



Central Baptist *Church*

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Up Front

I love it when we reach November on the calendar. This season is one of my favorite parts of the whole year at church. We get to serve our city together in incredible ways and enjoy some especially rich and creative times of worship together as the year moves toward a close!

One of our goals this year has been to continue learning new skills that help us love our neighbors well. Earlier in the year we participated in “Sacred Conversations on Race” and we look forward to more opportunities to continue that conversation in the new year. On November 4th, we are hosting a Mental Health First Aid Course put on by Memorial Behavioral Health. Through these opportunities as well as past efforts like the Toxic Charity conversation we want to be a church that increasingly learns how to better love and serve those around us so that God’s name might be magnified by the witness of Central.

On November 5th, our youth and an incredible team of volunteers are putting on a Youth Group Fundraiser at the Sangamon County fairgrounds. This is a great opportunity to support our youth, to demonstrate their value to us, and to help make a lot of exciting trips and opportunities possible for them in the year ahead. We are so grateful for the life and energy our youth breathe into our church.

On Thanksgiving Day, through Feast of Plenty we will work together to provide an expression of God’s love through the gift of a meal for those who join us Downtown or receive a meal through delivery. I love the way this gift makes it possible for people to enjoy time around the table together. On December 9th, we’ll host our third Graham Christmas Gift Mart that provides a fun opportunity for parents to surprise their kids on Christmas Day!

In addition to all of this, we will have some really special times of worship together. Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year so we will have our normal schedule in the morning and a special candle light Christmas Eve service at 7 PM Downtown. On New Year’s Eve, we will worship by gathering around tables in Merriam Hall to eat, celebrate, and enjoy God’s love together. The more I reflect on the weeks to come, the more excited I get about the full and fun season God has in store for us. I look forward to worshipping and serving with you in the weeks to come!

Your Partner in Mission, Josh

Church Events

- Nov. 4-Mental Health First Aid
- Nov. 5-Youth Group Fundraiser/Daylight Savings
- Nov. 13-LCT Meeting
- Nov. 19-FOP/ Christmas Decorating
- Nov. 23-Thanksgiving and Feast of Plenty
- Dec. 1-Around the Table Carol Sing
- Dec. 2-Family Christmas Day
- Dec. 9-Graham Christmas Mart

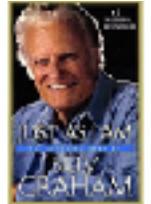
Off The Shelf

Billy Graham Turns 99 on November 7, 2017

Billy Graham rose to celebrity status in 1949. He is widely regarded as the most influential preacher of the 20th century. He held large indoor and outdoor rallies; sermons were broadcast on radio and television, some still being re-broadcast into the 21st century. In his six decades of television, Graham is principally known for hosting the annual Billy Graham Crusades, which he began in 1947, until he concluded in 2005, at the time of his retirement. He also hosted the popular radio show Hour of Decision from 1950 to 1954. . Graham has preached to live audiences of nearly 215 million people in more than 185 countries and territories through various meetings, including BMS World Mission and Global Mission. He has also reached hundreds of millions more through television, video, film, and webcasts. He authored over 30 books.

The following 20 books are in the library:

Peace with God 1953, 1984)
 The Secret of Happiness (1955, 1985)
 Billy Graham Answers Your Questions (1960)
 World Aflame (1965)
 The Jesus Generation (1971)
 Angels: God's Secret Agents (1975, 1985)
 How to Be Born Again (1977)
 The Holy Spirit (1978)
 Till Armageddon (1981)
 Approaching Hoofbeats (1983)
 Unto the Hills (1986)
 Facing Death and the Life After (1987)
 Hope for the Troubled Heart (1991)
 Storm Warning (1992)
 Just As I Am: The Autobiography of Billy Graham (1997, 2007)
 Hope for Each Day (2002)
 Living in God's Love: The New York Crusade (2005)
 The Journey (2006)
 Nearing Home: Life, Faith, and Finishing Well (2011)
 Where I Am (2015)
 -Jim Filler on behalf of the library team



A message from Paul Gibson

Dear Friends,

I was part of a 2-hour conference call with our partners in Puerto Rico and with people from Valley Forge this afternoon.. They shared with us some of the latest numbers from the Hurricane. Here are some of them as of October 16:

- 90% are still without electric power.
- 40 % still do not have water, and those that do are not sure if it is contaminated or not.
- 22 Baptist churches were totally destroyed.
- 26 churches had significant damage.
- 5 Baptist schools were badly damaged.
- The seminary was badly damaged. The chapel and classrooms were destroyed, and the library and administrative offices were badly damaged.
- The region office had \$80,000 worth of damage.
- The Las Cruces office had \$60,000 in damages.
- There is trouble filing with FEMA because it has to be done online, and many have no power or internet.

Good News: So far \$80,000 of goods and money have been sent to Puerto Rico from ABHMS. A container ship with 500 tarps, 22,5000 hygiene kits, 2,550 school kits and 1,800 tubes of toothpaste departed on the 17th. So far about \$122,000 has been given to OGHS.

Another development has been that many people in Puerto Rico are deciding to move to the mainland. They are estimating that around 500,000 will give up living there to come to the states, with many of them ending up in Florida or New York. Many pastors and churches are being overwhelmed with all that has taken place. One pastor will probably lose a good part of the congregation as they have decided to leave the country.

Please keep the churches, pastors and leaders of the region of Puerto Rico in your prayers. We will keep you updated as we get more information. One of our own pastors, Ben Manso, will be making a trip there soon to see how things are. Ben has many family members still living there. We will wait to hear from him as to how we should best respond. We will send more information soon.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Counseling Corner!

Think back to when you first started dating your partner. You probably remember having long conversations where you learned a great deal about your partner and in which each of you felt acknowledged, heard, and understood. Over time, we sometimes stop learning about our partners and begin to lose track of who they are as a person and doing this often leads a couple to stop growing and changing together.

Just like life-long learning is important in other life areas, it is important to continue to learn about your partner throughout your relationship. Set aside a time each week to check-in with your spouse to find out what he or she is thinking and feeling. Having these regular check-ins can help couples identify and cope with problems early on instead of being surprised when an issue comes up out of the blue and these check-ins can also help strengthen a couple's bond.

The article "Who Did You Marry? : Understanding Your Spouse" shares tips on how to develop a meaningful check-in practice and provides questions that you and your partner can ask one another during the check-ins. To read more [click here](#).

Blessings,

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As the leaves change colors and the air turns cooler, we are reminded of

God's wonders. The new season brings many new adventures and discovery. Several of our classrooms were able to visit pumpkin farms. Inside the classroom pumpkins, leafs and all things fall are being counted, measured and explored. Traveling down to the farmer's market is a fan favorite among the classroom. Both pre-k classrooms enjoy pick out produce and bringing it back to the center, where they are able to wash and prepare the food. The preschoolers really enjoy shucking corn and preparing it for snack.

Chapel began in September for our Pre-k classrooms. The staff and church members of Central Baptist Church lead chapel services twice a month for the pre-k program, ages 3 through 5. Sessions are around 15 minutes long and filled with a Bible message, songs and prayer in the sanctuary. The services are focused on bringing the children together as a community for a celebration of God's gifts to us. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please feel free to contact me at (217) 523-0122 or by email at judy@cbcchurchfamily.org.



Birthdays And Anniversaries

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| 11/02 | Lynn Martin | 11/05 | Philip & Erika Palsen |
| 11/03 | Evelyn Nagel | 11/06 | Ralph & Jackie Billings |
| 11/03 | Emily Sharp | 11/08 | John & Rita Black |
| 11/05 | Garvice Saunders | 11/17 | Brad & Sheila Zeiger |
| 11/06 | Fred Stericker | 11/25 | Greg & Paula Seifert |
| 11/12 | Nancy Wilkinson | 11/27 | Richard and Pat Spiker |
| 11/14 | Marilyn Winn | 11/29 | John & Mary Lue Gorsek |
| 11/17 | Richard Spiker | | |
| 11/18 | Dick McDaniel | | |
| 11/21 | Darin Harms | | |
| 11/22 | Chloe Allen | | |
| 11/22 | John Gorsek | | |
| 11/25 | Colette VanDusen | | |
| 11/29 | Lillian Bernauer | | |
| 11/30 | Matt Allen | | |

Our Condolences

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

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

Graham - Compass at Westminster Presbyterian - The Compass program for Graham students is a partnership between Compass for Kids, Central, and Westminster. The program is held each Tuesday from 3 to 6:30 PM. Volunteers can serve for a portion of that time in a variety of different roles. To find out more information email Molly Berendt molly@compass4kids.org

Graham Elementary - we are working to create a new lunch mentoring program with Graham. Our goal is ten volunteers who will commit to having lunch with a student once a week. If you would like to volunteer please let Josh Sabo know josh@cbcchurchfamily.org

Come out and support our youth on November 5 from 11am to 3pm for their Fall Fundraiser at the Sangamon County Fairgrounds! There will be food, silent auctions, vendors, and live music! Tickets are \$12.50 for adults and \$6 for children. Find one of our youth if you are interested.

Saturday, November 4th - 9 AM to 5 PM - Mental Health First Aid
This is an opportunity to receive training that could help you become a better equipped neighbor and friend. On November 4th, Central is partnering with Memorial Behavioral Health to host a Mental Health First Aid Course. You can register for the class online at: www.memorialbehavioralhealth.org/Professionals/Mental-Health-First-Aid. The cost for this class is \$16.95.

New Berlin Elementary - NBES has started a new program called "Lunch Bunch" and is seeking volunteers to commit to lunch one day a week with an elementary student. To sign up and get more information email Casey Wills cwills@cusd16.k12.il.us

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.

Graham Christmas Mart

We are now accepting donations for our Graham Christmas Mart, which will be on December 9. Please feel free to donate new toys, books, clothes, money, etc. Please contact Sharon Smith with any question.

On November 19 families are welcome to help decorate for Thanksgiving downstairs after church! Pizza will be provided for everyone decorating in Merriam Hall and in the sanctuary. If you have any questions contact [Katie](#).

Kumler Food Pantry--November

Once again it's time to think of others in our city especially those who are on a limited budget and who supplement their groceries by visiting the Kumler Food Pantry. For the month of November pick up an extra can or two of fruit or vegetables when shopping and bring them to the Serve the World Center.

Jesus commanded us to feed the poor and this is one way of following him.

Around the Table Carols

Come and join us on December 1 at 7pm for carols around the table! Come and enjoy multiple performances of Christmas classics from our church members. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Please contact Sharon Smith with any questions.

Volunteers Needed!

Thanksgiving Day, November 23, we will be in need of cooks, dessert donations (store bought only), phone volunteers, meal delivery, serving lines, clean up, prayer warrior, and more.

We will also be collecting coats, hats, gloves, and scarves.

Sign ups will be in the Serve the World Center, or you can call the church office at (217)523-3639.



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

Newsletter

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)
 5:00p Youth (New Berlin) Meet bi-weekly

TUESDAY

3:00p Compass

WEDNESDAY

4:45p Wednesday Night Dinner (1st and 3rd)

6:30p Choir Practice

THURSDAY

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal

All events at Springfield

location unless otherwise noted.

November 4: Mental Health First Aid

9am-5pm; CBC Downtown

November 5: Youth Group Fundraiser

11am-3pm; Sangamon County Fairgrounds

November 13: Finance/LCT Meeting

5:30pm; Webber Lounge

November 19: Thanksgiving Decorating

After Church; CBC Downtown

November 23: Feast of Plenty (Thanksgiving)

CBC Downtown

December 1: Around the Table Carol Sing

7pm; Merriam Hall

December 2: Family Christmas Day

10am-1pm; CBC Downtown



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