



NEW

UP FRONT

“We determine how much influence we’ll have, when we decide how available we’ll be.” This statement by author Bob Goff has stuck with me recently as I’ve thought about the opportunity and challenge of sharing the beauty of the God we worship with the world.

Recent surveys by the Barna organization indicate that as our culture continues to change so too does the approach and attitude of Christians towards inviting others into life as disciples of Jesus. Often we feel like the great commission to make disciples of all nations is a part of what God invites us to do but often that feeling is combined with a crippling sense of hesitancy. For a variety of reasons, we feel ineffective and unsure of how to move forward.

In this cultural moment, I wonder what happen if we turned our attention to responding to the ways God has blessed our lives by seeking to bless others. The church is a key part of God’s blessing strategy and as we seek to truly meet people where they are, know them, and love them, we open the door for God’s love to flow through us and into the lives of others. The key to effectiveness is to be available. “We determine how much influence we’ll have, when we decide how available we’ll be.”

We dream of seeing God move, of seeing people’s lives connected to God, of seeing church growth, and of feeling like we are a part of it - but are we available?

I love the wide variety of activities that come with summer. Students are out of school, people are out and about, special activities are planned, and the pace of life seems to shift a bit for a season. Part of the real beauty of summer is found in the space that is created for people to be together. Opportunities abound for us to step into blessing others but we should also realize that those steps are likely to lead us out of our comfort zones. These steps may require us to practice prayer, listening, hospitality, and service so that we may be able to incarnate the story of God in ways that communicate good news to our neighbors. This summer, would you join me in praying and seeking ways to be more available for God to use to bless the world around us?

Your Partner in Mission, *Josh*

COMING UP

- 6/2 & 6/16 Men’s Breakfast
- 6/16-22 Camp Barnabas
- 6/25 LCT Meeting
- 7/4 Independence Day
(church office is closed)
- 7/7 & 7/21 Men’s Breakfast
- 7/7-12 Big Stuf Youth Trip
- 7/18 Quarterly Business Mtg

ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/6 Phil & Helen Richardson
- 6/6 Gus & Brooks Steiner
- 6/10 Rex & Betty Thomas
- 6/13 Selden & Lillian Bernauer
- 6/15 Jim & Jowanna Walker
- 6/20 Dick & Hannah McDaniel
- 6/21 Larry & Debbie Aldag
- 6/22 Randy & Ann Wells
- 6/27 Jerry & Della Phillips
- 6/28 Joe & Lucia Hill
- 6/29 Scott & Taylor Kinkade
- 7/10 Scott & Jennifer Russell
- 7/14 Ross & Sheila Hodel
- 7/19 Andre & Stephanie Miller

JUNE AND JULY

KUMLER FOOD PANTRY For the month of June we are asking you to consider purchasing an extra can or two of soup, chili, or stew each time you go to the grocery or convenience store. For the month of July, it's cans of fruit and vegetables. However, remember that all non-perishable food is welcome and appreciated. Bring your items to the Serve the World Center boxes at either campus.

MEALS FOR SHELTERS THIS SUMMER During the summer we do not meet for Wednesday Night dinners, but we still provide meals for the Contact Ministries transitional shelter on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. If you, your family, or Sunday School class would like to provide a meal, please contact Carol Volle at 787-3192.

THE GRR AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S CONFERENCE will be held June 8-10 at Northfield Inn/Suites Conference Center here in Springfield. There will be a girls retreat held simultaneously. For details or a registration form, please contact Barbara McKean at 652-9916.

One Great Hour Of Sharing During the month of July, Central Baptist Church will participate in the One Great Hour Of Sharing offering. The offering, sponsored by nine Christian U.S. denominations and Church World Service, goes toward serving over 80 countries around the world. Specific offering envelopes will be available in July.

6/2 & 16- AB Men's Breakfast meets at 8:00 a.m. in Merriam Hall.

6/3 - Farewell Reception for Lowanda Medley following worship in Weber Lounge

6/3 - Downtown Youth - Nerf Sunday

6/7 & 28 - New Berlin Youth - Thursday Bonfire

6/11 & 7/9 - Hegarty Circle meets at 9:30 a.m. in Weber Lounge.

6/12-17 Sangamon County Fair Parking in New Berlin

6/16-22 Camp Barnabas - Youth Mission Trip

6/25 - Leadership Coordinating Team meets at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge.

7/4 Independence Day (church office is closed)

7/7 & 21 AB Men's Breakfast meets at 8:00 a.m. in Merriam Hall

7/7-12 Big Stuf - Youth Conference in Panama City, FL

7/18 Quarterly Business Meeting meets at 6:00 p.m. in Merriam Hall.

7/19 - New Berlin Youth Thursday Bonfire

BIRTHDAYS

6/1 Azhani Payton

6/3 Betty Anderson

6/4 Jeanne Newbanks

6/11 Nancy Nelson

6/11 Ruffin Walden

6/18 Norma Karr

6/24 Rex Thomas

6/24 Shirley Davison

6/25 John Alt

6/28 Debbie Maxwell

6/29 Mary Lue Gorseck

6/30 Dulci Harms

7/1 Jowanna Walker

7/3 Audrey Reynolds

7/3 Lexi Wells

7/3 Ruth Ficke

7/4 Jason Crain

7/4 Jim Filler

7/4 Linda Meyer

7/6 John Oncken

7/10 Theresa Law

7/11 George Tankersley

7/13 Gretchen Gruber

7/14 Paula Harwood

7/15 William Crain

7/15 Ken Crotchett

7/19 Emily Sabo

7/24 John Grisham

7/24 Judi Mills

7/27 Gus Steiner

7/27 Isaac Alt

7/28 Sheila Zeiger

7/29 Randy Wells



Meet our Summer Family Ministries Intern - Steven Orr!

My name is Steven Orr, I just finished my first year of college at Culver Stockton College. I enjoy baseball, fishing, hanging with friends, and being involved in many different things. I am excited about the summer internship because it will allow me to strengthen my leadership skills and also give me an idea about what youth ministry is like from a leader standpoint compared to a student standpoint. I also look to strengthen my faith and grow closer in my relationship to God during this internship.

NEWS AND NOTES

From Marilyn Winn:

I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful food, cards, phone calls, flowers, prayers, and concern regarding my surgery. All this has been so helpful in my recovery. Thank you Mary Ellen for your visits to the hospital. With sincere thanks.

From Mary Kirschner and Margaret Kirschner:

A long overdue "Thank You" for the wonderful Valentine bag. We appreciate everyone who helped make it possible.

From the Archives:

This year Lake Springfield Baptist Camp turns 65! Dr. Vernon Shontz, pastor of CBC 1935 -1953, was instrumental in founding the camp along with many dedicated volunteers. Contributions were given and shares were sold throughout Central Illinois to raise money to help build the camp. The camp was dedicated on Memorial Day, 1952 with 38 acres of lakeshore land, Bess Shontz Memorial Dining Lodge, 6 cabins and a utility building. LSBC continues to fulfill its purpose of promoting Christian growth and development.

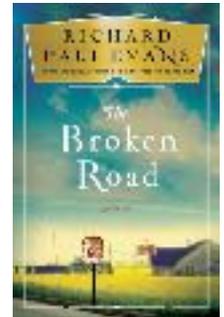
OFF THE SHELF

The Broken Road Trilogy by Richard Paul Evans

Book 1: *The Broken Road* - A broken man. A twist of fate. A second chance.

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Christmas Box* and *The Walk* comes the first novel in a riveting new trilogy that explores the tantalizing question: What if you could start over? Chicago celebrity, Charles James can't shake the nightmare that wakes him each night. He sees himself walking down a long, broken highway the sides of which are lit in flames. Where is he going? Why is he walking? What is the wailing he hears around him? By day, he wonders why he's so haunted and unhappy when he has all he ever wanted-fame, fans and fortune and the lavish lifestyle it affords him. Coming from a childhood of poverty and pain, this is what he's dreamed of. When he learns that one of his customers has committed suicide because of financial ruin, Charles is shaken.

The cracks in his façade start to break down spurring him to question everything: his choices, his relationships, his future and the type of man he's become. Then a twist of fate changes everything. Charles is granted something very remarkable: a second chance. The question is: What will he do with it?



Book 2: *The Forgotten Road* is about Charles James on an inspirational pilgrimage across Route 66 to find his way back to himself.

Book 3: *The Road Back* – Coming Spring 2019.

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

Jim Filler, On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team

From the Church Office:

Please check your SPAM folders regularly for newsletters and church-wide emails. If your email changes please let the church office know so we can update our records.

A NOTE FROM CHILDREN'S HOUSE

June/July 2018

"Do you accept donations?" is a question we are often asked. Yes! We can accept donations of toys and materials to be used in the classroom. All donated items are sanitized prior to being placed into the classroom. We can accept toys that have been loved but have a little life left. Donations can be left in the main office. We always appreciate the resources you share with us and the children always love "new" toys.

Loved items that we can accept:

Infant high chairs	Toys of different kind
Infant swing	Books
Little People sets	Sensory

New Items Always Welcomed:

Craft pipe cleaners	Craft pom-poms	Craft wiggly eyes
Paper plates	Markers	Glue sticks
Brown lunch sacks	Cotton balls	Craft tissue paper
Craft feathers	Craft sticks	Scrap paper

Judy Vlach, Director

A NOTE FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

It is a common occurrence for a person to assume that someone understands his or her expectations despite never having communicated those expectations to the other person. Expecting someone to read your mind can put a strain on any relationship, and when it comes to marriage, expecting your spouse to read your mind can lead to frustration and unnecessary resentment. In the article, "You Didn't Marry a Mind Reader: How to Communicate Your Expectations," Cindy Beall discusses how to talk about your expectations and in turn build a more satisfying relationship.

The author discusses the importance of identifying your expectations because it is possible that you are not even aware of your own expectations. She then discusses spelling out your expectations to your spouse and suggests that giving grace is another important aspect of managing expectations. Finally, she provides a list of common areas where expectations often go unmet, which can help you identify expectations that you might want to discuss with your spouse. To read the article [click here](#).

Blessings,

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