

# CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

*No matter who you are or where you've been, you are welcome here*

### *From Your Temporary Shepherd*

#### BLESS THE CHILDREN

As is usually the case, I am beginning my fall column on the coast of Maine – literally the coast, as I'm relaxing on the beach with the ocean just a few feet away. It is one of my favorite places in the whole world. It is a place of rest and renewal, remembrance, peace and prayer. I bring my greatest joys here, as well as my deepest sorrows. I bring my prayers for others and myself, prayers of gratitude and praise, prayers of confession and petition.

I've been thinking especially of the children I've been carrying close to my heart this summer: little Stella, not even two, who needs a pacemaker; little Charlotte and Evelyn, preemie twins who continue to grow and develop a day at a time; little Norah, who continues to battle (successfully) cystic fibrosis; all of our "church kids", whatever their ages and needs, who are learning and growing in Christ, and facing challenges every day.

Even in the late afternoon, there are lots of kids on the beach, playing in the sand and water, throwing balls, flying kites, or just hanging out. I wonder what the future holds for them, what kind of world they will grow up in. I think of my own grandchildren and the hopes and dreams we have for them. As school will soon be starting (it's already begun in the south!), I am reminded of a piece written by one of our Presidents. I'll look for it when I get home.

Found it – here it is!

#### *WRITTEN WHEN TAD BEGAN SCHOOL*

*"World, take my son by the hand - he starts school today.*

*It's all going to be strange and new to him for a while and I wish you would sort of treat him gently. You see, up to now, he's been king of the roost. He's been the boss of the back yard. I have always been around to repair his wounds, and I've always been handy to soothe his feelings. But now things are going to be different. This morning he's going to walk down the front steps, wave his hand and start on a great adventure that probably will include wars and tragedy and sorrow. To live in this world will require faith and love and courage. So, World, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.*

*Teach him, but gently, if you can...Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero; that for every crooked politician there is a dedicated leader; that for every enemy there is a friend. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.*

*Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill. Teach him that it is more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.*

*Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidder, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul. Teach him gently, World, but don't coddle him, because only the test of fire makes fine steel.*

*That is a big order, World, but see what you can do. He's such a nice little fellow."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

President Lincoln wished for his son to learn some valuable lessons and to develop good character. But despite his own violent end, I don't think he worried about his son being shot in school. Many parents today do.

Shortly after returning from vacation, I saw a news clip that disturbed me greatly. Some children will be returning to school this year with bullet-proof backpacks. How far we have come from Lincoln's day! How far we have come from my own, when I went to kindergarten in a red wagon because of a bone disease in my leg. My parents' fear was that I might fall, or accidentally put weight on my leg and thus delay recovery. They weren't worried about my surviving the day. I'm afraid to ask if my grandson will be going to kindergarten this fall with a bullet-proof backpack. The thought alone is terrifying.

Let's continue to pray for our kids – our church kids, family kids, neighbors' kids, community kids – all the world's children. Pray for their safety from violence, from abuse and neglect. Let's remember that there are kids in this town who need the church, to know how much God loves them. Let's reach out and invite children and parents alike. Let's work to make this world safer for the next generation.

RALLY DAY/HOMECOMING will soon be upon us. Be sure to invite someone to worship with you on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend – bring a kid!

Blessings to you all!

Pastor Jerrie

### **IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY**

*The lazy and idle seldom hear the call of God. It is often when intent on some useful work and while pursuing a helpful calling that God's voice is heard. Here are a few examples from the Bible:*

*Moses was busy with his flock at Horeb.*

*Gideon was busy threshing wheat by the wine press.*

*Saul was busy searching for his father's lost beasts.*

*Elisha was busy plowing with twelve yoke of oxen.*

*David was busy caring for his father's sheep.*

*Nehemiah was busy bearing the king's wine cup.*

*Amos was busy caring for his sheep & sycamore fruit and attending the market.*

*Peter and Andrew were busy casting their nets into the sea.*

*Lydia was busy preparing and selling her purple fabrics.*

*James and John were busy repairing their nets.*

*Matthew was busy collecting customs duties.*

*Mary & Elizabeth were busy with their homemaking.*

*Jesus was busy probably in the carpenter shop and about his Father's business.*

*Author Unknown*



- 1 Valerie Morris
- 2 Ray Salois, Bruce Pullen
- 4 Kathleen McAlpine
- 5 Allison Ingraham, Brandon Tompkins
- 6 Nancy Frisbie
- 7 Elysia Recor, Kayce Babinski
- 8 Will Stewart, Rachel MacAdam
- 9 Austin Hamilton
- 13 Julia Ellinger
- 14 Doris Shay
- 15 Cathy Frye
- 16 Joe Wynn
- 18 Brad MacAdam
- 19 Samuel Thieme
- 20 Gabriel Ellinger
- 22 Kathy MacLean, John White
- 26 Jason Tompkins, Richard Adams
- 30 Cory Babinski

*On behalf of the Deacons, we were happy that so many of you joined us in Hays Hall on a brutally hot day in July to celebrate our favorite "Grandfather" (Franklin Estes) on his 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday! He received many cards from church friends and some very special ones from the Sunday School children. Franklin, you are a blessing and an inspiration to all of us at Central Baptist!*

*Harriet Stewart, Chair*



- 2 Joe & Laurel Wynn
- 3 Kevin & Rene Ellinger
- 6 Skip & Julie Rucki
- 10 Dennis & Betti Yefko
- 16 Josh & Melanie Lubas
- 17 Gary & Sue Ellinger
- 19 Frank & Jean Mochak
- 20 Jason & Mary Hannah, Stewart & Megan Angell

**STEWARDSHIP**

Has someone ever asked you to watch their children? Are you responsible for managing an office or people on behalf of an employer? Do you have a financial advisor overseeing your investments? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you are or have been a steward.

God made this world, he made you. This is His world and we are His stewards, from watching over each other to making sure his world is healthy and financially stable. We all have our own jobs to do but are we doing His work he as asked us to do?

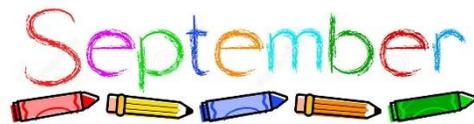
Think about this as you go through your daily life.

Deb MacAdam  
Stewardship

*YOUR KINDNESS IS MEASURED IN SMILES*

*I'd like to thank you for awarding me a \$500 scholarship. It is greatly appreciated.*

*Jordan Ellinger*





**RALLY DAY/HOMECOMING  
SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>!**

Rally Day is traditionally the beginning of the church program year, it is also a time of welcoming folks back from vacations, trips, and summer homes. Come gather with your church family as we kick off the year with Sunday School (9:40), special worship and music, and a yummy pot luck meal.

We are calling all of you to come and listen, learn the lessons and share them with your families so they can be passed on to future generations. Central Baptist is full of talented musicians, teachers, and leaders to ensure that we tell the stories and teach the lessons that we are commissioned to do. "LOVE GROWS HERE" is the theme of the day!

Come join us for music, crafts, stories, and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish to share after worship – you'll find a sign up sheet in back of the sanctuary.

Watch your bulletin for details. It's a great opportunity to invite friends of all ages. We hope to see you there!



The annual TABCOM Mission Fair will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at the Double Tree Inn in Leominster, MA. This is always a good opportunity to learn about ABC missions, to meet some of our missionaries, and to experience good worship and fellowship. Watch for more information but for now, save the date!

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**The deadline for October newsletter  
articles is September 15th.  
Your promptness is sincerely  
appreciated**

*Please keep in your prayers .....*

*Our missionaries*

*Our country and leaders*

*Those serving in armed  
forces*

*Our CBC family, friends, and  
homebound members*

*All leaders of our church*

*The Search Committee*

*The person whom God is  
preparing to be our Pastor*

*All victims of violence and  
natural*

*disaster*

*God's guidance in a time of transition*

*Those with health concerns*

*Those fighting addiction*

*Those who mourn, are lonely or  
depressed*

*Those who need to forgive, or need  
forgiveness*

*Our church children and  
their families, especially as the  
children return to school*



**WE NEED YOU!**

**Looking for more fellowship at church?**

Do you like to sing but can't read music or hold a note? Not a problem! Come join the choir and you'll blend right in. We are in desperate need of new members,

especially sopranos. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:00 for practice and would love to have you join us. Think about it then jump in and do it! Talk to Jeanne Gannon, you'll be glad you did!



# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Sue Ellinger is the Deacon for September.</b></p>						
<p>1 10:30 Communion Worship w Tom Rice 11:30 Search Mtg.</p>	<p>2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7:00 Choir 7:30 AA</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Office Closed</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 <b>RALLY DAY/ HOMECOMING</b> 9:40 SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Pot Luck Lunch <b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b></p>	<p>9 10:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>10 2:30 Governor's Center</p>	<p>11 6:00 Missions 7:00 Choir 7:30 AA</p>	<p>12 1:00 Deacons 6:30 Trustees</p>	<p>13 Office Closed</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:40 SS 10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Hour <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b></p>	<p>16 10:30 Bible Study 6:00 Music Mtg. 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 10:30 Cooking Class 7:00 Choir 7:30 AA</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Office Closed</p>	<p>21 8:00 Prep 9:00 Community Breakfast</p>
<p>22 9:40 SS 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>23 10:30 Bible Study 11:30 C.E. Mtg.  First Day of Fall</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 10:30 Cooking Class 7:00 Choir 7:30 AA</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 9:40 SS 10:30 Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p><b>Don't miss the BIG E! September 13 - 29</b></p>				

