



# Central Baptist *Church*

## Up Front

God is at work in the world and we have had great opportunities this year to partner in that work as we have Loved God, Loved People, and Served the World together. In all of this, our hope has been simply to be faithful to God and to move faithfully forward in the directions God calls us. We want to impact Springfield and New Berlin and connect people with the incredible love of Jesus and I'm excited by the ways we see God doing that through Central! The more we work together in all of this, the more we open the door for God to work in us and through us.

We find ourselves now in the midst of a rapidly changing culture asking in a fresh way, "How is God calling us to move faithfully forward?" We are walking forward as a church family committing to sharing and demonstrating God's love and grace through our life together. Inevitably this will lead us to sacrifice and in that sacrifice we will be reminded over and over again of God's goodness, our gratitude, and the joy it is to be a part of God's redemptive mission.

On Sunday, September 17th there will be a time of response in our services that will encourage us to commit to being a part of Central moving faithfully forward in 2018. Commitment Sunday is a rhythm in our church's life that reminds us that the investment of our gifts, energy, prayer, passions, and financial support are all vital parts of our church's mission and life together. cont. on page 2

## Church Events

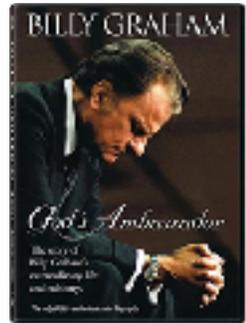
- **9/4-Labor Day-CBC**  
**Offices Closed**
- **9/6-Wednesday Night**  
**Dinners Resume**
- **9/11-/LCT**
- **9/16-Fall Family Fun Fest**
- **9/17-Commitment Sunday**

# Off the Shelf

## **Billy Graham – God’s Ambassador (Just added DVD)**

The modern world has never known a more revered or influential spiritual leader than Billy Graham. He’s been called the World’s Preacher because, for the past 60 years, he has preached the Gospel to more people in live audiences than anyone else in history-over 210 million people in more than 185 countries and territories. Hundreds of millions more have been reached through his television, video, film and webcast ministries.

The life and times of the evangelist Billy Graham are the subject of this documentary. Graham was a North Carolina farm boy with average scholastic aptitude and more interest in baseball than the Bible. Ruth Bell was the Chinese-born daughter of American medical missionaries; she met Graham, her future husband, at Wheaton College in Illinois. The two of them made a great team, even though Graham's life as an international evangelist kept them apart more often than they were together. Graham's career took him to England, Poland, Hungary, China, North and South Korea, South Africa, Russia and all over the globe. His friendships included several U.S. Presidents and Martin Luther King Jr. Graham earned the respect of the famous and the humble alike through wise business practices and a strict moral code, while avoiding the Elmer Gantry-like tactics so common in evangelism.



This DVD and over 80 books were recently donated to the Baum Library by Dixie Dalbey, a long-time Assistant Librarian for the Baum Library.

This DVD may Be found in the Audio/Video section of the Library. (2006, 122 minutes, 4.9 out of 5 amazon rating).

**Jim Filler**

On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team

## **Up Front Cont.**

As you reflect and prepare for the 17th, I want to encourage you to spend time thanking God for the ways he is at work through Central, for the gifts that he has given you, and for the opportunity to use your gifts for the Kingdom of God. I'm excited to see how God leads us in the year ahead and how he uses our life together as we continue walking faithfully forward.

Your Partner in Mission,

Josh

Happy September from the Counseling Corner!

Every couple tells the story of their marriage differently. How do you tell your story? Is it a comedy or a tragedy; a love story or a mystery? Whatever it is, the way you tell your story has an impact on the strength of your marriage.

Dr. John Gottman has done extensive research on couples and what makes marriages successful. He has found that couples who tell their story in a positive light are more likely to stay together than those who focus on the negative aspects of their story. How you tell your marriage story can bring you closer to your spouse or drive you apart.

In his article, "The Story of Us," Dr. Greg Smalley shares one of the stories of his own marriage involving laundry, and discusses why it is important to tell your marriage story. He also suggests steps to take to help you understand and tell your marriage story:

1. View your story as part of a larger narrative
2. Reminisce about your past
3. Recognize God's constant presence and help
4. Dream together as a couple

To read more about Dr. Smalley's marriage story and to learn how to explore your own marriage story, [click here](#).

Blessings,

Stephani Cave, LCPC

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# Birthdays And Anniversaries

09/01	Dave Glomski	09/03	Bill & Sharon Smith
09/06	Tom Langford	09/08	Darin & Dulci Harms
09/08	Alice Kern	09/19	Jim & Donna Stolleis
09/10	Judith Anderson	09/20	Craig & Betsy Martin
09/10	Gene Sherrow	09/20	Jamie & Melissa Brandenburg
09/14	Robert Reynolds	09/21	Greg & Colleen Pinto
09/15	Jackie Billings	09/25	Bill & Colette VanDusen
09/15	Robert Lewis	09/27	Robert & Laura Reynolds
09/15	Prentice Southwell		
09/20	Nancy Crain		
09/21	Becky Page		
09/21	Laura Reynolds		
09/24	Ellie Sabo		
09/25	Julie Spradlin		
09/27	Donna Stolleis		

## Our Condolences

Our hearts and prayers go out to the following families who lost loved ones during the month of September. 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.*

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

## **Thursday, October 26th - 7 to 9 PM - Q Commons: Healing Our Divided Nation Conference**

Central and The Outlet are hosting a nationwide conference from Q in hopes of creating conversation in Springfield around the theme of "Healing Our Divided Nation." Q Commons is an opportunity for you to gather alongside friends, neighbors, and colleagues to become informed and learn how to advance good right here in Springfield. We will join more than 150 other cities around the world in this one of a kind event that is truly global and local. The conference will include 3 presentations from national speakers and 3 from Springfield leaders. Tickets will cost \$15 per person. More information will be coming soon!

## **Railroad Crossing Update**

Many of you have read or heard recently the railroad crossing at 3rd and Jackson will be closed soon. The official word we have learned is this crossing is one of five crossings proposed to be closed to all vehicular, pedestrian and bicycle traffic. This proposal is currently before the ICC for final approval and once that is obtained, work will begin to permanently close these crossings. This approval is expected within a month.

Once the crossing is closed, we will no longer have access to the Bar Association parking lot on Sunday mornings. However we have some good neighbors in the neighborhood. We have graciously been given permission to park in the Illinois Community College lot on Sunday mornings (located between the two INB buildings on 4th street) and once the restaurant, Loukinens, opens next door, we have graciously been given permission to use their lot on Sunday mornings.

On September 16, the Children's Ministry is hosting a Fall Family Fun Fest for families of CBC, Children's House, and Graham Elementary. The Children's Ministry 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](mailto:katie@cbcchurchfamily.org) or sign up in the Serve the World Center.

**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](http://www.memorialbehavioralhealth.org/Professionals/Mental-Health-First-Aid). The cost for this class is \$16.95.

Central Baptist Church,

I want to thank you for all your support for my ministry in the Philippines, and more recently for my accident that took place last April. thanks for sticking by me and being part of my support/ partnership.

-Paul

Thank you to everyone that encourages and supported us. IT was a blessing to me and my family. It was also a great witness of God's love to my family.

-Nancy Walker

**Wednesday Night Dinners Resume**

Summer is singing her final songs, the acorns are starting to make the familiar ping as they hit our patio furniture and we have one week of the new school year completed. The routines of fall are resuming.

One of those familiar routines here at Central Baptist Church is our Wednesday Night Dinners. But as we resume them this fall we have some changes we want to share with you. Our volunteers are really awesome, but making the meals happen every week, is more than we can do at the present time. After some conversations this summer, we will continue the meals this fall but with these changes.

- Wednesday Night meals will be served on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 4:45 to 5:45.
- We will no longer offer chef salads
- We will continue to provide meals to the Contact Ministries Transitional Shelter and James Project Homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

We have a core of really awesome volunteers. They have great hearts, work hard and make serving on Wednesdays joyful. If you would like to participate in feeding the hungry and making the Wednesday Night meals happen, we would love to welcome you to the team. These are the opportunities available:

1st Wednesday 3:30pm to 5pm - help serve meals for delivery and in Merriam Hall

1st Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 - help clean up

3rd Wednesday 3:30 - 5 - help serve meals for delivery and in Merriam Hall

3rd Wednesday 5:30 to 6:30 - help clean up

Please contact Mary Ellen ([mary@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:mary@cbcchurchfamily.org) or 523-3639 ext 713) if you would like to join the team.

# 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

6:30p Choir Practice

### THURSDAY

7:00p Worship Team Rehearsal

### September 4-Labor Day

CBC Offices Closed

### September 6-Wednesday Night Dinner Resumes

4:45pm-Merriam Hall

### September 11-Finance/LCT

5:30/6:30-Webber Lounge

### September 16-Fall Family Fun Fest

10am-CBC

### September 17- Commitment Sunday

10:45am-CBC

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