wilson will be the special guest speaker. (Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death) is a Christian, non-profit that reaches out to families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. Visit: [www.mend.org/support/chapter-tulsa-events.jsp](http://www.mend.org/support/chapter-tulsa-events.jsp)

#### Welcome Members

Kristi Bugajski and Summer Nelson

#### Donations

To the building fund in memory of Tom Hardy by Don & Carol Palmer.



#### Moving?

If you have changed your address or phone number, please contact Charlotte in the church office with your new information so we can update our database. You can email her at: [Charlotte.Farr@cbcowasso.org](mailto:Charlotte.Farr@cbcowasso.org)

**Church Office:**  
**918-272-3376**

Fax: 918-272-4060

#### Helpers Needed

We have been blessed with a baby boom and are in need of extra helpers once a month in the Nursery and with the 2year olds. You won't be serving alone and a background check will be required. For more information, please contact Tonya Cowan at 918-504-1895.

The next issue will be published on Thursday, December 18th

# CENTRAL CONNECTION

<http://cbcowasso.org/e-news>

Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

November 20th, 2014

#### Thanksgiving Hours

Please note the church office will only be open this Wednesday from 8-12noon and closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday.

#### No Wednesday Activities

There will not be any Wednesday Bible Studies, Student Takeover or Dinner **November 26th**, have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

#### Rejoice Shoeboxes

Monday is your last day to drop your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes off to Rejoice. For more information on what to pack, see the display in the Ministry Hallway.

#### Angel Tree

Have your gift and Angel back by next Sunday, **November 30th**. The children's names were provided to us by Mission:Owasso.

#### Winter Concert

The Owasso Community Choir will be performing a winter concert at CBC on **December 5th at 7pm**.

#### Hospitality House of Tulsa: Night of Hospitality December 4th

We invite you to help with "A Night of Hospitality". Find more information about how you can help fill a care bag or be a sponsor on the South bulletin board.

#### Seniors, Save The Date!

The Senior Adult Old Fashioned Christmas Party, **December 4th at 3pm**. Sign up for soups, salads or Christmas goodies. Program is at 3pm and dinner is at 5pm. We are asking you bring essentials for Mission: Owasso, you can find the list and get more information at the display case in the Ministry hallway.

## Thanksgiving at Central

We would like to invite your family to our Thanksgiving dinner. It is coming up this Sunday, November 23rd. This year we are blessed to have the Ugandan Children's Choir here to preform for us! The concert is at 5pm and we will eat dinner afterward at 5:30pm.

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 4:30pm on Sunday.

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

If you picked up a turkey, please have it baked and back to the ladies in the kitchen by 4:30pm today so they can get it prepped for dinner!

#### 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. Monday at 6:30pm we will start setting up the worship chairs. If you can help with one or both, it would be appreciated!

#### Family Christmas Tree

Each year, we set up Family Christmas trees in the main foyer. We invite you to bring an ornament to hang on the tree to represent your family. You can hang the ornament yourself or drop it by the church office.

#### Christmas Childcare Help Needed

We are going to need childcare helpers for the Christmas program, Dec. 13th-14th at 6pm. You could sign up one night and go to the program the other. Please contact Tonya Cowan at 918-504-1895 or by email at: [tonyacowan2010@gmail.com](mailto:tonyacowan2010@gmail.com).

The next issue will be published on Thursday, December 18th



As we approach the close of yet another year, I want to encourage you to finish strong. The great news is that even those who don't start strong still have the opportunity to finish strong. We have been called to live the life of someone who has been "set aside" or "set apart" for a special cause. What have we been "set apart" to do? To bring Glory to our Creator of course.

As followers of Christ we have already committed to **Go, Say, Do, and Give** what and where He tells us to **Go, Say, Do, and Give!** Colossians 3:23 reminds us that whatever we do, we are to do to the glory of God, as if we were doing everything for Him and not for men.

So here is my encouragement to you as we close out yet another year.

- Be **faithful** in your devotion in spending time with your God through Bible Study and Prayer.
- Be **faithful** in your service toward the body of Christ.
- Be **faithful** in your witness in sharing the good news of the Savior with people around you.
- Be **faithful** with your stewardship in your tithes and offerings but also in your personal spending that your finances brings glory to God.
- Be **faithful** in your responsibility to help train up disciples and followers of Jesus Christ.

Bottom line, let's **be faithful!** Aren't you thankful for His faithfulness? Remember when you are struggling with your own faithfulness, how faithful He has been and is to you. May His strength replace our weakness so that all the glory goes to Him!

To God be the Glory!

*Pastor Scott*

## 2015 Budget

Below is a sample of our 2015 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 7th.**

### (sample) 2015 PROPOSED MINISTRY BUDGET

**\$1,060,500.00**

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

I vote to adopt the 2015 proposed church ministry budget. (yes)

I vote to reject the 2015 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.)



## A 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 13th and 14th at 6pm.** Childcare will be available up to age 4.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We would like to invite your family to join us, **Wednesday, December 24th from 5-6pm** 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.

## Lottie Moon

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. We are on track to give over \$15,150 through our budget but do not want to quit there! The missions committee has set a goal of \$20,000, which combined with our budget would support a missionary over 8 months. 100% of the LMCO goes to the support of missionaries. Prayerfully consider your gift this year. You will also be able to support the LMCO by sending Christmas cards to other members in our church via the Lottie Moon Post Office! It opens this next Sunday! We ask for a donation of .25cents per card.

## Freedom Groups

Because we all are broken, captive and we need to be free through Jesus Christ, starting in 2015, Central is launching two pilot 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. If you would like to learn more or are interested in being a co-facilitator, email: [angie.combs@cbcowasso.org](mailto:angie.combs@cbcowasso.org).

## Building Infrastructure

A very important item that was discussed at the November business meeting, in conjunction with the 2015 budget, was dealing with the expenses of restoring our facility. Currently we have parking lot repairs and sealing, roof leaks and gutter issues that need to be addressed immediately. The Stewardship and Properties committee are working together to prioritize and fund these projects. The initial funding step will include any overage at years end from the 2014 budget (\$1,010,000) and will be deposited in a restricted account to help offset expenses. This overage will be taken after all mission dollars have been paid since our missions budget is based on the percentage of our total receipts. It's very important that you continue to give, so we will have some seed money to begin these projects.

## New to Central? Pastor's Discovery Class

If you are new to Central, this special class hosted by Pastor Scott is designed for you! It 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. If you have questions, we have answers! The next series has begun though you can join the class at any time and make up any missed sessions in the next series. This class meets in Pastor Scott's office on Sunday mornings at 9:30am.

SESSION ONE: "Centered in Christ"

SESSION TWO: "Connected With People"

SESSION THREE: "Committed to Serve: Ministry"

SESSION FOUR: "Committed to Serve: Missions"

As an alternative to the weekly Sunday classes, you can choose to attend an all-in-one intensive session. Contact Debbie Dalaeli ([Debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org](mailto:Debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org)) to schedule an appointment with Pastor Scott and arrange to pick up the class materials to read over (at least a week in advance).