



NEWS

UP FRONT

Facebook reminded me today that on October 1st, 2008 I met Emily Bigelow and we became Facebook friends. So much has happened since that milestone and its a fun exercise to reflect on how much things change in ten years. Ten years, two children, and thousands of other changes later, it feels at times like we live in a different world then we did way back then. This milestone, like any, is both a reminder to remember and to consider the future.

As we step into October, Mary Ellen and I have been praying and conversing a great deal about a milestone we hit in September. Downtown, we have now been worshipping together in one worship gathering for two years. We began this experiment with great hopes of what this change could lead us into both Downtown and in New Berlin.

In New Berlin, we are overjoyed by the movement of God these past two years and are extremely grateful for the way this experiment has opened space for new life to emerge there.

Downtown, the reality of our experience the last two years is that creating a worship gathering that blends worship elements together has proven a challenging task. Throughout the last two years we have had the opportunity to get feedback from people and to try to make course adjustments along the way. As we hit the two year mark and after conversation with the Leadership Coordination Team, our next step is to engage in another worship discernment process to pray, listen, and discern how God is leading us to move forward as a worshipping community Downtown.

We step into this process again trusting God and believing that God is working in and through our church. We look forward to the process ahead as we continue to seek to be faithful to the directions God is leading us. If you have any questions or concerns, Mary Ellen and I would love to sit down with you for a conversation.

Your Partner in Mission,

Josh

COMING UP

- 10/3 Budget Q & A
- 10/8 Leadership Coordinating
- 10/13 New Berlin Indoor/
Outdoor Cleanup Day
- 10/17 Annual Business
Meeting
- 10/21 Great Pumpkin Chase
- 10/25 Q Commons

PRAYER TIME

Since my return from Sabbatical, I have sensed a call to invite anyone who is concerned for our church and desires to see us reach the next generation for Jesus Christ to a time of prayer each week. We will use some Scriptures and printed prayers, The Lord's Prayer, time for silent prayers and lifting up the concerns in our church and in our world. If you would like to participate, our first gathering will be at 12:30 pm on Wednesday October 10 contact me at mary@cbcchurchfamily.org or 217 523-3639, ext 713.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

10/3 - Wednesday Night Dinner takes place in Merriam Hall from 4:45-5:45 p.m. Make your reservations by noon Tuesday, 217-523-3639, or email ann@cbcchurchfamily.org.

10/3 - A Budget Q & A will take place in Merriam Hall at 6pm

10/6 - Men's Breakfast takes place in Merriam Hall from 8am to 9:30am.

10/7 & 10/21 - Springfield Youth Group meets after worship from 12 - 2 p.m.

10/14 & 10/28 - New Berlin Youth Group meets from 5-7 p.m.

10/8 - Hegarty Circle meets in Weber Lounge at 9:30 a.m.

10/8 - Leadership Coordinating meets at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge

10/13 - New Berlin campus Outdoor/Indoor Cleanup Day from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

10/17 - Wednesday Night Dinner takes place in Merriam Hall from 4:45 - 5:45 pm.

10/17 - The Annual Business Meeting meets in Merriam Hall at 6:00 p.m. to vote on the 2019 budget.

10/21 - Youth Great Pumpkin Chase (see below)

10/25 - Q Commons Event takes place at Central Baptist Springfield campus from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

YOUTH EVENT

The Great Pumpkin Chase is an ultimate City-wide scavenger hunt where teams collect clues around Springfield/New Berlin! The final clue is a secret location of the finish line for the first to make it through. The finish line is also where we hold a bonfire celebration with food, more games, and prizes for the winners of the night!!

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Hannah McDaniel

10/7 Jackie Crossin

10/11 Reg Mills

10/14 Lin Glomski

10/21 Steve Sheffield

10/22 Mike Large

10/23 John Martin

10/24 Jan Sherrow

10/29 Debbie Aldag

ANNIVERSARIES

10/3 Adria & Brad Martin

10/9 Nancy & Tom Langford

10/14 Dixie & David Dalbey

10/19 Ruth & David Ficke

KUMLER & LOAMI FOOD PANTRIES

For the month of October let's think personal care products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for the Kumler Food Pantry. When your budget is tight and it is even hard to get sufficient food on the table, personal care products are not a priority. Jesus reminds us to care for the unfortunate and this is one way we can. Remember too that all non perishable food is welcome.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Fall Family Fun Fest. You prayed for the event to let families know we love and care about them. You spread the news of the festival and invited others to come. Thank you. You provided delicious cookies. You planned, purchased food, organized, and served on a lunch team. Thank you. You set up and/or disassembled the games. You volunteered to be in the dunk tank. You volunteered to work at the games, showing the children how to play the games and helping them pick-out prizes, keeping them safe in the bounce house and at the dunk tank, painting wonderful figures on their faces. Thank you. You volunteered to work the ticket booth. You took pictures so they could be on our website. Thank you. You told parents about Central at the festival. You came and showed your support. Thank you. Such an event has many components to make it run smoothly and successfully. For all the things you've done to support the children's ministry team....the children's team thanks you.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

NEW MEMBERS

Please find and welcome our newest members, who've joined since January 2018:

- Rex and Betty Thomas
- Mark and Chris Ballenger
- Scott and Betty Darrow
- Paul Gibson

A SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place renews your faith, invigorates your spirit, and strengthens your relationship with God. Each daily devotion in this quarterly magazine includes a Scripture passage, an original meditation, and a brief prayer. Written by Christian writers from across the nation, these meditations share comfort and inspiration found in life's everyday details. This combination of Scriptural and personal insight provides both a timeless and timely perspective for contemplative meditation that draws you closer to God in your daily walk as a Christian.

OFF THE SHELF

God Bless the Broken Road

Amber Hill never imagined she would find herself a war widow and single mom. She feels robbed and is angry at God. Where, Amber wonders, are the Sunday dinners, the picnics, the bike rides, the time they should be enjoying as a family? Instead, Amber is left with a folded flag and an empty heart. But above all, while dealing with her own grief, Amber struggles to help her nine-year-old daughter, Bree.

God Bless the Broken Road is a major motion picture at theaters at the time of this writing. This book may be found on the New Book Rack in the Library. (336 pages, 2017, 4.8 out of 5 Amazon Rating)



DVD: Gracecard



After police officer Mac McDonald loses his son in an accident, years of bitterness and pain erodes his love for his family and leaves him angry with God ... and everyone else. Can Mac and his new patrol partner, Sgt. Sam Wright, somehow join forces to help one another when it's impossible to look past their differences—especially the most obvious one? Every day, we have the opportunity to rebuild relationships and heal wounds by extending and receiving God's grace. Offer The Grace Card ... and never underestimate the power of God's love. The Grace Card stars Michael Joiner, Michael Higgenbottom and Academy Award Winner, Louis Gossett Jr. This DVD can be found in the Video Section. (102 minutes, PG-13, 4.7 out of 5 Amazon rating)

Jim Filler

On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team

A NOTE FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

Do you have trouble getting your spouse to share thoughts and feelings with you? Just about every couple who comes into my office cites improving communication as one of their goals. To achieve a closer relationship, the folks at Focus on the Family recommend “the Ten Minute Plan.” The exercise consist of spending four minutes reading a recommended marriage book together, four minutes discussing the book positively, and two minutes of prayer. Do this exercise three times per week to encourage even more quality conversation outside of the exercise. The article includes additional communication principles and book recommendations. If these suggestions do not get your communication where you would like it to be, I would be happy to share additional tips and book recommendations as well.

All the best,

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