

Central Baptist Church

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The Miracle Continues

On December 11 we joined together to offer our gifts for a Miracle Sunday campaign, imagining together the ways God would help us care for our buildings as a way of continuing our witness in downtown Springfield and to the broader world. When the total was announced there was no doubt in our mind a miracle had occurred. We had set an audacious goal of \$316,690 but the total of gifts and pledges received was \$381,928. Since that time additional gifts have been received to bring the total expected to \$407,754. 96% of that total has been received. Thanks and praise to God and all God's people.

Since that time, work has begun on some of the Miracle Sunday projects. It seems fitting that the project that started the campaign is the first one to be completed. About 3 years ago, Dave Law shared with us the need to repair our gutters due to several leaks and the concern it would soon impact the interior of the building. Many conversations and a Miracle Sunday campaign later the work to replace the gutters began late this spring. In all, 18 different locations of rotted wood in the gutter and fascia were repaired and new copper gutter installed. We did not replace the copper gutter in the elevator addition, added in the late 1980's, but we did have it inspected and it remains in good condition.

But my favorite story from our first Miracle Sunday project was from the sheet metal worker who installed the copper gutter. He told me this was a good project for him. But he was not referring only to the work itself, but also to the way he was treated while working on our building. Often on jobs, he experiences the attitude from the business and sometimes even churches, of wanting the work done, but not wanting the workers be seen or noticed. But that was not his experience at Central Baptist Church and he appreciated the interactions we had with him during his weeks here. It is a reminder to us of our opportunities to be a witness to the love and grace of Jesus Christ even while the repairs are being made. Thanks to all who were that to those who repaired our gutters.

Mary Ellen

Church Events

- 8/14: LCT/Finance Meeting
- 8/18-Children's House Graduation
- 8/20-Downtown Youth Regular Schedule Begins
- 8/24: Open House for Children's House\
- 8/27-NB Youth Regular Schedule Begins

Off the Shelf

Three Inspirational Books in the *Tomorrow's Promise Collection Series* by Kathryn Cushman

A Promise to Remember: Andie Phelps is the envy of Santa Barbara. A devoted mother with a loving son and a successful husband, her greatest joy comes from reaching out to others. Melanie Johnston is the envy of no one. A single mom who works long hours to pay the bills, and her greatest joys relate to her teen daughter and son. Then the accident that changes everything. When opposite worlds collide, the impact reaches far beyond these mothers' personal losses.

Waiting for Daybreak: Paige Woodward is out of options...so when a dream opportunity arises at a brand new pharmacy, Paige chooses to keep quiet about her past to ensure she'll land the job. After all, she needs the money to pay for the treatment that can save her mother's life. Clarissa Richardson feels alone. She wants desperately to honor the memory of her grandmother by running a successful pharmacy...but that vision comes to a screeching halt when her grandfather hires Paige, the too-perfect new girl who seems to be hiding

Leaving Yesterday: Alisa Stewart feels like she's lost two sons: her youngest to a terrible tragedy and her eldest, Kurt, to a life ruined by addiction. But now Kurt has checked himself into rehab and found a healing faith that seems real. It's like he's been raised from the dead. Then a detective arrives at Alisa's door asking questions about a murder--the death of a drug dealer before Kurt entered rehab. Alisa fears losing her son again, and when she finds evidence linking him to the killing, she destroys it. Her boy is different now. He's changed and deserves a second chance. But when another man is charged with the crime, Alisa finds herself facing an impossible choice: Be silent and keep her son or give up everything for the truth.

These books may be found on the New Book Rack in the Library.

Jim Filler



Miracle Financial Report - July 2017

As of July 26, 2017

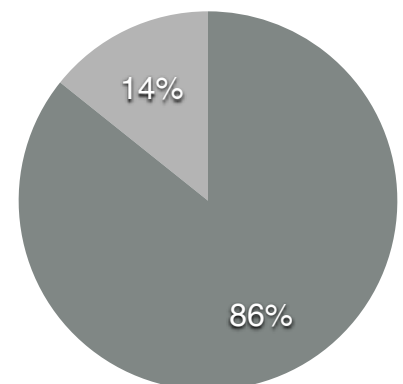
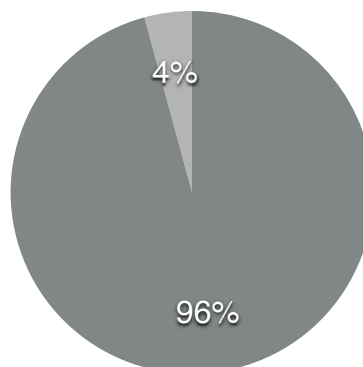
Amount pledged and gifted:
\$407,754.36

Amount received:
\$390,494.36

Amount paid: \$64,979.40
Balance: \$325,514.96

● Gifts Received
● Pledges Outstanding

● Funds Available
● Expenses



Happy August from the Counseling Corner!

Sometimes what couples appear to be arguing about is not the real issue. Phil Carson's article on the [Prepare-Enrich Blog](#) discusses the three levels of arguments.

Level One: What We Fight About – these are the topics themselves, such as parenting, chores, finances, etc.

Level Two: How we Fight – these are the patterns of our arguments – be sure to avoid [The Four Horsemen](#) of criticism, defensiveness, contempt, and stonewalling.

Level Three: What's the Emotion Trigger? – triggers can be feeling ignored, attacked, etc.

Here are Phil's tips:

Recognize the conflict pattern – What does this look like? Do you do the same things over and over again?

Be aware during the conflict – When you start to become aware of your conflict pattern it's easier to make different choices, even during an argument.

Emotional triggers – Sometimes, all you need is to understand that they are being triggered. When you understand these deeper issues, it can raise empathy for your spouse.

Click [here](#) to read more on the subject.

Blessings,

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Summer has been a very busy and fun time for our center. Our classrooms have so enjoyed all the field trips, special events and of course, water day. Our summer adventures can be found on the Children's House facebook as well. Even the heat could not keep us from exploring and have a great time.

August is a month of change for us here at Children's House. The summer program will be coming to an end as they all return back to school. A graduation will be held to celebrate those preschoolers leaving for Kindergarten. Everyone is welcomed to join the fun on August 18th at 6:00. Classroom promotions also occur this month, marking the beginning of a new school year for us. An open house will be held on August 24th at 5:30. Each classroom will have a theme for learning and families will have the opportunity to view each classroom and meet the teachers. Open house is open to everyone. We hope to see you there.



Birthdays And Anniversaries

Erika Palsen	08/03	Lynn & Diane Martin	08/07
Elaine Turkcan	08/03	Ken & Esther Crotchett	08/08
Larry Aldag	08/05	Ray & Barb Reynolds	08/17
Brenda Thornburgh	08/06	Paul & Judy Thompson	08/21
Paul Stivers	08/07	Roy & Stephanie Beal	08/25
Joe Hill	08/10	Doug & Linda Meyer	08/30
Jeff Sharp	08/10	Jeff & Mary Sharp	08/30
Ross Hodel	08/14	John & Syl Grisham	08/31
Brett Miles	08/14		
Sally Smith	08/14		
Betsy Martin	08/17		
Barbara McKean	08/17		
Della Phillips	08/17		
Virginia Heinzl	08/18		
Rita Black	08/19		
Faith Heikes	08/19		
Taylor Kinkade	08/20		
Marge Clinton	08/22		
Jenna Justice	08/24		
Chloe Gilmore	08/28		
Aimee Southwell	08/28		
Bill VanDusen	08/28		
Rodney Gruber	08/29		
Diane Hunt	08/29		

Our Condolences

Our hearts and prayers go out to the following families who lost loved ones during the months of June and July. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers following this difficult time.

-Julie Spradlin
-Julie Miller
-Dunbar Family
-Nancy Walker and Family

But we do not want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as others do who have no hope.

1st Thessalonians 4:13

Around CBC

Are you wondering if your relationship might need a tune up? Take the [Relationship Maintenance Survey](#) to find out. For monthly couples, individual, and family tips, please sign up for our [e-newsletter](#). For daily relationship tips, follow us on [facebook](#). For more information about any ConnectEdPAIRS service, please visit our website at www.connectedpairs.com, stop by, call, or email me in the counseling office. I look forward to talking with you soon.

On September 16, Children's Church is hosting the Fall Family Fun Fest for families of CBC, Children's House, and Graham Elementary. The Children's Church is in need of volunteers for this event to help with games, food, and hosting. If you are interested, please contact Katie at katie@cbcchurchfamily.org.

Dear Central Baptist Church,

Your group has been such a blessing to the James Project families. Thank you very much for all of your hard work and delicious meals! Wednesday nights were the families' favorite nights!

Thanks for being such a great support-we couldn't do what we do without your help!

Terri on behalf of the James Project

Kumler Food Pantry-August

For the month of August we are encouraging our church members to pick up an extra can or two of chili, soup, or stew for the Kumler Food Pantry whenever you are at the grocery or convenience store. The Bible reminds us to feed the poor among us and this is one way to fulfill that command.

Dear Central Baptist Church,

On behalf of the James Project, I want to thank you for organizing your "Annual Undie Sunday" drive to benefit the closet! Our foster families are so appreciative of your time and effort that always bring a large quantity of socks and underwear! Always needed items!

In his name,

Sherri Barry



Central's youth ministry programs Downtown and in New Berlin have had an especially exciting summer of ministry. In June, 23 students and leaders served at Camp Barnabas in Purdy, MO (some for 2 weeks!) and had an incredible time serving God and others. The church got a great opportunity to hear about their experiences as the students shared in worship services in NB and Downtown after returning. In July, 65 students and leaders spent a week at Big Stuf camp in Panama City Beach, FL. The week was an incredible opportunity for our students and leaders to worship, play, and grow closer as small groups. Students and leaders shared about how their experience at Big Stuf has impacted them at a special service Sunday evening on July 23rd in New Berlin. In addition to all this, there have been special events planned throughout the summer for Downtown and New Berlin students. We are excited about how things are going with the New Berlin youth group and the opportunity in the year ahead to grow the Downtown group as we have new students entering Jr. High this

Opportunities to volunteer at Graham Elementary School

Do you have an hour or two which you would be willing to put to use as a volunteer a couple of times a month to help with Library books at Graham Elementary School? Several members of Central Baptist Church and some friends get together on Thursday and Fridays during the school year to run the library. On Fridays we help the children check out books. We see 14 classes each Friday, for 15 minutes apiece. Then on Thursdays we check in and shelve the books they have returned and prepare the library for checkout the next day.

We are in need of volunteers to assist on Thursday with check-in and on Fridays with check-

What's Happening

Monthly

AB Men's Breakfast

1st & 3rd Saturday; 8 am; (Merriam Hall)

Hegarty Circle

2nd Monday; 9:30 am; (Weber Lounge)

Beth Long Circle (New Berlin)

3rd Thursday evening; various locations

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All submissions must be made by the 15th of every month

Girl Scouts

1st & 3rd Tuesday; 6 pm; (New Berlin)

Weekly

SUNDAY

9:15a Sunday School (Downtown)

10:15a Fellowship Time (Downtown)

10:45a Worship Service (Downtown)

9:30a Worship Service (New Berlin)

10:30a Sunday School (New Berlin)

6:00p Youth (New Berlin)

Meet bi-weekly

TUESDAY

3:00p Compass

WEDNESDAY

4:45p Wednesday Night Dinner

6:45p Choir Practice

THURSDAY

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal

August 14-Finance/Leadership Coordination Team Meeting

5:30/6:30-Webber Lounge

August 18-Children's House Graduation

CBC

August 20-Downtown Youth Regular Schedule Begins

CBC-12pm-2pm

August 24-Children's House Open House

CBC

August 27-NB Youth Regular Schedule Begins

CBC New Berlin-5pm-7pm

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