



CENTRAL CONNECTION

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Central Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

March 26th, 2020



Hey Central Baptist Family! I'm so excited to finally be here as your new Senior Pastor, and my family is getting settled into our new house and neighborhood. We love it here already and feel so welcomed by the community and our new church family. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, my plans to get to know you all and build face-to-face relationships have been dramatically altered. So, I apologize for not being able to see you, but please know that I am praying daily for you and can't wait to see you all very soon.

I also would like to update you on some special plans our staff is putting in place to continue the ministries of CBC during this crisis.

- The best place for the most up-to-date information for CBC is our church website (homepage at www.cbcowasso.org). There you can find current church news, links to sermons, online Sunday school class info, helpful resources for parents at home with their kids, and how you can be involved with ministry efforts during this unique season.
- As you probably have heard, the church building is closed for the safety of our church members and guests. All of our services have been moved to online only and can be accessed at **10:45am every Sunday** on our CBC Facebook page, YouTube, and through our church website at www.cbcowasso.org. Many of our Sunday school classes are meeting online as well during our normal Sunday school time. Please contact your Sunday school leadership for updated information on what your class is doing and how you can be involved.
- The church office will be closed until further notice to protect the health of our staff and their families. However, please know that all of your staff are continuing to work from home as they lead our church during this time.

Financially, CBC remains strong. Your staff has taken steps to tighten church expenses and minimize costs. However, resources are still needed for the church to fulfill our ministries to members and the community. My prayer is that all of us will continue to worship the Lord through the act of tithing (even if we can't physically meet each Sunday). You can still give by mail or by going to cbcowasso.org/giving for an easy online giving experience (more on this below).

Finally, I want to encourage you with this thought. **God is still in control!** He has a plan for this temporary crisis, for our church, and for your family. I know that one day we will look back on all this mess and see how God used it for His glory. It's during times like this that we are called to put all our hope in the Lord. So let's trust Him together!

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Pastor Clayton Chisum

Giving and Benevolence

You have been faithful in giving to the church for ministry and we ask that you continue to give even though we are unable to meet together. Our bills will continue to come in and there is a growing need for help within our community. We are able to receive offerings through our website, app, or by texting 732-56 with the words CBCOWASSO \$100 (insert your desired amount, the \$100 is an example). Many in our church family have already set up online giving for their convenience but this might be a good time to set it up if you haven't already. You may also mail your offering (Central Baptist Church, 9001 N 145 E Ave, Owasso, OK 74055), our mail is checked daily. Here is the weekly offering for last Sunday (March 22nd): Offering Needed: \$20,244.69, Total Offering Received: \$12,141.46, Year-To-Date Needed: \$189,929.65, Year-To-Date Received: \$242,936.28.

We are unable to offer benevolence emergency utility assistance to our community right now, we are still able to help within our church to members in need with our SWORD ministry fund, contact Matt Flindt. Volunteers are ready to assist with picking up prescriptions, groceries or other needs, contact Brenda (Brenda.eckenfels@cbcowasso.org) or Angie (Angie.Combs@cbcowasso.org) to arrange assistance or call the church office and leave a voice mail (918-272-3376) and someone will get back with you. Within the community, Dividing Bread (located at 86th St N and Hwy 169, next to Duffy's) and Mission Owasso (located at 116th St N and Garnet) are also providing food.



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

9001 N 145th E Ave, Owasso, OK 74055

Our Staff

Dr. Clayton Chisum.....Senior Pastor
Kevin Laufer.....Minister to Families & Senior Adults
Matthew Flindt.....Minister of Educ./Bus. Admin.
Ryland Russell.....Minister of Worship & Media Arts
Noah McCormick.....Minister to Youth
Debra Stephens.....Director of Childhood Ministries
Debbie Dalaeli.....Executive Ministry Assistant
Jana Oder.....GCK Preschool Director
Pam Rains.....Financial Secretary

Front Office Secretaries:

Angie Combs, Brenda Eckenfels, Donia Ledford

Return Service Requested

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. AAEO collection dates are **March 15th-April 12th**. Though we are not meeting in person, you are still able to give towards this important offering by designating AAEO on your offering. Contact Debbie.Dalaeli@cbcowasso.org with questions.

Message To Parents from Debra Stephens and Noah McCormick

You've been home with your kids for a week and you're beginning to dream of summer, camps, vbs, and kids being gone on mission trips. Well, so are we! Youth Camp is currently scheduled for June 1-5th, and KMAK is currently schedule for June 8-13th. VBS is currently scheduled for July 12-16th. We don't have all the answers, and it's a "hurry up and wait" situation to see if camp is business as usual, cancelled, postponed, or re-invented. We may have to switch around some dates and be creative. As soon as this covid-19 situation is over and we have definite dates, we'll let you know! Be sure to stay connected with us via text, email, the Central facebook page, the CBS facebook page for special messages from Noah and Debra (and the rest of the staff).

Member News:

Sympathy to Barbara Anderson in the passing of her sister.
And welcome to the Chisum family!

Right Now Media

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Staff Contact List

If you need to reach your Central Staff for a non-urgent need, call the church office and leave a message (918-272-3376). You can also email the staff at the following:

- Youth Ministry: Noah.mccormick@cbcowasso.org
- Children's Ministry: Debra.stephens@cbcowasso.org
- Building or Ministry: Matt.flindt@cbcowasso.org
- Office: Debbie.dalaeli@cbcowasso.org
- Food Assistance: Email Angie.combs@cbcowasso.org or Brenda.eckenfels@cbcowasso.org, or call the office.