

# CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2025

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



“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12:12

Part of Paul’s first letter to the Church at Corinth discussed the make-up of the church. As you can see, he says the church has many members, all of whom are a part of the one body. Continuing with the analogy Paul writes about how those parts work together for a common goal, the Kingdom of God.

“For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. “1 Corinthians 12:14-15

While Paul goes into further anatomical discussion, I think you get his point.

At present, the roles of Central Baptist Church show 218 active members. And yet, on a given Sunday our attendance hovers between 50 and 70. That’s about 148 active members, on average, not showing up. Just as the body cannot function properly without all of its parts, the church cannot most effectively do the work of God’s Kingdom with people missing.

All 218 “active” members of this church, and even more future members, have a part to play in the Great Commission. From teaching God’s word to dusting off the window sills, no job is more or less important than any other. The church cannot function well if the work is not done. Perhaps your call is simply to be here, showing steadfast dedication to honoring God, for the next generation to see.

As we look forward to a new chapter in the history of Central Baptist Church, we are incomplete without all of our members. You are a part of that history, and more importantly a part of that future.

Church still starts at 10, and the doors are open. We pray that we will see you there.



# SCHOLARSHIPS

Through the generous contributions of past and present members of Central Baptist Church, we are able to award college scholarships to church members to assist in paying for education expenses. The amount of each scholarship will vary according to available funds and the number of applicants.

### Scholarship Criteria

1. The applicant and/or immediate family must be an active participant(s) of Central Baptist Church.
2. The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to living a Christian life.
3. Applicant must maintain a minimum "C" average.
4. Applicant may receive up to four (4) undergraduate scholarships and two (2) graduate scholarships.

All members of Central Baptist are eligible to apply.  
Scholarships will be awarded on June 8<sup>th</sup> Children's Sunday.  
Deadline for applying is **May 14<sup>th</sup>**.



- 1 Sarah Thieme
- 3 Helena Mochak
- 4 Pastor Lois Pinton
- 8 Kevin Allen
- 10 Ann Angell
- 12 Trent MacAdam
- 13 Evelyn & Charlotte Ellinger
- 19 Sharon Tompkins, Owen Lent
- 22 Karen Tompkins, Patty Lent
- 23 Heidi Cote
- 25 Kathy Jo Tesini
- 29 Lisa Shay, Kelly Houston, Skip Rucki

### And Anniversary

- 28 Phil & Brett Rogers



**APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> is the date for our next community breakfast.**

**Prep is at 7:30  
Serving at 9:00  
COME JOIN US!!**



**April 6<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Tom Rice

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** Palm Sunday  
Rev. Patrick McMahon

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** Maundy Thursday  
Niyi Soyele – 6 PM Hays Hall

**April 20<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Sunday  
Rev. Luke Callender  
Bring a fresh flower to place on the cross

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Jamie Wynn  
Grace Harbor Church

Application for Central Baptist Education Scholarship

Applicants must be actively enrolled in a matriculated program for the academic year commencing in the Fall of the year of application for the scholarship. Proof of enrollment will be required before funds can be distributed. A fully completed application must be submitted by May 14th.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for a \_\_\_\_\_ General \_\_\_\_\_ Horticultural or \_\_\_\_\_ Culinary Scholarship?

Choose the scholarship criteria that best describes your situation:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Award I am a church member and a full-time student.

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Award I participate in church activities and/or I am a part-time student

Renewal applicants:

\_\_\_\_\_ Half Award I have received one or more CBC scholarships.

What college do you plan to attend or are currently attending? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

What year of college will you enter in the Fall? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your intended major? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been awarded this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify:	Date	College Year	Amount Received
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Honors, awards, and other achievements:

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Work Experience:

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Extracurricular Activities:

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Volunteer Activities:

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Church Participation:

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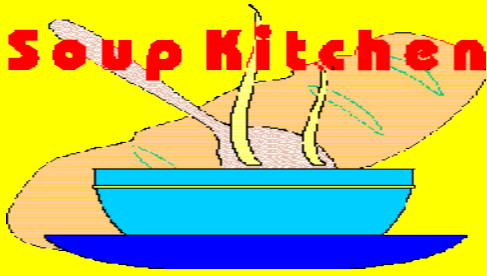
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On a separate paper please respond to the following prompt:

Morals and values help shape your character as an individual and lead you on the right path in life. A moral is defined as a person's standard of behavior or belief concerning what is and what is not acceptable for them to do. Values are a person's principles or standards of behavior and one's judgement of what is important in life. Identify two Christian morals that you believe in and two Christian values that you live by. Briefly explain how each has shaped your life and how they will help you with your college experience.

## Soup Kitchen



The next Soup  
Kitchen is  
Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
At 2 P.M.

Looking for help with cooking,  
packing and serving meals.



### Hiking Group

Starting in May, Dave Burgess will be leading a monthly hike. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. The first hike will be at Bear Hole Watershed in West Springfield on May 4 following church. Hikers will want a good pair of boots/shoes suitable for hiking. A good supply of water, and hiking poles are recommended.

The hike should take 2-3 hours and is about 5.2 miles long. There are two moderately challenging climbs but they are fairly short.

Please email Dave Burgess at [p180drvr@me.com](mailto:p180drvr@me.com) if you are interested in joining.



### VBS 2025

**July 21, 22, 24 & 25**

**(No Wednesday)**

**5-8 PM Dinner included**

**Registration is now open**

**Forms can be found on our website**

**<https://centralbaptistchurchwestfield.com/>**

**or on the back table in the sanctuary**

Looking for cards...

Do have any birthday cards that you aren't using? Did you get any free cards from a charity that you don't need?

The Deacons will take donations of any birthday, anniversary and get-well cards. Please drop them at the office anytime. Thank you!

## Debt PAID OFF

With the remaining balance of the mortgage at over \$30,000, the Trustees would like to have the loan paid off by October. If you are able to pay an extra \$50 or \$100 per month or whatever it may be, it will go along way in helping to pay down the debt. Please consider an giving an extra contribution each month. Make sure to mark the envelope with Mortgage Payoff. Thank you in advance for all your help.

# DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

## “No Fear”

(Some Song Lyrics By: Jon Reddick)

I got enemies at every side  
It ain't looking good, I ain't gonna lie  
Arrows flying, devil's trying  
To make me think I'm going down this time

You might think that I'd be afraid  
Running scared with a shaken faith  
But the God I know says it ain't over  
The God I know is gonna make a way

Yea, though I walk through the valley  
I will have

No fear, no fear  
The mighty power of Jesus  
Is fighting for me here

No fear, no fear  
The light of the world  
Makes the darkness disappear

No fear  
Not over my life, not over my life, not over my life...

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**“Even though I walk through the (sunless) valley of the shadows of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod (to protect) and Your staff (to guide),  
they comfort and console me.”** **(Psalm 23:4) Amplified Bible**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:** Fear comes from the devil. Love comes from God.  
Trust that the LORD is by your side.  
Believe with your heart and soul that He's always with you  
through all the seasons of your life and you will have no fear.

Submitted by Candee Varney