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From the Editor

Welcome to June issue of the CENTRAL Newsletter. We will break for July and August, and resume with the September issue by August 27, 2012. I want to thank all of you who have expressed your pleasure with this initiative and offered advice, support and encouragement. I also want to thank all of you who have contributed news and updates, and ask that you continue to do so to make the Newsletter a success.

The inspiration for this newsletter came from Robin Barlow who observed “there needs to be a vehicle to let the congregation know the many good things happening at Central, and also to let the larger community know about the good things we are doing”. To that I will add “we also need to know about the people who make things happen and have made things happen over the years”. To this end, I will borrow an idea from my predecessors and add a column called “Personal Profile”.

In this issue, we profile Helen Hahn in her own words. Last month, I referred to the very first issue of “CBC News”, which reported the decease of the Rev. Victor Hahn, Helen’s husband, and the move of their family to this church community. I recall a talk by Helen when I first joined Central that made a lasting impression on me, and I thought at that time, what a remarkable woman! So I think it is good to refresh the memory of those of us who know Helen, and to inform our newer adherents of the life of this wonderful, tireless servant of our Lord.

Until our September issue, we wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Yours in Christ!

Errol Anderson



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Remember – Kerr Street Ministries... bring non- perishables.						1	2
May 31- June 02: CBOQ Convention							
Sunday June 3rd: – Youth and Children’s Ministry Leader Appreciation Lunch and Children’s Ministry Training Seminar, following the services. RSVP to Pastor Steve Elshaw.						9	
Sunday June 10th: – Lawn Party, 2:30-8:30 p.m. on front lawn - free food and games with the goal of collecting over 200 canned goods for Kerr Street Ministries.						16	
Camp Kwasind Work Dates: June 8th – 10th, June 15th – 17th. Do you want to help? Contact Artur Simoes, Dave Laing or the Church Office							
June 17th: Father’s Day							
June 24th: Graduation Recognition Service.							

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 Contact Cards. 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

Update from the Search Committee

Greetings one and all! Thank you for your prayers and support for the Central Baptist Church Search Committee.

We have now met and interviewed our three candidates for the position of Pastoral Team Leader. By the time you are reading

this, the Search Committee will have arranged second interviews for one or more of the candidates. We anticipate conducting the second round of interviews during the month of June, and ideally we will have a candidate to present to our members for approval within the next month or so.

Please continue to pray for us during this process as we seek to do God's will.

Yours in Christ,

Ian Hallford,
Chair of the Search Committee



Pastor Robin's corner

There are many journeys we make in our lifetimes. There is the journey of growing and maturing as an individual and as a member of the human race. There are also the journeys we take as we move through and over the world God has graciously decided to share with us. There is the journey of learning. Then we have the journey we share with those we permit to be part of our lives. This includes siblings and parents followed by spouses and children.

As wonderful as they are, the best journey we can have is the spiritual journey that begins with hearing that name for the first time, the name of Jesus. In the society we live it is not unconceivable for most children to hear His name spoken only as a swear word.

Each and every one of you who are right now reading this recognizes beyond a shadow of a doubt that Jesus is the centrality of your faith. We have all gone past the mention of His name. We have gotten to know Him, accepted Him into our hearts, received forgiveness by grace and have grown in faith, love and commitment to Jesus Christ. That is part of the faith journey we are taking about.

In most cases we are where we are in this journey due to someone else introducing us to Jesus. What a beginning for us. There is another part of this journey. Now, as we continue on our faith journey, my prayer is that you can be that someone who introduces Jesus to another. Remember its all part of the journey.

Pastor Robin

Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre

In the spring of 2010 Freedom Centre called Kerr Street Ministries and asked if they would be interested in a community garden that would provide fresh, organic food to the food banks. Kerr called Oak Park Neighbourhood Centre to join in and a plan was born. Both food banks were in need of fresh food as they wanted to provide a healthier alternative to the canned goods they were providing. Since that time we have had assistance from many volunteers to get the garden up and running and expand it to its current 11 garden beds. The volunteers have started planting some seeds and seedlings but we aren't done yet. We have 6 families that are going to completely manage 5 plots on their own and they will be doing "give a row, grow a row" so that half of their food will go to the food banks as well as our plots. We have room to grow and can still add additional plots. We also have room for volunteers who would like to help water, weed and harvest once a week.

Christina Anderson bought into this Ministry and persuaded her company, Homewood Suites by Hilton to finance one of those plots, and also persuaded Baton Rouge Restaurant in Oakville to partner with her in the project. On Saturday May 26, Christina spent several hours at the Freedom Centre Garden planting vegetables which will be supplied to the Oak Park Community Center and to Kerr Street Ministries. Here is Christina hard at work with two other "gardening" colleagues.



From the Chair of the Board of Finance

Congregational Anniversary Fundraiser - One fundraiser, two ministries

You will recall our combined 60th and 25th Anniversary Fundraiser was set at \$60,000 to undertake FIVE Capital Projects, all of which were approved at our Annual Congregational Meeting. Fundraising letters and gift/commitment cards were subsequently dispatched to you on April 27th, 2012.

The returns are somewhat slow in coming in; to date we have had returned to the Envelope Secretary some 22 participation cards representing outright gifts of \$7,650 and future post-dated or pledged amounts of \$6,300 making total commitments received \$13,950 representing 23.2% of objective. A good start, but it would be helpful if we could see a greater degree of participation before we get into the summer vacation period.

These gifts and commitments have enabled us to start our first project; the re-upholstering and repadding of our sanctuary chairs. The first 50 were off to the upholsterer on March 24th and the remainder will follow over the next several weeks.

A special thank you to Mario Rebelo and Wayne Houser who are both actively involved in this lead project.

Remember; we don't start project # 2, replacement of Church doors (3 sets) until sufficient funds have been committed.

Please keep this important fundraising project prominently in your thoughts and prayers as we move into our summer season.

General Financial Health of the Church Budget for 2012

Total revenues from all sources for the five months to end of May are \$139,800 against a budgeted requirement of \$147,400 for a current shortfall of almost \$7,600. This is not yet critical as expenses are running slightly below plan, as well, due to unfilled full time pastoral position and absence of a Music Director. However, we would like to see givings maintained in line with budget requirements and we would encourage you in this regard.

Many relatively minor but necessary Property Maintenance jobs keep that group busy and while none are real substantial, collectively those costs see us over that budget by approximately \$4,000 (plus or minus) year to date. This may necessitate a request soon to the congregation to make some budget adjustments so that we can continue to carry out required maintenance jobs on a timely basis, while staying within overall budget constraints.

We hope these comments are not viewed negatively. We have been and continue to be truly blessed in the overall financial health of the Church, but we also feel the need to layout before you the ongoing needs and financial position in a forthright manner. For it is only in so doing that we can expect to continue to warrant your ongoing faith support...

Blessings to all of you and have a relaxing and fulfilling summer break.

Dwight Nowlan, Chair, Board of Finance

Breakfast at Morden

Here are some interesting numbers about the program:

40 - the number of school Tuesdays from September to June. School holidays never come on Tuesdays.

2400 - slices of toast, buttered and kept hot in the oven. We must never touch the thick Texas loaves: they are for another day's menu.

1920 - eggs made into fluffy scrambled eggs. We kept crackin'.

600 - mugs of hot chocolate - not for everyone, and most frequently in the cold months

180 - people hours 7-8:30 a.m. throughout the year

160 - cans of juice - apple much more popular than orange

8 - the number of volunteers we would love to have next year. Would you be one?

6 - our hard-working crew - Marianne, Errol, George, Moud, Murray, Warren

5 - Different menus Monday to Friday

3 - Loyal citizens standing at attention during the playing of "O Canada", by which time our clean up is usually finished

1 - Marriage in the crew - Moud on 27 May

0 - church accountants needed to audit these approximate figures

Infinite - the number of "pleases" and "thank yous" from the breakfast students.

Warren McBurney





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

Jonathan Watts - Ron's Son

Kathy Waldron - Helen

Buchanan's daughter

Phyl Munroe

Glen Smith

Ron Watts

Highlights from:

Board of Ministry and Outreach (May Meeting)

We were pleased to allocate \$3,000 of our surplus funds to Kerr Street Ministries and according to their response the donation came at just the right time.

As we look towards the Sept. 9th Block Party we are hoping to add Christian input to the entertainment by inviting participation from some of our own musicians. Watch for further details as they unfold and join us in prayer as we look to hosting our neighbours and friends for a fun afternoon.

We are deeply grateful to Suzanne Houser and so blessed to have her play for us on a weekly basis. However, it would be nice to be able to allow her a break during the summer months so if anyone knows someone who could help out in this regard, would you contact Kathy Geisler, our Board Chair.

Several people have expressed an interest in the proposed Mission Trip to Manaus, Brazil in late September or early October. We are currently researching costs, visa timing, vaccinations, etc. and will keep the congregation informed as plans are more concrete.

*Pat Nowlan,
Board of Ministry and Outreach*

Recipe from Glen

Jordan's Puddin' Pie

Here is a very simple and quick recipe, yet still a family favorite named after my Son Jordan.

Ingredients

- Graham pie crust, Keebler, 8 inch
- Instant pudding – chocolate, butterscotch, vanilla - your choice, 1 pack
- Milk 2 cups as per puddin' recipe
- Whip cream or cool whip.
- Make puddin', pour into pie crust, chill, before serving add a dollop of whip topping.

Enjoy!

God Bless Glen Smith

A Volunteer offers

The church has an offer from a volunteer to freshen up our kitchen this summer. This means paint and wall-paper being done. If you might have some suggestions regarding colours, please forward your suggestions by June 10th to Pastor Rob. Samples of chosen colours will be pasted on the bulletin board for all to see by June 17th.

An open letter to the parents in our church

What a joy and pleasure to meet with your young people. They are truly excited about God and Jesus Christ and love to share what God is doing in their lives. Their knowledge of the Bible stories is exceptional. During Sunday school they raise vital questions and interpretations. Their enthusiasm and spontaneity is infectious. What a great example to us all! Be proud of how you are raising your children.

With such a large smile!!!

Ann Laing

Community Outreach

Kerr Street Ministries: We received a telephone call to thank the Church for the funds we forwarded to them with the comment “it came at exactly the right time, many thanks to Central Baptist Church”. Kerr Street Ministries always needs canned meat, salmon, tuna, fruit and vegetables - including tomatoes; also rice, sugar, cereal, powdered milk and juice boxes. Please also consider buying cases of one item to avoid sorting. Occasionally add the things to help make a meal; Mayonnaise, Mustard, Jam, Ketchup.

Thank you for your continued support

Winnie Spencer

Personal Notes

“Cheers to Volunteers” Award Winner

Congratulations to George Caldwell, who was the Oakville recipient of this year’s “Cheers to Volunteers” award, sponsored by Volunteer Halton! He has volunteered with the OTMH Transport team since 2001, and has been team Captain of his Wednesday afternoon group for the past three years. Thanks for being an Exceptional Person with an Extraordinary Heart!

Congratulations George

Wedding Bells

Just to let you know that my trip went fine and Lord has been guiding us. Rita’s family and friends are all here caring and helping as much as they can. Tomorrow will be a big day for us. Thank you for your prayers, your support and all your care.

Attached is our wedding invitation card. Many blessings

Moud



Dear CBC Youth and Children’s Ministry Volunteer Leaders:



I want to thank you for all of your efforts in volunteering in our youth and children’s ministry programs in the life of our church and community. Your presence is making a huge difference in the lives of the young people and it is a pleasure to serve alongside each one of you! With this in mind, I want to invite you to a couple of events we have coming up in the near future:

The “More Than a Name” lawn party is happening on Tuesday June 5 from 2:30-8:30 pm. Stop by the front lawn of CBC anytime to enjoy free BBQ food, games and more; as well as to take the chance to connect with one of the youth and children in our community and church.

All volunteer leaders in the youth, children’s and community student ministry programs are invited to attend the appreciation lunch on Sunday June 10 after the services at CBC. New volunteers who are interested in leading in the 2012-2013 season are also invited. After the lunch, children’s ministry volunteers are invited to attend a children’s ministry seminar led by Central’s own Jacklyn Rondini Caveden. Please RSVP with me by Sunday June 3 so we will know how much food we need to prepare for the lunch. The lunch is scheduled to end at 12:30 and the seminar at 2 pm.

Steve Elshaw, Pastor of Youth and Children’s Ministry

Looking for a few good individuals!

Holy discontent is what Bill Hybels calls it. If you are an individual who is not satisfied with the status quo, maybe you are the one.

We are looking for a few people to be part of a group interested in being stretched and used of God to impact our world and our church in a new and different way. Interested?

Want to know more?

Even if you have talked to me before, let me know. Talk to me or send an email: barlowrw@yahoo.com

Small Group Studies

It is worthwhile to note that small groups take many forms. Some groups make commitments for long term involvement and growth and others work well for short terms, say 4-6 weeks to study a specific book or topic. In any case spending time together in study and sharing leads to spiritual growth, spiritual depth and the sheer joy of getting to know and appreciate others.

Some have asked for a group to be part of in the fall. There are openings for hosting, shared leadership and faithful participation. If you are interested or have further questions, please speak to Interim Pastor Robin or myself.

*Pat Nowlan,
Board of Ministry and Outreach*

Personal Profile: Helen Hahn

From Nova Scotia to Oakville, VIA India

I was born in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia during apple blossom time. My father was Pastor of the United Baptist Church in Berwick I was the youngest of a family of five. Since I was not yet three when we left Berwick I can only remember one incident from those years. That was the time when I swiped my older sister's boots and fell down the stairs. We lived for ten years in Woodstock, New Brunswick. Our house overlooked the beautiful St. John River which seemed to define the seasons for us. We swam in the river in the summer and skated on it in the winter. During the winter the farmers from Grafton across the river built an ice bridge to shorten their trip into town. Spring began when the ice in the river broke up. We used to have a competition guessing the date of the break up. My Dad always won.

My most meaningful memories of the Woodstock years had to do with Camp Chickadeehawk situated on a tributary of the St. John north of Woodstock. Since my parents were camp leaders I was taken there each summer. At the camp there was a strong Mission emphasis which always included missionaries on furlough from India. The Barsses and the Gullisons were the most popular. One day the theme was from the Book of Acts 1:8 "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel". At vespers that day the clouds around the setting sun formed a map of the world. Many young people who attended the camp went into full time Christian work.

From Woodstock we moved to west St. John where I attended high school. To do so I had to cross on the harbor ferry. In those early post war years the harbor was filled with ships from all over the world, but the ones I liked best were the beautiful white ships belonging to the Empress of Canada Line. I dreamed of getting on one and sailing to England, land of my ancestors, and then on to India with all its spices and gems.

Both my parents and all my siblings had attended Acadia University so it was expected that I should also. I had studied some sociology and hoped to go into social work. The summer after I graduated from Acadia with my BA, I had a job at Harmer's Fruit and Vegetable Wholesalers in Moncton where my parents were then living. One June morning as I was walking to work I passed a school where the children were at play. An inner voice said "Be a teacher". All day as I typed invoices for the LeBlancs and

Robichauds who lived on the Northumberland coast that voice kept saying, "Be a teacher". That night I submitted an application for Acadia's Bed course.

I taught for two years in St. John, but I knew God was calling me to something more. Word came that a headmistress was need for the Timpany School in Visakhapatnam. I applied and was accepted as long as I passed the medical tests. The doctor had one concern. "You are very domestic" he said. "I don't think you should go to India single".

The industrial boom in Ontario that had followed the completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway had meant that many of the young men had fled the Maritimes for Ontario. My response to the doctor was, "I am more likely to find a husband in India than in St. John". Somehow he passed me and I started my new career in India.

While our Mission Board did not hesitate to send single women to the mission field, there was great reluctance to send a single man. Somehow, Victor Hahn slipped through the cracks. You can imagine the excitement in the mission when it was learned that a single man was on his way. The big gossip in the mission concerned who among the ten or so eligible young women would Vic chose. No one in the mission guessed the rather shy teacher in Vizag, but the Indians had chosen her and so did Vic.

We were married in the Union Chapel in Vizag. Mercy Jeyaraja Rao who had taught with me in the school and who had become my good friend was bridesmaid and Ken Knight was best man. Our marriage meant I had to leave the school and follow Vic who was made Principal of the Seminary in Kakinada. Since students there had to research English texts I was asked to teach English as a second language. After a couple of years I had something else to keep me busy when a little girl was added to our family. The Indians loved Ruth Anne and called her "Maharani".

After seven years in India we returned home where Vic improved his theological qualifications and a boy (Stuart) was added to our family. We went back to India to resume work at the seminary. Another son, Larry, was born during this time. Vic was experiencing health problems so we had to return home. Vic accepted a call to Martin Grove Baptist Church in Etobicoke and I continued my teaching career in Etobicoke. When it was time to buy a house we chose Oakville and found a real home in Central Baptist Church.

Library Focus - Book Review

NEARING HOME

**Billy Graham. pub. 2011,
10 chapters, 180 pp.**

Many of us in our congregation have reached the “senior status”, but to each one - whether young or older - I would highly recommend this latest book by Dr. Billy Graham. To quote from its fly-leaf, “Scripture is filled with examples of men and women whom God used late in life, often with great impact - Noah, Abraham, Moses, Elizabeth and Anna, to name a few. They were ordinary men and women who discovered that the latter years of life can be some of the most rewarding and fulfilling.” In this rather short book, with chapter titles such as “Don’t Retire from Life” (Ch.2), “Finding Strength but Standing Strong” (Ch. 5), “Influencing the Impressionable” (Ch.7), and “A Foundation that Lasts” (Ch. 8), we read some very practical as well as spiritual ideas about living well - no matter what our age.

In Dr. Graham’s own words: “Explore with me not only the realities of life as we grow older but also the hope and fulfillment and even joy what can be ours once we learn to look at these years from God’s point of view and discover His strength to sustain us every day”.

A copy of this book is in our church library. I purchased a copy for our family at our local Christian book store, GOOD BOOKS - (Kerr and Speers) in December. Copies are also available at Family Christian Bookstore, 750 Guelph Line (across from Burlington Mall). I would strongly suggest that this book would be an excellent addition to your personal bookshelf.

*June McBurney,
Church Library Committee*

ESL Closing Luncheon

For our closing luncheon it will be a purely social time, no teaching. The luncheon itself will start by 11:30 in order to include Sara. Each week she lovingly sets up our tables and chairs and prepares the coffee and boiled water. Traditionally the students have supplied all the food as the teachers have looked after the Christmas treats. Any students who would like to warm up food in the kitchen could do so around 11:00.

We talked of gathering at 10:30, but Yuri in class 3 has consented to do a demonstration of origami and will supply all the papers needed. I think we need to start closer to 10:00 to allow Yuri the time she needs to teach the origami. I’m planning to arrive by 9:15 to set up the round tables and chairs. Any suggestions for centerpieces (flowers, flags?) gratefully accepted.

Will we use paper plates and Styrofoam cups or the real dishes? I don’t mind running the dishwasher and putting dishes away. I’ll go with whatever you think is best. I can check the kitchen for napkins etc. Do any of you know who keeps the kitchen stocked?

Thanks,
Ann Laing



And Finally...Guardian Angel Survival Kit

Make life beautiful – one day at a time!

- **Smiley Faces** – Smiling is contagious
- **Band Aid** – To fix hurt feelings
- **Rubber Band** – To stretch you beyond your limits
- **Glitter** – To make life sparkle!
- **Sweet and Sour Candy** – A reminder to appreciate the difference in others.
- **Eraser** – A reminder that every day can begin with a clean slate.
- **Gum** – A reminder to think before you “chew” others out.
- **Toothpick** –To pick out the good in everyone including yourself.
- **Button** – To button your lips when you have nothing good to say.
- **Paper Clip** – To keep everything together.
- **Cotton Ball** – To cushion the rough roads, a symbol of support from family and friends.
- **A Star** – To reflect your inner beauty