



# NEWS

## UP FRONT

Greetings church family!

I would like to begin with a few housekeeping items and end our time with a devotional.

1. Let us take a moment to celebrate that we had a baptism on Christmas Eve during the morning service! This was incredible to witness and be a part of. The last baptism we had as a church was in February of 2019 and this is a moment to celebrate as a church family! Life change!!! It is what we are about– seeing people grow in their relationship with the risen Christ. Amen, amen, and amen.
2. As the New Year begins, Emily Wheeler will be coming on in a more significant role. While she will not be “full time”, she will be spending more hours up at the church to help us plan for Sundays and bring new and creative elements to the worship service. She has been with us for several months and “fits” our culture very nicely. I am excited to see how God will use her in this coming season.
3. I am in conversation with the company who installed our streaming equipment. We have already had to replace the CPU and it is still malfunctioning on most Sundays. There seems to be some significant technical issues with this system and we are investigating the source of the problem. Until then, we are hit and miss on our streaming experience, which is very unfortunate for those who are out of state and guests “checking us out”. However, I am confident that this will get resolved quickly and we are putting great urgency on it as a staff.
4. As I spoke about at our New Year Eve service in Merriam Hall, this year we will begin the process of dreaming a new dream for Central Baptist Church. This is so much more than a discussion on whether or not we will have “modern” or “contemporary” music; it is about setting out to define, in the clearest terms, what we hope for as a church body for the next season of ministry. This is not something I will do alone, this is a collective dream that must be shared by our congregation. These are exciting times!

### COMING UP

1/6 & 1/20 Men’s Breakfast  
8 A.M  
1/9 LCT Meeting Weber  
Lounge 6:30 P.M  
1/17 Quarterly Business  
Meeting Merriam Hall 6 P.M

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Church Office  
8-5, M-F  
Children’s House  
7:30-5, M-F

As we close this newsletter, I want to express my deepest gratitude for our Central Baptist Church family. We are such a special congregation and I cannot be more ecstatic that God has called our family here. My wife and I both share a sturdy and firm belief that we are in the beginning stages of seeing God do something special at Central, a movement where people are drawn to come join in as we journey together to follow the path of Jesus.

Here is to a great 2024!

Pastor Tony

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

January, 2024

### Kumler & New Berlin Food Pantries

Most of us have never been truly hungry. I'm not talking about missing a meal, not liking what is served, or too busy to stop and eat. I'm talking about no food in the cabinet and no money to go get some. That is the plight of the food insecure. We can help! Pick up an extra can or two of nonperishable food and bring it to the Serve the World center and we'll get it to the Kumler Food Pantry and someone in Springfield will be able to eat.

### Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the Meal Train web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoog5m> or call the church office and Rachael will sign you up.

### Dates to Remember

**1/6 & 1/20 Men's Breakfast** meets at 8 a.m. in Merriam Hall for food and fellowship. All men of the church are invited.

**1/9 Leadership Coordination Team** meets at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge.

**1/17 Quarterly Business Meeting** at 6 p.m in Merriam Hall

## News and Notes

Evelyn Nagel would like to thank those who remembered her at Christmas time with a beautiful gift bag.

## FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

Relationship Article

The Best Relationship Goals for Any Relationship; Bob Grant, LPC Author

In this article, the author explains what relationship goals are. He also lists what he feels are the best goals. Some of these are:

1. Communicate and Listen. If you don't express your feelings and expectations, your partner will never know.
2. Date nights. These are vital to a relationship. They don't have to be extravagant or expensive. They give the couple a time to connect without interruptions.
3. Support each other's goals. Partners need to be encouraging and should not feel they have to make huge sacrifices to make the partner happy.

To find out more about the resolutions, click here

Blessings,

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For more information about relationships, follow ConnectEdPAIRS on FaceBook. For more information about any ConnectEdPAIRS service, please visit the website at [www.connectedpairs.com](http://www.connectedpairs.com), call, or email the counseling office.

## BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Carolyn Ferrel

1/7 Carol Matheson

1/10 Betsy Dunbar

1/13 Mae Moore

1/17 Sue Filler

1/21 Doug Meyer

1/21 Dave Matheson

1/25 Scott Darrow

1/28 Tony Stang

1/30 Willow Smith

1/31 Kay Summers

## ANNIVERSARIES

Carol and Dave Matheson 1/1

Jim and Sue Filler 1/27

If we missed anyone, let us know at [Rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org](mailto:Rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org)

## Off the Shelf

New 2024 Devotional Books added to the Baum Library:

- All God's Creatures 2024
- Mornings With Jesus 2024
- Walking in Grace 2024 (Both regular and large print)
- Happy Tails: Inspirational Stories for Dogs Best Friend

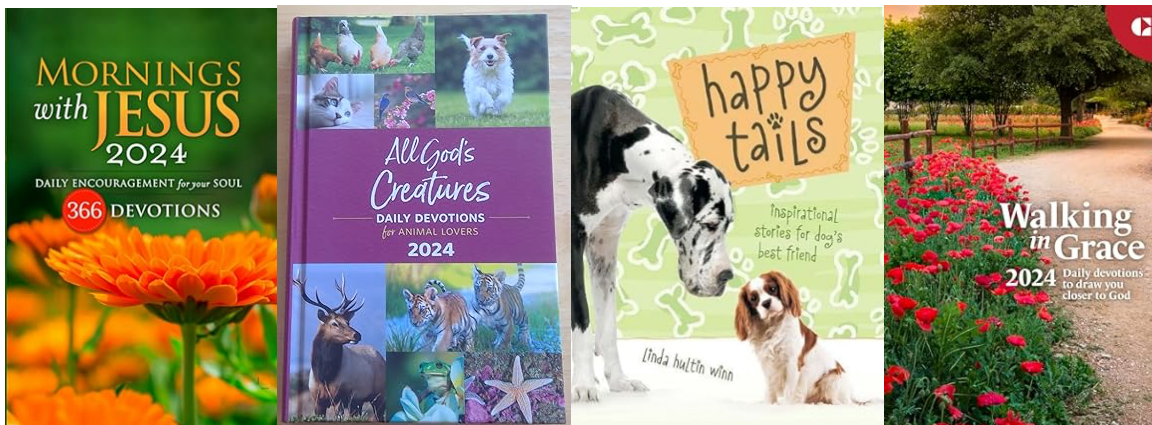
We love our dogs! They teach us so much about unconditional love-they provide companionship and loyalty no matter the condition of our hearts and lives. In Happy Tails, Linda Winn shares inspirational dog stories of rescue and redemption that parallel the never-ending love God has for you. Each devotional story includes Scripture, quotations, and takeaway thoughts or prayers. It's the ideal companion book for dog lovers everywhere!

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

The new year has begun therefore now would be an excellent time to check-out a Devotional book to use in 2024. Hundreds of these books are located in Section 6. Daily devotional books may be kept for the entire year.

Jim Filler

On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team





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