



NEWS

UP FRONT

May Administrative Leadership Team (ALT) Report

Your Administrative Leadership Team continues its work, helping us to live into Margaret Mead's understanding that a small group of people can change the world... whether it be 12 or 20 or 120. We meet twice a month identifying objectives that will help us live into our values: Embracing humanity, open canopy, generosity and down town oriented.

If you remember, the church voted to pilot this new polity for 6 months and then bring a recommendation to the church on whether or not to proceed with it. In our July Quarterly Business Meeting following the services on July 6, we will vote if we move forward with this new polity and if so, there will need to have revisions made in the By-Laws and Constitution, which will be brought before the congregation sometime by late summer.

Comments about the new polity have been that it allows us to be more productive and to get more people involved with the work of the church. As John Grisham calls it....developing a B team. We will continue to discuss what is working about the new polity AND what changes might be made to even improve efficiency. If you have comments or questions, please feel free to let me or someone on the ALT know your thoughts.

Keeping with our promise to have great transparency, I want to focus briefly today on a few of the ongoing ad hoc teams...

Paula Harwood is leading a team that is committed to hosting Community gatherings. You have seen a survey in the bulletin asking you what type of gathering you are interested in . Several of these are planned for the year.

Pastor Tony is leading a team that will host regular events that provide the opportunity for our congregation AND members of the community at large to learn and dialogue about critical issues in our faith community. The topic we are looking at is Church Hurt, doing our best to understand why people leave the church or perhaps never participate. You will hear more about this as plans become clearer.

Larry Aldag has also been leading our efforts on a Welcoming Team to greet visitors each Sunday in order to get to know them, record their names and contact information and plan for follow-up, including visiting them either in their homes, a restaurant or a coffee shop to get to know them better and learn about their interests and their spiritual gifts.

Six people have joined this team to greet visitors on Sunday mornings (before and/or after the worship service) including Judith Anderson, Phyllis Hudspeth, Jennie Alt, Bruce Hays, Dick McDaniel John Alt and Larry Aldag. We will ask the visitor if he/she will share their contact information. We provide a gift bag to first-time visitors. Daniel Walden worked with Rachael in the church office to design and publish an informational brochure to give to visitors. We will also obtain items to put in the gift bag (Larry has already obtained some complimentary "free cups of coffee" cards from Custom Cup).

COMING UP

6/4 Connecting Women, 10 a.m, Weber Lounge

6/7 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

6/19 The church office is closed for Juneteenth

6/21 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

Church Office

8-2:30 T-F

*The Church office is closed on Mondays.

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If they are interested, we will give the visitor a tour of the church on the first or second Sunday of their visit. If we have contact information, Larry will call or email the first-time visitor during the week they visited.

After their second visit, team members will contact visitors to ask if they can “have coffee” to get better acquainted.

Our prayer is that we will be the most welcoming church in Springfield.

Leigh Steiner

WHAT’S HAPPENING

Kumler Food Pantry

Last month the children of our church spearheaded a food drive in honor and memory of Jim Walker and WOW the church responded!! Let us continue to remember to bring nonperishable food or hygiene products to the Serve the World Center to serve those in need in our city.

Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We provide meals for Contact Ministries through MealTrain. Instructions are on the MealTrain web site. Type this link into your browser to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/yoo5gm> or call the church office at (217) 523-3639 and Rachael will sign you up.

Praises:

- For Randy Wells on his new job

NEWS AND NOTES

Upcoming Graduates

Central Baptist Church would like to take a moment to congratulate and honor all those that have or will be graduating this year.

Nora Ellen Ficke the daughter of Ruth and Dave Ficke graduated from Millikin University Cum Laud with a bachelor’s degree in Arts Technology Video Production from the School of Fine Arts.

Summer Elizabeth Williams the daughter of Tiffany and Aundra Williams graduated from Tennessee State University with a major in Business.

Sydney Bolton the granddaughter of Paula and Greg Seifert graduated with honors from Legacy High School in Mansfield Texas.

BIRTHDAYS

6/3 Jenna Cox

6/4 Jeanne Newbanks

6/11 Nancy Nelson

6/11 Ruffin Walden

6/25 John Alt

ANNIVERSARIES

6/20 Dick and Hannah McDaniel

6/21 Larry and Debbie Aldag

6/22 Randy and Ann Wells

6/27 Jerry and Dela Phillips

6/28 Joe and Lucia Hill

If we missed anyone, let us know at rachael@cbcchurchfamily.org

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A Note From Global Servants Larry And Rebecca Stanton

Central Baptist Church received correspondence from Larry and Rebecca Stanton who are global servants in Hungary and sponsored by CBC. They are grateful for our partnership in ministry and are so thankful for our prayers and generosity. Individuals and churches have been responding to their plea for renewed or increased state funding for their work even though funding has dropped off as supporters have passed away. This is making a real difference as they are still working to close the gap in their funding. Larry and Rebecca are inviting supporters to increase their funding to bring them closer to full support and allow them to continue serving without interruption.

If you would like to contribute to the Stanton's you can write a check to Central Baptist Church and put "Becky and Larry Stanton" in the memo line. If you would like to get their newsletter, you can go to internationalministries.org then click on Global Servants and find their name in the list. Click on it and you will go to their page and you can sign up for their newsletter or get connected with them.

Summer Series on the Season Between This Life and the Next End of Life Issues – Exit Right

During the summer months, our plan is to offer a four-part series on a topic we don't talk about much and in many cases, we don't like to think about--- the end of our life here on earth. We spend much of our church life talking about how to live the Christian life here on earth and learning what the afterlife in heaven is like. We seldom examine that season between the two, which for some may be only seconds and for others it's a longer period up to or more than a year. We hope these sessions will help you think about these important topics, no matter what your age.

We plan to examine several topics over the course of four Sundays, likely one Sunday per month, to help us all think about preparation for the end of our life. During the Sunday School hour, we'll have these sessions in Merriam Hall and for those individuals who would prefer not to deal with these topics at this time, an alternative Sunday School class will be available. Several topics will be discussed including:

- 1) Advance planning, the causes of death, and support services available for those who are facing death.
- 2) What do we want to happen to our money and resources after we die, wills and trusts, and our legacy giving?
- 3) The spiritual aspects surrounding our death and related topics...is cremation okay for me? What does the Bible say about this, about grieving and death?
- 4) Preplanning for the events following our death including what should happen to my body after I die, and who will take care of my funeral and/or celebration of life, sacred places we wish to be buried or have our ashes placed/scattered.

We hope you will join us for these sessions that will feature experts from outside the church on these topics. We would like to invite you to bring members of your family to join you in the sessions.

CBC's Ad Hoc Legacy Team

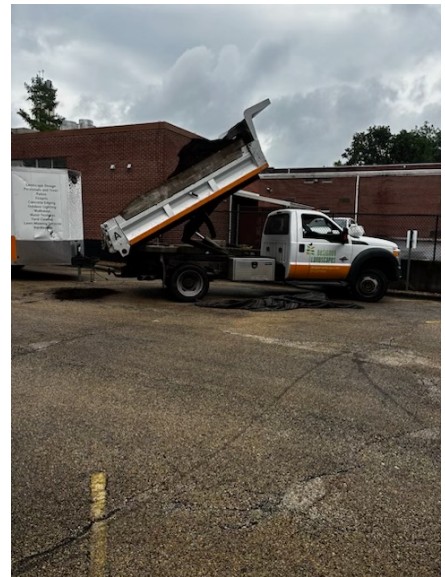
Ross Hodel, John Grisham, Leigh Steiner, Tony Stang, Barbara McKean

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Exciting Events In May

The Children's Ministry hosted a food drive for the month of May in honor of Jim Walker. The pictures below show an abundance of amazing items that will bless many people in our community.

A big thank you to Designer Landscapes who came out to spruce up the landscaping on the parking lot side. They were able to put down more mulch and new plants and trees. What a difference that has made to the church.



Connected Pairs

6 Ways That Marriage Changes Everything

If asked why a couple who has been together for years doesn't get married, they often say, "It's just a piece of paper." Catherine Aponte, PsyD offers ways getting married changes a relationship. She also provides information about the process of change. Some of her insights are:

1. One aspect of the marriage effect is that you address each other differently. The newness of being husband and wife is fun and exciting.
2. Psychologists tell us that change includes both intentional and naturally occurring changes.
3. Negotiation is a type of interactive process that couples can use to manage changes.

To learn more about the changes that occur in marriage and how to work with them, read [here](#) .

Blessings,
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