

# CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH LIFE



Winter 2017-2018



Beloved Church Family,

This has been a year. I'm not sure yet if it's been a good year, or a bad one, but it's been a year. Some amazing things have happened. Several people experienced Jesus' saving grace this year and gave their lives to Him, some of whom are pictured at their baptisms on the next page. We dedicated the Family Life Center this year. We shared our lives together at various fellowship events, some of which are pictured also on the next page. We went on an international mission trip to Mexico, and a month-long mission trip to South Texas after Hurricane Harvey, shown in pictures on this page. My tenure at Central turned five years old this year, a big milestone. We helped countless families in countless ways. We introduced a new and incredibly effective children's ministry, and witnessed growth in our ministries to youth. Our children's groups took children on trips to camps, and invested all year in the lives of children, youth, and their families. People came to learn about God week in and week out, and lifted Him up in worship together. People gave money so that our ministries could thrive and so that we could send missionaries all over the world. Blessings have poured down on us this year.

It has also been the most draining year of my life. In the last year, I have said goodbye to some of the most amazing people I have ever known and spoke at their funerals. I have witnessed couples and families breaking apart, marriages hanging on by a thread. I have seen addiction take its price from people I love. I have preached my heart out and felt like no one was listening at times. I have prayed for people to make the right decisions and watched them make the wrong ones. I have watched people I love battle cancer and other medical conditions. I have battled the growing sense that church is less relevant to people than ever before, because they can show up to football on Friday and not to church on Sunday. I have, for the first time, begun to wonder how effective I am in this role and how much longer I can keep this up. I've been frustrated. I've been angry. I've been indifferent. I've been tired. I've given all I can. All this while continuing to learn how to be a good husband and father.

So it has been a year. I can't call it a good one or a bad one. Just a year that has taken much to live. Maybe you feel the same way about your life.

I don't think I really have any good advice if you feel this way, beat down and not sure what to do next. But Jesus does. It's what keeps me going. He says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Let's just all stop reading for a moment and think through each word as Jesus says it to us. Come. To. Me. All. You. Who. Are. Weary. And. Burdened. And. I. Will. Give. You. Rest.

Hang on every word of that promise. I will do the same. Through that promise coming true in my life day by day, I am learning all over again that Jesus is everything. I am praying right now that you have the same experience in days to come. May God bless you all richly.

In Christ, *Bro. Joseph*





# The Season in Photos

## Baptisms



## Events







## Youth News and World Report

Bro. Sean Horton, Minister of Youth and Spiritual Formation



What an exciting time for our church and the youth group as we kicked off the Fall and the new school year at The Loft in the Family Life Center. The Fall has brought so many new faces to our youth group, and God has blessed us with a new group for the new season. With that

growth, we have been able to reach many unchurched students who are hearing about Jesus for the first time! For the Fall, our events have centered around building relationships and getting to know the students as they spend their time with our adult



volunteers. We have gone out to eat, played some crazy games, and even tailgated at the opening of the new Gladiator Stadium.

When students attend on Wednesday nights, they not only come to play games, but also to hear about God. The fall season we took the news events of the Fall like the hurricanes, the protests, and the shooting in Las Vegas, and we talked about how God has called us to love and respect each other. We also talked about communicating with God, and learned that God wants us to know He is king, wise, and in control.

We are looking forward to other events happening including our 5th quarter, thanksgiving meal, and Christmas celebration. Thanks to all who love

and support students and keep praying for us as God continues to send students to our ministry!





**Many Voices - One Song**  
Chason Disheroon, Minister of Music

For many centuries Christians have used singing as an expression of faith and proclamation. Through education and fellowship believers are taught the love of Christ and the everlasting grace of God. Many hymn texts and tunes have sustained the course of time while others faded away, unnoticed.

As the ever-changing body of Christ, we strive to renew and restore our relationship with God. It is first essential to comprehend the significance of congregational singing. It is the one point in the worship service where the church body can join together and use their voices as a beacon that shines a light from their hearts to the throne of God. Author Hines Sims states this importance as being “the very heart of the church music program; it is a part of the service in which each member can and should participate.”<sup>1</sup> It is important to remember that singing, like any other part of a service, is something that we do for God and not ourselves. Singing must become an active part of our worshiping and not an inactive time during the service.

Some might argue that singing is one of the most personal and awe-inspiring ways to praise God. Author Roger Revell states “Hymns are a shared expression. Often the only active and corporate element of worship, hymn singing may be the only opportunity for worshippers to actively do worship together.”<sup>2</sup>

Congregational song is the uniting of voices lifting praises to God. This makes it difficult to feel alone during worship when singing along with others. On a typical Sunday morning, this is happening all across the country at one time. Congregational singing is an incomparable opportunity to encounter God. Each experience should be personal, meaningful, and unselfish.

Worshippers should welcome new ideas into their services and understand that each person praises God in their own way. New music provides us a chance to encounter God using the gifts of unfamiliar texts and tunes. I leave you with this thought, whatever you consider to be your “favorite hymn or song” was once new and unfamiliar to those who sang it.

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1 W. Hines Sims, Church Music Manual (Nashville: Convention Press, 1957), 19

2 Roger A. Revell, Hymns in Worship (Independence: Herald Publishing, 1981), 69.



## Coming Up

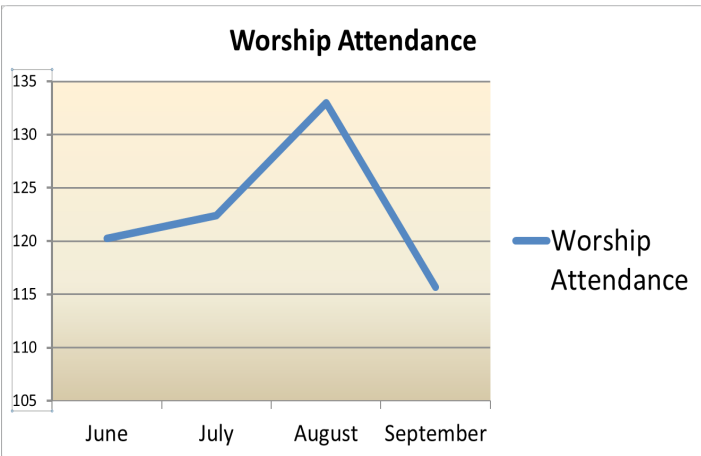
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs- day	Friday	Saturday
<b>October 29</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 Family Lake Day	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 4pm Main Street Trick or Treat 6:30 Cancer Care	<b>November 1</b> 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8 am Highway Cleanup
<b>5 DST Ends</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 College and Career Lunch 3:30 Trinity Mission	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 11:30 IMA Teacher Apprecation Lunch	<b>11</b> <i>Veteran's Day</i>
<b>12</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 4 Council 6 Family Meeting	<b>13</b> Texas Baptists Annual Meeting in Waco	<b>14</b> Texas Bap- tists Annual Meeting in Waco	<b>15</b> 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 College and Career Lunch	<b>20</b> 5pm Food Pantry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NO EVENING ACTIVITIES	<b>23</b> <i>Thanks- giving Office Closed</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 2 Hanging of the Greens	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Can- cer Care	<b>29</b> 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	<b>30</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Christmas Festival</i>
<b>3</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship 12 College and Career Lunch 4 Choir 5 IMA Christmas Gathering	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7pm Wednesday Nights at CBC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Choir Presentation 12 College and Career Lunch 5 Christmas Caroling	<b>18</b> 5pm Food Pantry	<b>19</b> 6:30 Can- cer Care	<b>20</b> 7pm Youth Group/Adults	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship (Communion) 6 Christmas Eve Service	<b>25 Christmas</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>27</b> 7pm Men's Chili Supper	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <i>Deadline for 2017 Offerings</i>	<b>30</b>
<b>31 New Year's Eve</b> 9:30 Bible Study 10:45 Worship	<b>January 1 2018</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7pm Youth Group/Adults	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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## Notes

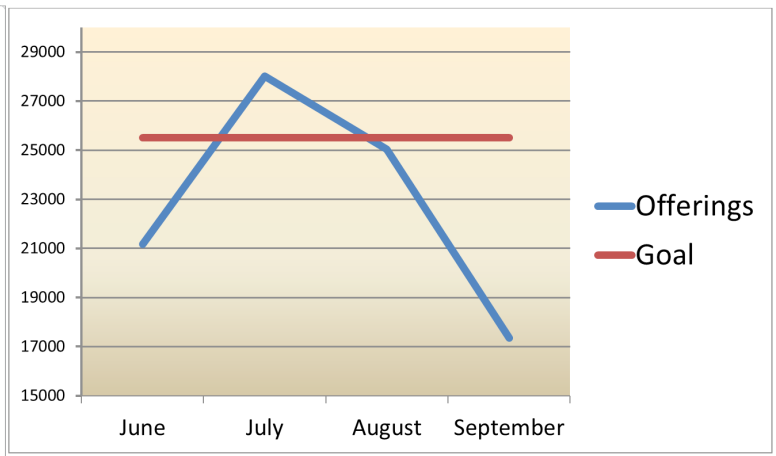
The family of Frances Davidson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for allowing us to use the fellowship center for mom's luncheon. I know she loved it. We appreciate the love and kindness shown for my family. Love,  
THE DAVIDSONS

Thank you to all at Central Baptist Church that helped our family with meals and prayers during Mom's journey to the end of her life and her reunion with our Lord Christ Jesus. We also appreciated the meal and help after the funeral.  
JAMES IRVIN, MIKE & CARRIE BRITT, CHRISTINA IRVIN DAY AND FAMILY

## Attendance Statistics



## Stewardship Report



## Birthdays

11/1 Farrin Kerr  
11/1 Fran Seay  
11/6 Ramona Simon  
11/9 Donna Goodwin  
11/9 Daniel Seay  
11/12 Megan Hooker  
11/14 Joseph Barrett  
11/16 Carrie Britt  
11/20 Howard Morgan  
11/22 Stephanie Penner  
11/24 Marisol Hernandez  
11/24 Gavin Ramirez  
11/25 Doreen Hester  
11/25 Travis Reid  
11/25 Anne White  
11/26 Ann Hyles  
12/1 Sadie Williams  
12/2 Creighton Hyles  
12/4 Caleb Hyles  
12/6 Cynthia Nance  
12/6 Curtis Riddle

12/7 James Irvin  
12/10 Jackie Miller Jr.  
12/12 Roxanna Ginnett  
12/12 David Seay  
12/12 Rick Wooten  
12/14 Shauna Nance  
12/17 Evie Hernandez  
12/12 Jason Seay  
12/23 Kae Clingan  
12/23 Kim Varner  
12/27 James Eagle  
12/27 Randy Muirhead  
1/01 Maria Martinez  
1/01 Dasha Reid  
1/02 Collins Reid  
1/03 Deborah Nichols  
1/03 Olivia Ramirez  
1/04 Cyleigh Mahone  
1/06 John Allen  
1/08 Natalie Barrett  
1/10 Mona Paiano

1/11 Samuel Corley  
1/11 Jay Copeland  
1/12 Kort Holley  
1/14 Gunnar Mathers  
1/16 P.J. Morales  
1/17 Cristy Owens  
1/19 Sophie Creighton  
1/20 Nelda Commons  
1/25 Murrie Wainscott  
1/26 Jacob Brooks  
1/27 Michele Riddle  
1/28 Sal Ramirez  
1/31 Stephanie Latimer

## Anniversaries

11/25 Rick & Susan Wooten  
12/28 Mick & Ramona Simon  
12/28 Farin & Kay Kerr  
12/30 Sandy & Ann Westbrook

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collect toiletry items such as toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs and brushes. Coloring books, crayons, toy treasures, hot wheels, marbles, balls are perfect. NO toothpaste,

candy or any liquid items. Postage for each box costs \$9. Please help us send boxes

with the message of Christ and his love to children and families around the world. Pack boxes on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2-4 pm. Talk to Suzzy Crowell if you have any questions.

