

# Central Baptist *Church*

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## Up Front

This has been one of the most tragic weeks I can remember in Springfield. The loss of young, innocent life through violence and accidents has been absolutely heartbreaking. As a church family, it's hard to know how to begin to respond.

After a recent shooting that tragically took the life of a 19 year old, a car chase ended in a search blocks away from our home. Local police encouraged residents in the area to stay inside in order stay safe. As I searched Facebook for updates about what was happening, I came across a number of posts from people concerned about the violence in our city and their own safety. That response is completely understandable and appropriate.

However, it can't end with us, we must also concern ourselves with the safety of others. I'm reminded of the scene in C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* where the children are trying to make sense of Aslan, the lion in the story who represents Jesus. Prior to meeting Aslan, the children are intimidated and inquiring about how safe he is. The response comes back to them "Course he isn't safe. But he's good." In that dialogue, Lewis captures something that is both comforting and challenging about the God we worship. cont. on next page...

## Church Events

- June 5-7-Lifetouch  
Directory Photos
- June 10-16-Camp  
Barnabas
- June 12-Finance/LCT
- June 18-Father's Day
- July 8-14-BigStuf
- July 10-Finance/LCT
- July 19-Quarterly  
Business Meeting

# Off the Shelf

**God's Not Dead:** When an atheist Philosophy professor (Kevin Sorbo) plans to forego "dusty arguments" in his class, he insists the new students declare that "God is dead." Unable to do this, Josh (Shane Harper) is challenged to defend his faith and prove to the class that God's Not Dead. Against all odds, Josh stands up for his faith and takes on the challenge. (2016, PG, 114 minutes, 4.5 out of 5 Amazon rating)

**God's Not Dead 2:** Welcome back to Hope Springs ... home not only of Hadleigh University, but also Martin Luther King Jr. High School, where beloved teacher Grace Wesley helps students understand and enjoy history. Her love of teaching, her love for her students, and her love of life all come from the same place: her love of Christ. So when Brooke, a hurting student grieving the loss of her brother, reaches out to Grace, their coffee-shop conversation naturally leads to Grace sharing the hope she finds in Christ. When Brooke later asks an honest question about Jesus in the classroom, Grace's reasoned response lands her in big trouble—almost before she even finishes giving her answer. With the principal and superintendent joining forces with a zealous civil liberties group, Grace faces an epic court case that could cost her the career she loves and expel God from the classroom—and the public square—once and for all! (2016, PG, 121 minutes, 4.9 out of 5 Amazon rating)

**Jim Filler**

On behalf of the Volunteer Library



God is good and out of that goodness, we are led toward the fullness of life. Much to our surprise at times, goodness and fullness in the life God has calls us to doesn't always correspond with comfort and safety. Loving our neighbors as we love ourselves doesn't leave a lot of space for us staying safe inside without concern for the wellbeing of our neighbors. So what do we do?

In Jeremiah, the prophet offers difficult words to the Israelites who have been forcefully carried into exile away from their homes, places of worship, their work, and all they had previously known that give us something to consider. In light of where they find themselves, Jeremiah shares a word from God calling the Israelites to live in the midst of their enemies in ways that "seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into." That is a powerful calling for us to live into in the midst of our city and our neighborhood. We haven't been exiled, we don't live in the midst of enemies, we live in neighborhoods and a city full of people God calls us to love.

How do we seek the peace and prosperity of our city? I wish there was a three step program we could work through to do that but I'm afraid the answer is not quite that clear. Yet, there are clear next steps we can take.

- We can pray for our city, for all of those grieving the loss of precious life, and for those experiencing the fear of violence.
- We can listen and learn. Instead of rehearsing common notions of the cause of violence, we can seek to learn about the dynamics at work in our city that lead to these sorts of things happen. Are there racial, economic, or educational issues that are erupting from beneath the surface in this way?
- We can connect and support. We are fortunate to have a number of incredible organizations in our city who are actively working to love, mentor, empower, and educate all the children of our community. Connect with The Outlet, Compass, The Boys and Girls Club, or Big Brothers, Big Sisters, or any of the other organizations who are making a difference.

Whatever you do, take a step into the good that the Good News of Jesus leads you into.

Your Partner in Mission, Josh

Happy Father's Day from the Counseling Corner!

As I was doing research for this article, I ran across an article that reported research showing fathers who spend time with their children are happier in their work life. That led me to this article from [Focus on the Family's "The Involved Father" Series](#).

Fathers are just as essential to child development as mothers. A father's love and a mother's love are qualitatively different. A father brings unique contributions to the job of parenting a child that no one else can replicate.

Following are some of the most compelling ways that a father's involvement makes a positive difference in a child's life:

Fathers parent differently

Fathers play differently

Fathers build confidence

Fathers communicate differently

Fathers discipline differently

Fathers prepare children for the real world

Fathers provide a look at the world of men

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

I wish all the fathers out there much happy involvement with their children this Father's Day.

Blessings,

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**ConnectEd PAiRS**  
Individual, Couples and Family Counseling



Summer months keep us moving right along, here at Children's House. The school age summer program has begun. This summer they will be explore throughout Springfield. Our preschool classrooms will also keep busy with many field trips and outside adventures. Our first classrooms are looking to walking weather, especially shopping at the Farmer's Market. Of course everyone is looking forward to a favorite, water day on the playground.

Staff celebrations:

This month we celebrate Miss Annie's 16th year here at Children's House. She first began in the infant room; where she cared for infants for 14 years. For the past two years Miss Annie has been the center floater. She provides breaks for the staff, maintains center laundry and often covers in the classrooms. The children in the classrooms love " their Miss Annie". She brings so much love and joy into a classroom. We are very blessed to have Miss Annie apart of Children's House for the past 16 years. We are looking forward to many more.

Miss Karlene is celebrating her fourth year at Children's House. Miss Karlene first began as on a call sub and then spent 3 years in the infant room. She is currently is the food service manger in the kitchen. All the classrooms enjoy seeing Miss Karlene and she often receives a very warm welcome by the children. She often helps in the classrooms while teachers are absent. She is a joy to work with and we look forward to many more years with Miss Karelene.



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

Azhani Payton	06/01	Jowanna Walker	07/01	Phil & Helen Richardson	06/06
Betty Anderson	06/03	Ruth Ficke	07/03	Gus & Brooks Steiner	06/06
Jeanne Newbanks	06/04	Audrey Reynolds	07/03	Rich & Nancy Wilkinson	06/07
Laura Clark	06/08	Lexi Wells	07/03	Selden & Lillian Bernauer	06/13
Nancy Nelson	06/11	Jason Crain	07/04	Jim & Jowanna Walker	06/15
Ruffin Walden	06/11	Jim Filler	07/04	Dick & Hannah McDaniel	06/20
Norma Karr	06/18	Linda Meyer	07/04	Larry & Debbie Aldag	06/21
Helen Hellner	06/19	John Oncken	07/06	Randy & Ann Wells	06/22
Garnett Briggs	06/23	Theresa Law	07/10	Michael & Jennifer Logan	06/24
Shirley Davison	06/24	George Tankersley	07/11	Jerry & Della Phillips	06/27
John Alt	06/25	Gretchen Gruber	07/13	Joe & Lucia Hill	06/28
Debbie Maxwell	06/28	Paula Harwood	07/14	Scott & Taylor Kinkade	06/29
Mary Lue Gorsek	06/29	William Crain	07/15	Scott & Jennifer Russell	07/10
Grant Walker	06/29	Ken Crotchett	07/15	Ross & Sheila Hodel	07/14
Dulci Harms	06/30	Emily Sabo	07/19	Andre and Stephanie Miller	07/19
		John Grisham	07/24		
		Judi Mills	07/24		
		Isaac Alt	07/27		
		Gus Steiner	07/27		
		Sheila Zeiger	07/28		
		Randy Wells	07/29		

### Connected Pairs

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](http://www.connectedpairs.com), stop by, call, or email me in the counseling office. I look forward to talking with you soon.

School is out for the summer and for the food insecure of Springfield that brings new worries. The kids do not get their breakfast or lunch at their school. Therefore for the month of June when you grocery shop pick up an extra box of cereal or a jar of peanut butter and bring them to the Serve the World Center. We will deliver them to the Kumler Food Pantry where they will be distributed to those in need. Remember, however, that all nonperishable food is welcome!

A special thanks to all who helped and donated on Undie Sunday!!

Each Wednesday Night that we meet for dinner, meals are provided to the Contact Ministries Transitional Shelter, a shelter that helps women with children develop needed skills to thrive on their own and escape the cycle of homelessness. When a month has five Wednesdays, on the fifth Wednesday, additional meals are prepared for the adult men and women's shelter, Helping Hands.

August 3-6 will be our Middle School Retreat at LSBC! All students who are going into 6th grade or are just leaving 8th are invited to attend. Forms and more information can be found on the [church website](#). If you have any questions please contact [Mason](#) or [Katie](#).

When we do not have a Wednesday Night Dinner, meals still need to be provided to the shelters. We will not be serving Wednesday night meals during the months of June, July and August and need your help for those Wednesday nights. Will you, your family, your Sunday School class, or small group help feed the hungry?

If you would like to help but find yourself financially challenged at this time, the benevolence budget has sufficient financial resources for this ministry. Your family or group can be reimbursed if you could prepare and deliver the meals to the shelter.

Looking for a fun opportunity to spend some time outside and get to know some great people? Come join the group of people that gathers at the Community Garden at 3rd and Canedy each Monday evening at 5 PM!

Each year at the garden, people from the church's neighborhood and from throughout the community come together to care for the garden. Usually there are a bunch of kids helping, searching for worms, and making the experience even more fun. All that is produced is shared among those that come and work the garden, non-profits in the community, and anyone else who visits and would enjoy some. If you have any questions, let Josh know.

### **Save the Date**

Coming soon! A new church directory. This will be a great tool for helping put names to faces and connecting our families to one another. We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to photograph you on June 5, 6, and 7. Watch for more information on scheduling for your appointment. We look forward to see all of you in our new directory!

### **Camp Barnabas**

Being a part of Barnabas means being a part of something bigger than ourselves. Barnabas redefines disability and changes perspectives. Barnabas teaches how to love unselfishly. Barnabas shows how to serve someone else. Lifelong friends are being made. Incomparable joy is shared. And this is all through Him. God is working in each of the lives of the people who experience Barnabas. He is showing us more of who He is and who He wants us to be. We can see His reflection in the smiles, the laughter and the relationships that happen within our gates. That's what this is all about. This is for Him. And it is a beautiful journey as we walk alongside Him as He works through Barnabas. Here is our story. We hope you will be a part of it

Please be praying for all of the students who are attending Camp Barnabus during this important week. A full list of students can be found [here](#).

# 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)

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

### June 5-7-Lifetouch Directory Photos

By appointment-downtown

### June 10-16-Camp Barnabas

### June 12-Finance/Leadership Coordination Team

5:30/6:30-Webber Lounge

### July 8-14-BigStuf

### July 10-Finance/Leadership Coordination Team

5:30/6:30-Webber Lounge

### July 19-Quarterly Business Meeting

6:30-Merriam Hall

## 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.

*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*

# Visitor's Info and FAQ

We are one church in **two locations**, with campuses in Springfield and New Berlin, IL. Together, we are a church family loving God, loving people, and serving the world in Jesus' name. All are welcome to worship with us. We gather each Sunday to love God in worship at our Springfield Campus (located at 501 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL) at 10:45am and at our New Berlin Campus (located at 600 W Birch Street, New Berlin, IL) at 9:30am. When you visit our church you are our guest. Our members and regular worshipers participate in a financial offering during the worship services, but this is not expected of our guests.

Our desire is to be a church that helps people know and experience God in a meaningful way. If there is anything that we can do to help you on your life and faith journey, please let us know.



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