



NEWS

UP FRONT

Hello church family,

I am so excited to announce that we are able to record our Sunday morning services. The picture quality is amazing and the audio is nice and crisp. We will continue to learn this process and get better at it, but this project coming to fruition is a real big achievement for the Church. I am so thankful for the many people who helped accomplish this project.

The recording of our services will meet two important needs. First, it will be a way for our church members to stay connected with the services while they are away or unable to attend. This is vital to the life and vitality of the church. Secondly, now that we are putting a link to the service on Facebook, guests have the ability to check out what is going on in the church without actually having to come in person. It gives them the opportunity to know what to expect when they attend. People will frequently watch the service online for several weeks before they actually attend in person.

All that to say, this is a moment of celebration, but we can't rest in our laurels. We have to keep pushing forward. **With that in mind, I want to encourage you to attend Our Faith and Justice Symposium on October 21st and 22nd, where we will be discussing the dangers of White Christian Nationalism.** Dr. Stephen Jones will present on Saturday night and then we will have time for questions and answers with him on this subject. Then, he will deliver the Sunday morning sermon the following day. This is going to be a great weekend, and I hope you will think about attending this special weekend.

Also, we are in the beginning stages of getting a new website that will be professionally done. In past decades, people used to walk around the neighborhood and knock on people's doors to invite them to church; now, people knock on our door- and the first door they knock on is our website and social media links. It is critical we have a website that communicates our values, energy and passion- in a crisp, up-to-date format.

Exciting times ahead!

Many blessing,

Pastor Tony Stang

COMING UP

- 10/7 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 10/9 Children's House closed for Professional Dev. Day.
- 10/10 Leadership Coordination, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/18 QBM, 6:00 p.m
- 10/21 Men's Breakfast, 8am.
- 10/21 Faith and Justice Seminar, 6 p.m.
- 10/31 Children's House Halloween parties and parade.

Church Office
8-5, M-F

WHAT'S HAPPENING

October 2023

Kumler & New Berlin Food Pantries

It's hard to believe that October is here already. Time for cooler weather and the changing colors of the trees. However, there are things that don't change and one of them is that the hungry of Springfield are still here and in need. Please help us help them! Pick up some extra nonperishable food or personal care products when you are at the store and put them in the Serve the World Center and they will be taken to the Kumler Food Pantry to help feed those in need.

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 Ann will sign you up.

"BEE A BLESSING"

Central's Children want you join them in supporting the Ministry's Kumler pantry food drive. Now through October 22 you may bring a non perishable food item(s). Please drop them off on the tables in the sanctuary. Thank you for helping support the Kumler Food pantry.

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Hannah McDaniel
10/7 Jackie Crossin
10/11 Reg Mills
10/21 Steve Sheffield
10/22 Mike Large
10/23 John Martin
10/29 Debbie Aldag
10/31 Ted Turkcan

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Nancy Langford 10/9
David and Ruth Ficke 10/19
Jason and Jenna Cox 10/22
If we missed anyone, let us know at ann@cbcchurchfamily.org

Dates to Remember

10/7 Men's Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. in Merriam Hall for food and fellowship. All men of the church are invited.

10/10 Leadership Coordination meets at 6:30 p.m. in Weber Lounge.

10/18 Quarterly Business Meeting at 6 p.m. in Merriam Hall

10/21 Men's Breakfast meets at 8 a.m. in Merriam Hall for food and fellowship. All men of the church are invited.

10/21 Dr. Stephen Jones will be here with his Faith and Justice seminar: "**A Call to the Beloved Community**".

From the Archives of the Year 2000

- Mary Ellen Anderson was ordained to serve in full time Christian Ministry.
- The small group put together an excellent selection of Bible Studies
- Vacation Bible School had the theme join God's party, praise, acceptance, relationships, tomorrow and you.
- 396 new books were added to the library this last year.

A Journey of Faith by Edward Grinnan

Just added the inspirational memoir from Edward Grinnan, Guideposts' Editor-in-chief, as he reveals his deeply personal and hopeful journey of faith through his mother's Alzheimer's and his own fear of getting the disease. A blessing and encouraging read for anyone facing trials. Edward understand the fear and panic of memory loss and Alzheimer's all too well. He watched Alzheimer's take its ruthless course with his lovely, funny, and intelligent mother, Estelle, and was haunted by the question: will it happen to me too?

Now in his deeply personal story, you'll walk with Edward as he travels that painful road of watching a loved one disappear into the fog of Alzheimer's. He discovers, with God's help, hope, courage and peace even in the midst of such loss and heartache.

In addition to his remarkable story, Edward includes his favorite Guideposts stories told by real people that inspired him in his journey of faith. Plus, he offers practical guidance on caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's as well as yourself without becoming overwhelmed.

A Journey of Faith is a tender tribute to Edward's mother, as well as an exploration of the promise of hope, the indestructibility of love, the faithfulness of God, and an eloquent call to make the most out of every moment. Edward's beautiful story will stay with you long after you've read the last page. (2023, 256 pages, 4.8 out of 5.0 Amazon rating).

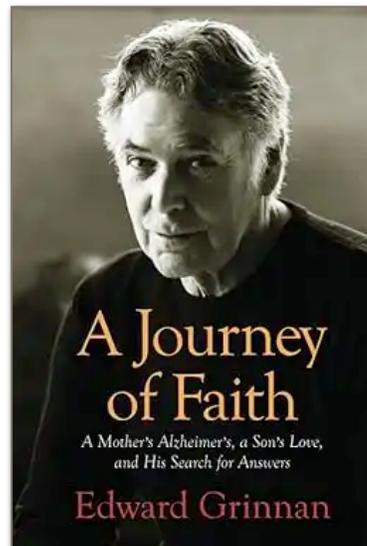
This book may be found on the New Book Rack in the library

Jim Filler, On behalf of the Volunteer Library Team

The World Mission Offering

God has blessed each of us in many way. We in turn wish to bless other. This is one of the reasons we at Central Baptist Church are involved in ministries with Graham School, Contact Ministries, Washing Street Mission, local food pantries and more.

When we are at our best, our sharing God's love also includes caring for those who live far away. Jesus sent his followers to all nations. (Matthew 28:19). Every October we receive a WMMO to help support our International Ministries global servants who minister in Jesus' name around the world. Through our gifts and prayers, we help sustain our global servants and we become true partners with them.



Word Mission Offering Cont.

The Bible says, “He has made everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11)”. The beauty in this time (October) includes experiencing the joy of God’s generosity, and the joy of our generosity to others. In addition to the sheer joy of giving, our gifts to the WMMO touch lives and make the world a more beautiful place.

Join us with your gifts. You can use the special envelopes found in the back of each worship pew or you may simply make your check WMO in the memo line.

Thank you
Reg Mills

FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

Relationship Article

The Top 7 Ways to Improve Your Marriage This article is written by The relationship expert, John Gottman, PhD. His advice is based on research and years of experience. Here are some of the top seven marriage improving tips he offers:

1. Seek help early. Most people wait an average of 6 years to get help and the average length of marriages that end is 7 years.
2. Edit yourself. Express your needs and wants in a non-criticizing manner.
3. Soften your “start-up”. Bring up problems gently and without blame to keep from starting an argument or escalating one.

To hear more of this relationship advice, click [here](#).

Blessings.

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