



NEWS

UP FRONT

Church family,

One of the most beautiful ways we reflect Jesus is when we serve others. True greatness in God's kingdom is found in selfless service. Over these past weeks, we've seen that lived out in powerful ways among our church family. Thank you for being a people who embody the love of Christ.

Church Activity

Governor Jim Edgar's Funeral

We were humbled to host Governor Edgar's funeral service. It was a very special time for our church as 21 people stepped forward to serve. We look most like Jesus when we meet the needs of others, and I believe the Edgar family was deeply blessed by the tangible love they experienced from our church family.

Celebrating Baptism

Last weekend, we rejoiced as Tina Freeman publicly declared her faith in Christ through baptism. Baptism is such a powerful picture of life change and a testimony of God's work in our midst. Praise God for His continued faithfulness in growing His people!

Feast of Plenty – Volunteers Needed

The Feast of Plenty is quickly approaching, and we want to invite you to prayerfully consider serving this year. This ministry is an incredible opportunity to share Christ's love through hospitality and care. More details and sign-up information will be coming in an upcoming email.

Looking Ahead

Let's continue to pray for those who are grieving, those who are growing in their faith, and for opportunities to serve our neighbors in the weeks ahead. God is moving in our church, and I believe our best days are still ahead!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Tony

COMING UP

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

10/4 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., Merriam Hall

10/12 Quarterly Business Meeting in the sanctuary following church service.

10/18 Men's Breakfast, 8 a.m., Merriam Hall

Church Office Hours

8-2:30 T-F

*The Church office is closed on Mondays.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kumler Food Pantry

Have you remembered to bring non-perishable food to the church this month? Please pick up a canned fruit, vegetable, soup, etc... or a box such as cereal or Mac and Cheese to help the food insecure of Springfield. Place your donations in the Serve the World Center and it will be taken to the Kumler 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

Welcome Home Basket Initiative

Connecting Women invites the congregation to help collect new or gently used household items. This is for an organization called Heartland Housed who help those who are homeless transition into stable housing. Some examples of items that are needed are: plates/bowls, pots and pans, bath towels/washcloths, comforters/sheets (Twin XL), pillows and hygiene items. For a list of all items please visit heartlandhoused.org/get-involved. Items may be dropped off at Central Baptist Church on the first floor in room 107 or in the Church office. You may also give a monetary donation by cash or check to Joleen Welch or Rachael in the church office. Please make the check out to Central Baptist Church (CBC) with Welcome Home Basket in the memo line. Collection ends on October 31, 2025. Thank you for helping those in need.

Birthday Cards

Barbara McKean and Malcolm McKean invite you to send a birthday card to their aunt, LaVerne Weber. LaVerne is the widow of Carl H. Weber Jr. She became a member of Central in 1946 and remained so until she and Carl moved to Florida in 1986. She will be turning 100 on October 20, 2025. The cards should be sent to LaVerne Weber, c/o Anne Holz PO Box 608. 4270A Lewis Ave. Penney Farms. FL 32079.

A Note From The McDermid Class

The McDermid Sunday School Class continued to support Washington Street Mission during the month of September. They collected 5 boxes of ramen noodles containing 12 packages in each, 1 box with 6 packages, 10 separate containers of noodles and 5 boxes of assorted instant oatmeal. We know these will be appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS

10/1 Hannah McDaniel

10/11 Reg Mills

10/8 Lynde Hays

10/15 Yettie Agbesola

10/21 Steve Sheffield

10/22 Mike Large

10/23 John Martin

10/29 Debbie Aldag

ANNIVERSARIES

10/9 Tom and Nancy Langford

10/19 Dave and Ruth Ficke

10/22 Jason and Jenna Cox

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

NEWS AND NOTES (Cont)

Thank you Notes

Dear Central Baptist Friends, We are so grateful for your welcome basket of gift cards, paper goods, snack foods and other useful items, all so helpful as we settle into Chatham. We are blessed by your thoughtfulness and generosity! We look forward to worshiping and fellowshiping with you!

Patti and Brent Meyers

Dear Family,

Thank you so much for hosting us this summer and for your faithful support! We were greatly encouraged by our visit to Central. May the Lord continue to richly bless your fellowship and ministry.

Larry and Becky Stanton

October is World Mission Offering Month

October is the month that we highlight the work of our global servants and celebrate their dedication and commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus around the world. International Ministries remembers the first missionaries like Adoniram and Ann Judson who sailed for Asia in 1812. The Judsons navigated illness, depression, war, imprisonment, loneliness and grief as well as the normal transitions of learning a new language and culture. They are credited with translating the Bible into Burmese. Their perseverance and resilience sowed the seeds for the Christian Church in Burma and around the world. The “new thing” God put in motion 213 years ago continues today.

Like the Judsons, today’s global servants seek to be faithful to God’s mission in cross-cultural contexts. This year’s World Mission Offering focuses on global ministries in Thailand and Ukraine. It includes ministries that serve Karen refugees (people who fled conflict in Myanmar) and hill tribe communities in Thailand. It also highlights a ministry providing healthcare to internally displaced people in Ukraine. God’s invitation to see “new things” is fresh and enticing for each generation.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

Please consider being a part of this “new thing” God is doing by giving a donation to the World Mission Offering in October as you prepare to celebrate your blessings in November at Thanksgiving. Central Baptist Church has a target of raising \$4,000 for the World Mission Offering. We hope you will want to be a part of that effort. Envelopes are available in the pews or you can send a check to the church office made out to Central Baptist Church with World Mission Offering in the memorandum line.

CONNECTED PAIRS

The Sneaky Third Wheel

This article is from the Connection section on the Prepare-Enrich blog. How often does the “sneaky third wheel” cell phone come between you and your partner’s connection? Questions suggested in the article to ask yourself about your cell phone usage include:

1. Are you prioritizing the right kind of connection? Does connection to the “outside world” come at the cost of the connection you have with your partner?
2. Is it helping or hurting your communication? Are notifications coming in on your cell phone interrupting your face-to-face conversations with your spouse? Focus on basic communication skills like active listening, as this requires you to give your full, engaged attention instead of only half-listening.
3. Does your screen lock build trust? There is a difference between privacy and secrecy.

So, what are you doing to set boundaries around your cell phone usage? One of the readers in the comments section offers advice to keep cell phones out of the bedroom. Not only is this good for your relationship, it is also good to improve sleep, reduce anxiety, and improve overall mood.

To learn more, read [here](#).

Blessings,

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