



July 2026

NEWS

UP FRONT

ALT Report

On June 28, 2026, we held the third quarter QBM and discussed several items of importance.

It has been suggested that the time of worship be moved from 10:45 to 10:30. We have discussed this option with several Sunday school classes and the worship team. During the month of July we will host a nominal group process voting in the vestibule. There will be a poster where you can place your "dot" and vote for 1) keeping the service at 10:45 2) moving the service to 10:30 or 3) you can indicate that you are good either way. Moving the service to 10:30 would make a shorter time in between the existing SS classes and the service. If the service is moved we would need to make numerous changes in the places where worship time is posted.

We continue to look at our space utilization both downtown and in New Berlin. The Chatham Baptist Church is now using the New Berlin campus for a variety of events, and may be interested in negotiating an arrangement with us on the building later in the summer. At our downtown location, we have had limited interest in the rental of the 2nd floor space through realtors. We currently have arrangements with two artists for the use of the spaces on the 2nd floor for their studios in exchange for their services for the church. There seems to be interest from local artists in securing studio space in the downtown area. The ALT is now pursuing the rental of other 2nd floor space as artist studios. Sunday school classes held on the 2nd floor have agreed graciously to move to the third floor.

At the QBM we voted unanimously to bring on a new part-time Director of Belonging. We will be asking Andrew Rains, currently director of Lake Springfield Baptist Camp, to join us (likely in September). He has been planning to leave his position at the camp and was interested in part time work in a faith community. We had been looking to expand staff to assist the pastor with a variety of tasks and we had been searching for a Facilities support staff. Andrew possesses the skill set that meets all of those needs. We envision this part time position as a Director of Belonging. The primary focus of this position is helping people find connection, community, and care with the life of the church. Additionally as Facilities Support, he will work alongside property and grounds team on maintenance and improvement projects. Amazing to find a beautiful person with this wide of a skill set.

COMING UP

7/1 Connecting Women, 10 a.m, Weber Lounge

7/3 Central Baptist Church is closed for the 4th of July holiday

7/4 No Men's Breakfast due to 4th of July holiday

7/18 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m, Merriam Hall

Church Office Hours

8:00-2:30 T-F

*The Church office is closed on Mondays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler Food Pantry

The Kumler Food Pantry is in need of Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti O's, boxes or bags of cereal, but any non-perishable food donation is welcome. Please bring your food contributions to the church and place them in the Serve the World Center and we will deliver your donations to the Kumler Food Pantry promptly. There are more people in the Springfield area who are in need of food assistance during these difficult times. Thank you for caring.

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

One Great Hour Of Sharing Offering

The United States, and more importantly Illinois, has recently experienced a large increase in natural disasters like tornadoes. Traditionally, Central Baptist Church has raised funds for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) in July. The funds are then allocated by the American Baptist Churches USA for specific regions of the country. When possible, the funds are distributed to an ABCUSA church or missions agency. A state or federal disaster declaration is on criteria for distribution. Distribution can also be made to the Baptist World Relief Committee who responds to disasters, poverty, and a humanitarian crisis worldwide or Church World Service which is a major faith-based non-governmental organization dedicated to eradicating hunger, reducing poverty, and responding to disaster and displacements globally. ABCUSA World Relief Committee has honored a request by International Ministries and forwarded \$15,000 to International Ministries for the Baptist World Alliance to distribute to a related BWA group in Venezuela.

Central Baptist participants have always been generous when contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Local disasters recently are a prime example of reasons to contribute to the OGHS. Our goal for 2026 is \$5,000. Contributions are not reduced for administrative costs. Please use the special envelopes, designated for OGHS, found in the back of the church pews or send a check to the church office with OGHS in the memo line. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this important special area of need globally.

BIRTHDAYS

7/3 Ruth Ficke
7/4 Linda Meyer
7/4 Jim Filler
7/11 George Tankersley
7/14 Paula Harwood
7/23 Caroline Stang
7/24 John Grisham
7/24 Judi Mills
7/24 Judy Nichols
7/27 Isaac Alt
7/28 Sheila Zeiger
7/29 Randy Wells

ANNIVERSARIES

7/6 Tony and Lindsay Stang
7/14 Ross and Sheila Hodel

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

NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

Celebrating 75 Years of Ministry (1953-2027)

Repairs and Improvements Roadmap for Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Lake Springfield Baptist Camp is approaching its 75th Anniversary in 2027! To celebrate this milestone, they have launched a two-year campaign called "75 in 75."

Their goal is to raise \$75,000 in 2 years to strengthen LSBC's ministry for generations to come. They want to modernize cabins/building and maintain the beauty of the campground; expand the Kim's Kids fund to ensure every child can attend camp; and strengthen operation resources to support future generations of campers.

The campaign was launched in December 2025, there will be a Midpoint Celebration in November 2026, a Summer Celebration in July 2027 and a Grand Finale in November 2027 with a 75th Anniversary Celebration. If you would like to donate to the camp, you can make your check payable to Central Baptist Church with LSBC in the memo line.

Visit <https://www.lsbconline.com/> learn more and get involved.

Report Of The Higher Education Team

The team received 3 scholarship applications for final consideration this year. We recommend that \$8,000 be given for the 2026-2027 academic year. The team discussed ways to help students be more aware of these resources for higher education.

We are pleased to announce a scholarship for Emily Sharp in the amount of \$3,000. Emily is attending the Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville and will be earning a double major in Geography and in Political Science. A scholarship for Isaac Alt in the amount of \$3,000. Isaac is attending the University of Missouri St. Louis - UMSL and is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Abbey Giganti in the amount of \$2,000. Abbey is attending Lincoln Land Community College and will be majoring in nursing.

The Higher Education Team members for 2026-2027 are: Barbara McKean, Judith Anderson, Joleen Welch, Sheila Hodel, Jean Delay and Ruth Ficke.

Muni Event With A Picnic And Show

Please join us at the Muni on Wednesday, July 15 at 8:30 p.m. for the performance of The Prince of Egypt. Reserved seating tickets are available for \$20.00 each and may be purchased with cash or check through the church office or from Paula Harwood. Tickets may be picked up at the church office or directly from Paula Harwood. If paying by check, please put Muni in the memo line.

Complimentary tickets are available for those in need of assistance. Please contact the church office for additional information. We will have a church picnic starting at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 8:30 p.m. CBC will provide drinks and chicken. Please bring a covered dish to share.

Connected Pairs

Tired Of Faking It? How To Finally Feel Confident

Gary W. Lewandowski, Jr., PhD addresses what is and is not confidence and how to build confidence in oneself to help when dating. He also lists seven ways to boost confidence. Some of the esteem boosters are:

1. Spotlight your strengths. Do this by noticing and recording when you use your strengths.
2. Activation, not anxiety. When you have pre-date jitters, reframe it as your body prepping itself for action. You're ready and bringing the action.

If you want to read more about boosting your self-confidence read [here](#).

Blessings,

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