



CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH LIFE



Summer 2017

Beloved Church Family,

I want to thank you again for your outpouring of support on my family's 5th anniversary at Central Baptist Church. Man, I can't believe it's been this long. I was totally taken by surprise. You brought gifts and cards and shared words of support, and through it all, we have been built stronger as a family. Even more powerful than your presents, however, is your presence. Through it all, you have been co-laborers in this great Gospel calling we all share. You have been learners, and attendees, you have allowed me to share in your struggles, and allowed me to struggle myself. You have been godly leaders and helpers.

We ended a short series in Ecclesiastes recently, but if we had kept going in the book, we would have read Ecclesiastes chapter 4, where it says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." (Ecc. 4:9-12 NIV)

That passage is used at a lot of weddings, but it's really about all relationships. God intended always that we would realize that we are stronger in relationship with Him and with each other. If a cord of three strands (you, me, and God) is not easily broken, then you, me, her, him, and all of them are a greater threat to Satan than we have ever realized. Through your presence in my life, through your response to the good news about Jesus, we have become a formidable force for doing good in our community and the world. So thank you for being you, and thank you for letting me be me, and thank you for being here too.

As we journey farther on down the road together, I simply want to say that my family and I love each and every one of you deeply.

In Christ,

Bro. Joseph



We are proud to announce that Central Baptist Church has been selected to host this year's Ellis Baptist Association Annual Meeting. This is the meeting of all the cooperating churches in the county, and is a great opportunity to hear about what's going on in other churches and ministries throughout the county. There will be food from various parts of the world represented by the churches who have missions efforts there, and booths from various ministries, such as the Ellis Christian Women's Job Corps and the Disaster Response Team. We will need help with setting up the Family Life Center and cleaning after the event. Please let the office know if you are willing. Join Executive Director Richard Cody and leaders from around the county Sunday, October 15, 5 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church Family Life Center.



Also, join comedian Dennis Swanberg for entertainment, fellowship and encouragement on Monday, October 9 from 9:30 to noon at Hagee Auditorium, Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie. The cost is \$15 per person and you can register



through the EBA office at 972.937.9320 or mail a check to 3080 W. 287 Bypass, Waxahachie, TX 75167.

Family Life Center



On March 5, 2017, we were blessed to dedicate the new Family Life Center of Central Baptist Church, after nearly two years of planning, fundraising, and construction. Two years ago, God gave Central Baptist a vision to complete a building that has been decades in the making on the members' minds. It is the ultimate expression of building community within the church.

The building was dedicated by holding our worship service in the facility and inviting all present to share a meal together following the time of worship. Pastor Joseph said, "this building is a thing that took all of us. It has brought us together not as a collective of individuals or co-workers, but as a team and a family. We are different now that we have labored through this great effort together. And I couldn't be more proud of you all being my church family."

The vision is to use the building to provide for much-needed educational space, to build community by hosting community events, athletics programs, school programs and other events in the space, to offer programs that meet the deeper needs of our people by ultimately introducing people to Jesus.

"In Jeremiah 29:11, God says, 'I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' I'd like us to consider, and be ready for the strong possibility, that something that happens in this building might answer that prayer for somebody. This might be somebody's place of finding hope, this might be somebody's place where they realize God has a glorious future for them," said Pastor Joseph.

Already, since the dedication, we have seen those prayers forming into a reality. Join us by continuing to get involved at Central Baptist and all of the worship, events, programs and social events that are coming soon. Please continue to contribute toward the Family Life Center fund as a special offering above that which God leads you to tithe.



Central Baptist Youth prepare a breakfast for attendees before morning Bible study classes.



Youth News and World Report

Bro. Sean Horton, Minister of Youth and Spiritual Formation

The Spring and Summer Quarters have been busy times in CBC student ministry. In the spring quarter, we saw a great growth in our Wednesday night THRIVE gathering times. Many Wednesday nights would bring new faces to our small group times and to our special events that happened on the last Wednesday night of the month. We played large group games, like dodgeball, as well as went out to eat with our small group leaders. All of our events this year centered around



creating a sense of BELONGING, which is one of our 3 core focuses in youth ministry. I also would like to take a moment to thank Tracie, Natalie, Kim, Michael, Sarah, and Travis, who gave up their Wednesday evenings this year to love and teach students in small groups. Y'all are awesome!

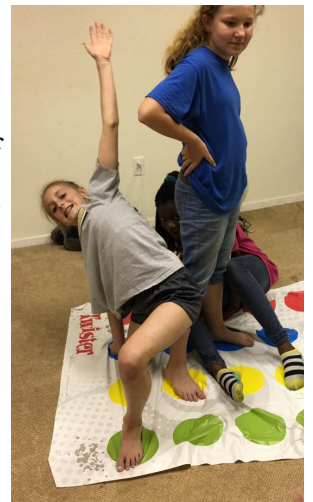


We are now in the middle of our summer quarter, and are very excited about summer camp! Thank you to everyone who gave money or items or time, so that our students could go to camp this year! I am always amazed how God uses our church family to bless students that they may never know. We will once again be heading to Wichita Falls to Camp Chaparral on July 10-14th.

Please pray for God to move in a powerful way in the hearts of our students during this special week. The rest of the summer has been full of activities like VBS, which had the help of many of our students. We don't



want summer to end, but school is right around the corner. Be looking for more exciting things coming in the new school year!





Sincere Worship

Chason Disheroon, Minister of Music

The word sincere is often used to describe truthful, genuine actions or gestures between individuals. Often our demeanor, lack of interest, and self-involvement overshadow any sincere efforts we might attempt to make. If we were to apply this term to our weekly communal worship with God, would we like the results we find? Many Christians would appreciate never having to answer this question. The results might very well surprise and even shock some. Let us use the following scenario as an example. Sunday morning arrives, a typical family finds its way into the church minutes before the service begins. They have each come with little to no expectation for what will happen here on this specific day. Yet somehow, they feel as though they are exactly where they are supposed to be. Like many others, this family has grown up with no alternative to a Sunday church service. They continue to carry on a tradition of comfort and familiar activities. Much like someone who completes a mundane task repeatedly for the feeling of familiarity, many church members are present each Sunday with this exact mindset. They lack a deeper understanding and yearning for what truly is taking place. Can we actually honor God more by stopping our comfortable, passive participation and realigning our hearts with His? Worship should be an experience, a relationship, an opportunity, and a privilege.

Why do we worship? How much of ourselves do we put into it? Are we always true to God and His graciousness? As a congregation, we must be able to identify worship so that we can better address our faithfulness and praise to Him. Our ultimate goal is to glorify, praise, honor and please a most gracious God. According to author and speaker Louie Giglio, worship is the activity of the soul. He also makes the following statement:

“Right now, all around you, people of all shapes and sizes, people of every age and purpose are worshipping-continually making decisions based on what they value most. Worship happens everywhere...all day long.”¹

With this thought in mind, as the leaders and lay people of our congregation, we must insist and encourage each of our church members to strive; creating an open, loving relationship with God that takes place not only on Sunday mornings, but throughout every single day of the week.

Giglio also suggests that we come to a worship service prepared, anticipating what is to come. As you travel to the church, cross the parking lot and enter the front doors, reflect on the experiences that are to come. “The key is to come prepared, to come worshipping.” As we become changed in God’s presence, we are filled in truth; we continue our journey, faithfully working on our commitment to Him through sincere, heart-felt worship.

Let our desire at CBC be to actively worship God in spirit and truth!

Louie Giglio, *The Air I Breathe* (Sisters: Multnomah, 2003), 13.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
6 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 Family Lake Day	7	8	9 6:30 Church Council 7pm Family Meeting/ Wednesday Nights at CBC	10	11	12 8 am Highway Cleanup
13 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 College and Career Lunch	14	15	16 2pm Food Pantry 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	17	18 11:30 IMA Teacher Apprecation Lunch	19
20 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship	21 School Starts 5pm Food Pantry	22	23 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	24	25	26
27 (Communion) 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 College and Career Lunch 6 Evening Activities	28	29 6:30 Can- cer Care	30 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	31	September 1	2
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24 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 6 Evening Activities	25	26 6:30 Can- cer Care	27 7am See You at the Pole 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	28	29	30
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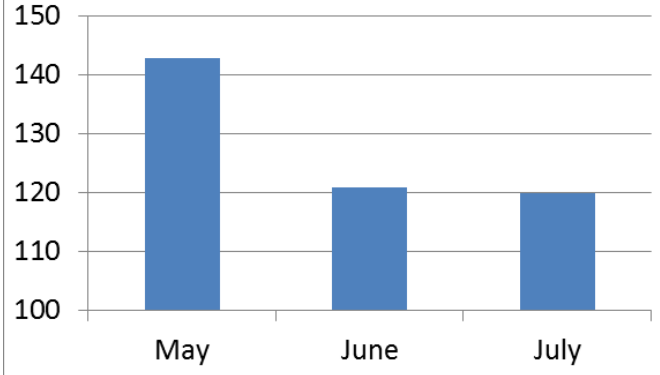
Dear Church Family,

As many of you know, my dear friend, Pam Goodman, has been on our prayer list for quite some time. She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer about three years ago and passed away June 11, 2017. Thank you so much for all the prayers and support that you have shown me during this most difficult time. I greatly appreciate your remembering her family and me.

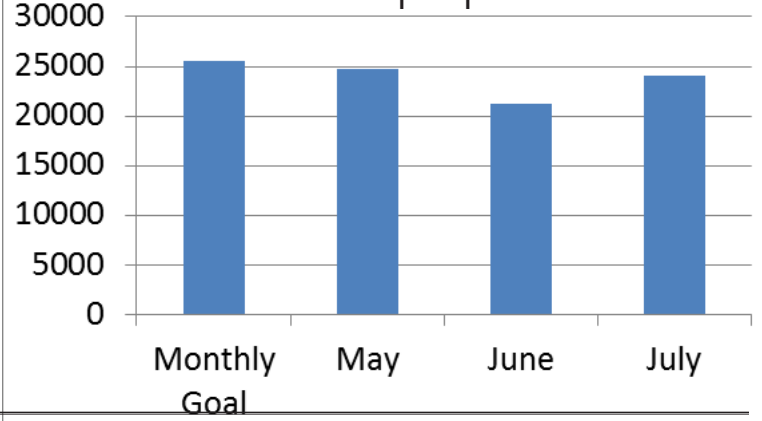
Love in Christ,

Brenda Wainscott

Attendance Statistics



Stewardship Report



Birthdays

08/01	Carlee Wafer	08/30	Brian Penner
08/02	Rushton Trees	09/01	Hope Goring
08/04	Michelle Kowalsky	09/01	Marcia Maxwell
08/06	Holly Spraberry	09/01	Barbara Russell
08/08	Kristi Holley	09/02	Rebekah Corley
08/12	Barbara Little	09/02	Colin Russell
08/13	Aden Hernandez	09/03	Avery Kerr
08/15	Kandy Standige	09/09	Richard Beason
08/15	Roger Williams	09/12	Jason Uehlinger
08/17	Mike Britt	09/12	Becky Williams
08/17	Kayli Stiles-Smith	09/13	Kay Kerr
08/17	Valerie Stiles-Smith	09/13	Clay Riddle
08/19	Troy Kowalsky	09/15	Josh Cedillo
08/19	Pat Miller	09/15	Taylor Sparks
08/19	Gage Wafer	09/16	Rebecca Cedillo
08/20	Earl Goodwin	09/16	Connor Malone
08/20	Haylee Mathers	09/17	Karson Holley
08/24	Heather Raines	09/18	Rana Ramirez
08/24	Michael Steinmetz	09/20	Weldon Holley
08/27	Cassie Joffre	09/24	Shirley Cullum
08/27	Brad Sprayberry	09/27	Cowan Horton
08/28	Sicily Johnson	09/27	Adam Smith
08/28	Aryanna Medlock	09/29	Charles Hyles
08/28	Chance Shaffer	09/30	Adyson Mathers

Anniversaries

09/30	Glenn Shepard	08/21	Brian & Stephanie Penner
10/01	Barbara Phillips	09/05	Curtis & Michele Riddle
10/03	Kinsley Strickland	09/05	Eric & Holly Bradley
10/07	Ed Norman	09/07	Tom & Barbara Little
10/07	Kevin Owens	09/09	Jon & Rebekah Mathers
10/08	Jackson Perkins	09/11	Robert & Susie Ward
10/08	Jackson Perkins	09/12	Jimmy & Ann Hyles
10/09	Karson Atchley	10/04	Michael & Shauna Steinmetz
10/09	Jon Hernandez	10/07	Earl & Donna Goodwin
10/10	Kay Turk	10/11	Mark & Mary Beth Wainscott
10/14	Zoe Hogan	10/12	Roger & Becky Williams
10/15	Vicki Panther	10/17	Ed & Linda Norman
10/15	Susie Ward	10/24	Jackie & Pat Miller Sr.
10/18	Kaitlyn Fulghum	10/25	Brian & Karen Mathiowetz
10/18	Isabel Morales	10/27	Roger & Roxanna Ginnett
10/20	Lynn Lawson	10/27	Travis & Sarah Reid
10/24	Kathy Haight		
10/24	Clarice Irvin		
10/26	Rowan Joffre		
10/27	Jo Ward		
10/29	Parker Caudle		
10/30	Guilherme Almeida		

CBC Men's Softball Team

Our team will play in a county-wide league this Fall on Monday nights. Games begin at either 7, 8, or 9 pm. Sign up for the team by contacting the office, or just come out and support your team on Monday nights. Check the schedule at www.teamsideline.com/waxahachie.

