

UP FRONT

A Note From The Moderator, Leigh Steiner

Our new logo.....

This beautiful rendering by Daniel Walden. You will remember Daniel shared a variety of designs and we received feedback from the congregation through discussions, conversations and nominal group voting.

Daniel then combined the two designs that were the favorites. The shadow of the capitol, the dove of peace spreading throughout our community and our four pillars: Open Canopy, Embracing Humanity, Generosity and Downtown Oriented.

“Joy, light and serving the community”. This is a sentiment recently expressed about someone’s experience being with us in worship.

And from another....

“I walked in expecting one thing and left feeling something completely different. It felt welcoming, it felt loving, it felt light and it felt like people actually cared. It’s literally so bright and light from the sun coming in and honestly I don’t know if I’ve ever experienced church like that before.”

And another.....

“I felt this church was trying to follow more and more the example of that radical guy named Jesus who shook up first his neighborhood, his country and then the world.”

May we hear the beautiful words of new voices, and strive to be all that they have expressed. In this world filled often with darkness and despair, may we leave aside any anxiety and worry and live into these words: Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

NEWS

COMING UP

6/3 Connecting Women, 10 a.m, Weber Lounge

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

6/7 All church breakfast and Fellowship, 10 a.m. Merriam Hall.

6/20 Men’s Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

Church Office Hours

8-2:30 T-F



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler Food Pantry

Have you remembered to bring a can or box of non-perishable food to church for the food insecure of Springfield lately?

There are many hungry people here in our community. So why not help out and bring something to church, put it in the Serve the World Center and we will get it to the Kumler Church food pantry.

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.

NEWS AND NOTES

A Thank You From the Bereavement Team

Thank you to all the church members who provided food, helped serve, set up and clean up Merriam Hall in support of the luncheon for the McDaniel family and guests follow Hannah's funeral services. We provided food for approximately 78 guests, family and staff. The love and willingness to help displayed by the church members is one of the reasons I love Central Baptist Church.

Phyllis Hudspeth

Parking Lot Information

There are several places available for parking in the downtown area for church services and events. The following is a list of spaces available for use at each available parking location.

Central Baptist Church - 29

Jackson street - 17

Illinois Community College Board (on 4th street) - 52

Illinois National Bank - 11

Fourth street - 21

Loukinens Restaurant - 15

BIRTHDAYS

6/3 Jenna Cox

6/4 Jeanne Newbanks

6/11 Ruffin Walden

6/11 Nancy Nelson

6/25 Jon Alt

ANNIVERSARIES

6/22 Randy and Ann Wells

6/21 Larry and Debbie Aldag

6/27 Jerry and Dela Phillips

6/28 Joe and Lucia Hill

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

A Note From Barbara McKean

Thank you to everyone at Central Baptist for their support and kind words during this difficult time. They are deeply appreciated.

NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

World Mission Conference May Answer Your Questions About Serving

Have you ever wondered if you might be hearing a call to mission work? Missionaries, or Global Servants as they are now referred to, do a lot more than preach the word of God to people in a foreign land. In helping people understand who Jesus is, global servants assimilate into the community and the culture to help people develop a relationship with Jesus by using their gifts and talents to assist others. A great way for one to get an idea if this might be a calling is to attend the World Mission Conference (WMC).

The theme for this years WMC is “From Brokenness to Wholeness” in Orlando, Florida from July 29th-31st at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. This is a change from the Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin where the conference has been held for decades. Over three days, you’ll connect with global servants and International Ministries staff to hear what God is doing in the various parts of the world.

Retired minister John Grisham says. “The WMC is a great event that will offer inspiring worship with personal opportunities to meet and greet and learn from International Ministries global servants. You can go deeper on today’s pressing global issues and explore how God may be calling you to help educate, heal and restore by spending time with global servants and staff”. Many of the speakers for breakout sessions are global servants sponsored by Central Baptist Church who have shared their ministries with our congregation in the past.

The keynote speaker is Allen Yeh, Dean and VP of academic affairs at International Theological Seminary near Los Angeles, CA. He is also the Creative Director of the Young Adult Initiative at Denver Seminary. His areas of geographical expertise are Latin America and China. Experience dynamic and inspiring worship led by a team from Puerto Rico and hear their stories. Discounted housing rates in Orlando are available until June 25. Registration deadline for the event is July 15. Additional information about the Mission Conference is available at internationalministries.org.

Scholarship assistance for one to attend the conference is available from the Pamela A. Corey scholarship fund here at Central Baptist. If you are interested in attending the WMC and would like to have assistance from the Pamela Corey Scholarship Fund, see Bruce Hays, or contact him at blhays@comcast.net



NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

A Note from Jerry Phillips

Why Vote?

In about six months, Nov. 5, 2026, we will have the opportunity to vote on our congressional representatives, other state and local candidates and national issues. It is being called by some, *“the most important election of our lifetime”*. I agree. Even if you disagree, please realize it is a really important Vote and a uniquely special privilege.

BECAUSE YOU CAN.....

The privilege of voting, especially for women, has not always been allowed. The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by congress in 1919, and became effective on Aug. 18, 1920. Women could vote, except for many black women and men who were kept away from the polls until the 1965 Voting Rights Act. “Jim Crow” laws created “literacy tests,” “grandfather clauses,” etc., to stop blacks from voting. These laws also provided for segregated schools, restroom, restaurants, prisons and cemeteries. Some would like to take us back to that kind of time.

For only 105 years of the 250 years of America have women been able to vote. You might be surprised to find out that some of your recent ancestors (female) were unable to vote even though they were old enough.

BECAUSE YOU HAVE DUEL CITIZENSHIP....

As believers in Christ we all are citizens of the “Kingdom of God.” We belong to a spiritual citizenry that makes us brothers/ sisters in a “Family of Faith.” That citizenship calls on us to live by the principles that Christ laid out in His New Testament teachings. Even when we do not follow them perfectly we are still responsible to live with a commitment to those teachings. This includes our behavior in the world we live in.

But, we are also citizens of the United States of America. That makes us subject to the rule of law; the rules and requirements of this citizenship. Specifically, that includes paying taxes! It includes being subject to traffic laws, and observing property lines between us and our neighbors. And, much more. We are obligated to take seriously our responsibilities as a citizen.

BECAUSE YOUR FREEDOM IS NOT FREE.....

Freedom always comes with a cost. The U.S. Founding Fathers, as they launched into the forming of a new nation - with real freedom - made the following pledge: *“With a firm reliance on the protection for Divine providence, **we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.**”* Since then millions of people have died in all kinds of battles to preserve our nation and guarantee freedom for all Americans. That is the price of democracy.

When you choose to be AWOL (Absent without Leave) at election time, you do not get to help choose who will be our representatives in the halls of government and will determine the laws that affect us all. In doing so, you suggest that others can do the work of governing however they choose. But, be advised, we may not always like how they choose!

BECAUSE YOUR VOTE CAN REALLY COUNT.....

If you think, “my vote doesn’t count.” Please think again. In some cases a single vote has been decisive. However, when you have made an effort to know the issues and the candidates, and have done your best to cast an informed vote; you can rightly claim to have taken an important step in defending our democracy.

Connected Pairs

Red Flags In Relationships: What to look for and how to respond

As the title suggests, Shelley Lewin, PCC addresses problematic behaviors to look for in relationships, and how to work through these. She also presents what she calls “yellow and green flags.” Some of the red flags she identifies are:

1. Love bombing. This entails showering with excessive affection and attention in the very beginning of the relationship. Healthy relationships start out slowly.
2. Lack of emotional intelligence. Emotional intelligence is the ability to perceive and manage emotions. Without it, the partner is unable to understand the other’s emotions and is not supportive of them.

To read more of the red flags, as well as how to deal with them read [here](#).

Blessings,

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