



# Central Baptist Church

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*a place to be, a place to grow*

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## From the Editor

Welcome to the initial installment of the Central Newsletter! Of course a newsletter is not new us as most of us remember “CBC News” which was produced by June and Warren McBurney, and later by Suzanne Houser.

The inspiration for this version came from realizing, “there is a need for a vehicle to let the congregation know the many good things happening at the church, and also to let the larger community know about the good things we are doing”. I have volunteered to coordinate this effort before someone volunteered me for something more “taxing” - you know my background! I also volunteered my wife Christina, to be the “go to” person for communication of events to the larger community. She is still speaking to me!

We hope to produce a newsletter by the first Sunday of each month electronically as well as in print form. We encourage the leaders as well as members of each Board to submit information an/or progress reports on any project you may be working on and which could be of interest to, or for the information of our members and adherents. Further, we encourage everyone to contribute personal information that you may wish the church family to know about; such as birthdays, anniversaries, engagements, weddings, births, sickness, visitation, prayer requests and the like.

As this is the initial issue, we were more concerned about getting started than the format. Both content and format will evolve as we go along. What an amazing time for us.

I am gratified and truly delighted that this initiative has allowed me to meet and work with Bill Goodbrand, who will bring his professional skills to the layout and anything artistic about this communication. He has the hard job. Mine is only to collect and coordinate your submissions.

I thank all of you who have contributed to this issue, especially on such short notice, and sincerely hope that we will be able to keep this ministry going.

Yours in Christ!

*Errol Anderson*



## Easter Services

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>We are now entering, “Passion Week”. Come</i>						
<i>and join us for the two most important services of our</i>						9
<i>Christian Calendar.</i>						
				14	15	16
<b>Friday April 6th, 10:00 a.m. -</b>						
<b>Good Friday Service,</b>						
17	<i>“We Were On His Mind”.</i>					23
<b>Sunday April 8th 10:00 a.m. -</b>						
<b>Easter Sunday Worship,</b>						
<b>“Let’s Get Cracking”</b>						29 30
<i>Robert Barlow</i>						

## To our visitors

Welcome to the joy of worship and the warmth of our congregation! If you are searching for a local church home, we invite you to make your home with us. If you are a newcomer, please include your name, address, email address and telephone number on the Friendship Pad. We’re glad you’re here! We encourage you to feel free to participate in any church activities you read about in this bulletin. If you have any questions, please speak with an usher.



## From the *church council*

Central Baptist Church has been richly blessed over the years with a large group of members who gladly step up to the plate when asked to help out in many different capacities. Whether it is to teach a Sunday school class, to assist with one of our youth groups, to sing in the choir, to sit on one of our church boards, or to roll up our sleeves and do physical labour inside and outside the church, year after year we find many committed volunteers willing to pitch in. The need for help never stops, so please don't stop!

We are fortunate to have 3 pastors in place to lead us. Please continue to keep Robin, Dine and Steve in your prayers. Please also look for opportunities to help them out in any way that you can. If you feel led to start up a small group bible study, or to take part in our services, to become a Sunday school teacher or help in other areas, don't hesitate to let them know you are available!

The search for our next Pastoral Team Leader is going well. The nine dedicated members of the Search Committee have been laying the groundwork for several months now to make sure that the search culminates in bringing the right person to Central Baptist

Church. We are prepared to be patient.

The church survey that was compiled as part of the search process was distributed about 4 weeks ago and resulted in 31 surveys being completed and turned in for analysis. That is a very impressive response. Happily, upon review, it appears there is a general consensus that Central Baptist Church is doing many things well. There are things we can do better, as the survey results also indicated, and these items can be addressed and dealt with by our church leaders.

The direction that the survey respondents see our church going lines up with the vision of the search committee members, so that was encouraging. This information will assist the committee as we begin the process of screening and interviewing potential candidates, which will start in the very near future.

In closing thank you for your understanding and support as Central Baptist Church deals with the challenge of carrying on without a full time Senior Pastor. Thanks to Robin's fine interim leadership, we are doing just fine!

Your brother in Christ,

*Ian Hallford*



## Pastor Robin Barlow *speaks*

These are words I love to hear. "Pastor, I was thinking the other day about the possibility of maybe doing something about . . . What do you think?" Every time I hear those wonderful words, I know something important is going to happen. Maybe it came from something they heard in a sermon or a conversation after church. It doesn't matter where the idea originated. The best part is, someone, somewhere, at the right moment came up with a new ministry or a new way of getting things done or a new way of reaching the community for Christ.

And how do I reply? Some might say something like this, "Sounds interesting, let me think about it and I will get back to you". Or they may be very interested but say, "That's a great idea, I'll get right on it, thanks for the suggestion". Maybe that is how a suggestion

box might work. But not with me!

My feelings have always been, if you have an idea for some new ministry, or the resurrection of an old one, let me know what you are thinking and I will do everything in my power to help you make it a reality. A number of years ago, too many to admit, a person came to me and asked if it was possible to maybe have choruses before worship starts. My reaction to them was, "Sounds great, go for it!" And there started a wonderful ministry to all of us as we lifted our hearts and voices to Jesus. The reason it went so well is, the person with the idea, and the concept could make it happen better than I could. Do you have something in mind? Something Jesus has moved you to consider? Let me know. I love saying, "Go For It".

*Pastor Robin*

## Breakfast at Morden

You have all seen the notice for the Morden School Breakfast in the bulletin week by week. What actually happens those early Tuesday mornings? By 7, three of our workers - by turn Marianne, George, Murray, Errol, Moud and Warren are in the kitchen. We set out juice, fruit, hot chocolate and cereal, scramble three dozen eggs and turn out two or three loaves of buttered toast. At 7:30 students start to arrive, and by 8:10 from 21 - 35 of them will have had a nourishing breakfast to get them off to a good start for the day. They say their pleases and thank yous, scrape their plates, sign out and are gone. Then we put the dishes in the dishwasher, tidy up the kitchen, sanitize the tables and leave, with happy memories of our time with our new friends. "Food for Thought" is sponsored by local industries. It provides the food; we serve it up with love. If you would like to help, we would be more than glad to have you on our team.

*Warren McBurney*



*Highlights from:*

### Minutes of the March Meeting of the Board of Ministry and Outreach (BOMO)

Prayer for the needs of our church family.

Prepared proposal for Mission Trip to Manaus, Brazil in September 2012 for presentation to Annual Church Business Meeting March 25th.

Agreed to allocation of some funds from our CBC's 2011 Surplus : \$5,000 to Las Maison Prisca, an educational and social Christian Project in Mimbo-Central African Republic (Pastor Dine's contact); \$2,000 through CBM for our partner-in-mission Joyce Hancock's work; \$1,000 to Canadian Nurses in Africa (Murray Wilson's contact). The remainder will be disbursed as needs are identified.

Errol Anderson agreed to be our delegate to CBOQ Convention.

Through conversation, Interim Pastor Robin has secured Christina Anderson to be CBC's Advertising and Publicity person, Errol Anderson has taken on the CBC Newsletter and Bill Goodbrand will work out new template for newsletter and weekly bulletin.

*Pat Nowlan*

### Chair of the Board of Finance

"WOW!! IT'S TEN YEARS LATER". At the Church Annual General Meeting on March 25th, 2012, two Significant Motions dealing with the life of Central Baptist Church were moved and approved:

1. 60th Anniversary Fund Raising celebration,
2. Capital Expenditure Renovation and Improvement Project; also for \$60,000.
  - The Capital Expenditure Renovation and Improvement Project follows:
  - Recovering 215 chairs in the sanctuary @\$69/chair for a total of \$14,835
  - Replacing 3 sets of Entrance Doors to the Church for a cost of \$13,000 to \$15,000.
  - Create a Welcome Centre - \$2,000.
  - Renovating the Entrance Hall - \$23,000.
  - Replacing 8 windows in the basement (original windows in 1953) est. \$5,000.



Dwight went on to propose that we set a Goal of raising \$60,000 for our 60th Anniversary in November 2013 and moved "that the Church enter into a 60th Anniversary, \$60,000 or more, fund raising campaign to raise funds to finance the five Capital Expenditure Projects as outlined above.

It was also noted that the Campaign was to be by letter spearheaded by the Finance Committee with periodic reporting to the Congregation as to the status thereof. Start date was to be immediate (by the end of April) and run for 18 months or until \$60,000 or more had been raised.

*Dwight Nowlan*



## SPECIAL PRAYERS

“ Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours ”

Mark 11:24

Let us remember our brothers & sisters in our prayers especially:

**WIB ERWIN** - Still in hospital

**JONATHAN WATTS** - Ron’s son, in hospital with cardiac issues, in New York State.

**WILLIAM & SUZANA DIAS** - on the sale of the house and their move to Brazil.

### Still Need of Prayer

**KATHY WALDRON** - Helen Buchanan’s daughter

**PHYL MUNROE**

**LINDA SMITH** - Rowland’s wife, Glen’s mother

**HEIN & ANN PRINS**

**JAPAN** has just marked the first anniversary of the earthquake and tsunami that claimed over 19,000 lives. Please pray for the tsunami victims, for thse who are ministering to them and for the emotional and spiritual needs of the country.

### Recovering at Home

**GLEN SMITH**

**JOYCE SWITZER**

## Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is hard at work seeking people to say yes to committing their time, knowledge and experience to fill the openings on the various boards and committees for next year.



We hope to have everything in place by April 15th. The list of candidates will be presented at the May business meeting.

*Linda Beeson*

## Camp Kwasind

The BOMO decided to continue supporting Camp Kwasind with a short term mission of helping renovate and refurbish the cabins at Camp. We usually go up for a weekend or on a Saturday and help on a certain project. We are planning on having our first work weekend on May 20. The project we will be working on is not yet known but if we have volunteers we will definitely be up there on at least the Saturday of that weekend. By end of April we will have all the necessary information.

*Artur Simoes*

## And Finally.....

**From Linda Beeson – Wedding:** My niece Sheree Beeson will be married on Saturday Mar 31 at the church to Irwin Dopwell. The ceremony will take place at Central Baptist Church. Richard Root is going to perform the wedding ceremony.

**From Bee Cooke:** HI Errol, I am happy to see the Newsletter resurrected!

**E-Mail Addresses:** Please make sure that the Church office has your personal e-mail address to facilitate communication with you individually. We need each person’s individual address.

**Hot Water Tank:** The leaking Hot water Tank was replaced last week. New one and less energy to do the same job.



On Tuesday March 27, a group of youth met for the “How to be a chef” cooking classes. Delicious meals were cooked and enjoyed by the students, who will be preparing recipes for their parents/guardians and siblings on Tuesday April 3. Every other week two of our leaders travel to Kerr Street Ministries to run similar cooking classes for the youth and to play sports with them. On Sunday April 1, thirty youth and leaders (many whom are from Kerr Street Ministries) will be traveling to the Air Canada Centre to watch a Toronto Raptors game. This event will include a post-game program at court level, where a basketball player will share how Jesus is making a difference in their life.

*Steve Elshaw*