



NEWS

UP FRONT

Hello church family!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season. The church ended the year in an amazing way. It started with a lovely children’s program, then we had a very moving Christmas Eve service, and we ended the year by celebrating Christmas on Sunday morning. There was a “snap” and a “freshness” to each of these services. You know what I mean! There are some services that feel draining because there is no pop of creativity and excitement— that was far from the case of each of these services. I walked away from each service feeling renewed, refreshed, and encouraged— and keep in mind— I only preached at one of them! If this was an indicator for how 2023 is going to be, we are in for some spectacular days.

As we look to 2023, I want to keep a few things on your radar:

- **We are working hard on the streaming initiative.** There is a group of people deputized from the LCT that have been researching this project. This is an important initiative for the church and I want you to know there are several people putting in significant hours to bring this project to life! Hopefully, we will be able to bring a report to the church on the status of this project in the next few months.
- **I think it is important that in January we have a state of the church address.** Each year the government will present a state of the union to review what has been accomplished and what hopes to be accomplished; I think it would be profitable for us to do the same thing. Be on the lookout for a State of Church address sometime in January.
- **Lastly, I am beyond excited to start a new sermon series with you all on January 29th** (I will be 40 years and one day old!!!). We will spend a significant amount of time examining the Sermon on the Mount. This is going to be a series you will not want to miss! Please be thinking about who you can invite to this sermon series, as I am Believing that God will work mightily through these sermons and worship services.

Grace + Peace,

Pastor Tony

COMING UP

- 1/7 Men’s Breakfast
- 1/10 Leadership Coordination Team Mtg - 6:30pm
- 1/17 Annual Reports due to church office!
- 1/18 Quarterly Business Mtg. - 6pm
- 1/21 Men’s Breakfast

The Church Office and Children’s House will be closed
 Monday, January 2
 To observe
 New Year’s Day
 And Monday, January 16
 To honor Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler & New Berlin Food Pantries

Did you remember to pick up some nonperishable food or personal care items for the Kumler Food Pantry last month? Those items are still needed in January. Please put your contribution in the Serve the World Center and they will be delivered to Kumler. Reach out in the spirit of Christ to feed and care for the hungry.

Wednesday Night Dinner Shelter Meals

We will continue the Meal Train for Contact Ministries on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month until further notice. 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.

Dates to Remember

1/2 The Church office is closed to observe the New Year's Day holiday.

1/7 & 21 Men's Breakfast meets in Merriam Hall at 8am for food, fellowship, and prayer on the first and third Saturdays of the month. All men of the church and guests are invited.

1/10 Leadership Coordination Team meets in Weber Lounge at 6:30 p.m.

1/16 The church office is closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance.

1/16 Annual Reports from all Area Ministries are due in the church office.

1/18 The Quarterly Business Meeting meets Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 6pm in Merriam Hall.

NEWS AND NOTES

Colleague of the Year for all of Memorial Hospital!

Our own Tsige Gerre-Medhin received Colleague of the year for all her hard work at Memorial Hospital. If you would like to send her a congratulations, you may write her at 2504 Gaylord Ave., 62704. She is the kindest and hardest working person we know! Congratulations Tsige!

THANK YOU notes

We are so thankful for the many ways your church serves the women and children at Contact Ministries. Thank you for the many warm meals you provide and your generosity with financial support. ~Merry Christmas, the CM Staff

To the people of CBC, Thank you for the wonderful bag of goodies. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. ~ Ted Turkcan

BIRTHDAYS

1/1 Roy Beal
 1/1 Carolyn Ferrel
 1/2 Kathy Cooke
 1/6 Ethan Alt
 1/7 Carol Matheson
 1/8 Colby Willhite
 1/10 Betsy Dunbar
 1/13 Mae Moore
 1/17 Sue Filler
 1/18 Tony Crain
 1/21 Doug Meyer
 1/25 Scott Darrow
 1/28 Tony Stang
 1/30 Tessa Dhooge
 1/30 Willow Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

1/1 Dave & Carol Matheson
 1/27 Jim & Sue Filler

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

RMMO for December

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering received in December a total of \$1695. Thank you for remembering pastors and missionaries who do a good work among the faithful.

The Graham Christmas Gift Mart

The Christmas Mart was a huge success this year. We were able to provide Christmas gifts for 175 Graham students plus 40 other children. The principal and almost every teacher at Graham (plus some family members) volunteered to help with the Mart. There are several teachers who purchase gifts for every child in their class whose parents do not purchase a voucher. Thank you to the 15 volunteers from Central who helped with parking, restocking and helping people shop. It does take a “village” to make this a wonderful experience for Graham parents. We begin to shop for next year the day after Christmas when things are discounted, and we need to purchase 1,000 items to stock the “store”. To do this, we ask for donations year round. If you wish to help out, please make checks payable to Central Baptist Church and indicate it is for Graham Christmas Mart. ~Sharon Smith, Coordinator

NOTE FROM CONNECTED PAIRS

The Best Relationship Advice from Real Couples
Married 25 Years or More: Regan Stephens, Author

In this article, Regan Stephens reports what long-term couples share on their wisdom about relationships. Some of what the couples share:

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg shared to sometimes ignore when a thoughtless word is uttered. She stated acting out in anger or annoyance will not help the situation.
- Make sure you still pursue hobbies and things that make you happy. Don't depend on your partner to make you happy.
- Be open and expressive, but not judgmental or critical.
- One couple says that praying and reading the Bible together has kept their marriage strong.

To learn more of these words of wisdom, click here.

Blessings! *Stephani Cave*, LCPC

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