



From the church council

Ah Autumn! This season always fills me with a combination of sadness, saying goodbye to a long, hot summer, and anticipation of fresh, cool days and the brilliant colours of fall. Fall has the feel of a “fresh start” somehow, even though it is also the end of the growing season for most plants and vegetables. It’s the same at school for our children and at church for most of us.

Fall brings with it a chance to get reacquainted with old friends, and to meet new ones. Programs that ended in June are started again. Sometimes a new program is put in place. It’s a chance to reevaluate where we stand with regards to

our commitment to our faith, our church and its ministries. Perhaps it’s a time to take the plunge and try something we haven’t tried before. Start or join a small bible study group.



Pastor Robin’s corner

We all remember the words of St. Augustine; “Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you”. Those words came to me this week as I realized how dependant we are on God. No, I’m not talking just about the strength God gives us to volunteer as we contribute and are part of the whole here at Central Baptist. It is our responsibility to carry the load together. And might I add that this is not just in relationship to the church but to the whole of our Christian commitment and ultimately to God Himself.

Here is something to consider. It’s been over forty years since I started ministry in churches. And in all that time most churches have been very similar. Eighty percent of the work has been done by twenty percent of the people and the other twenty percent of the work is done by the other eighty percent of the people. Let me say it’s been wonderful to be here at Central and notice those statistics do not completely apply here.

The reason those statistics don’t totally apply here is, I have found more people here at Central ready, willing and able to step up and make their contribution to this our community of faith. When something needed to be done, someone was there to step forward, to take hold of what it was, and ‘work

Volunteer to help Steve with the Junior or Senior High groups. Get involved with a committee within the church. Volunteer at Kerr Street Ministries. Talk to Robin, Dine or Steve about other opportunities to help out during the week, or to do something during a worship service. Suffice to say, there are many possibilities! Please prayerfully consider how you can get more involved in the life of Central Baptist Church and our community.

On a different note, please plan to join us following the Communion Service on Sunday, November 4 as we celebrate the time that Robin and Deborah Barlow have spent with us. This is our chance to thank them for their incredible commitment to Central Baptist Church for the past 14 months, during which they became part of our church family. We don’t know what the future has in store for them, but wouldn’t it be wonderful if they continued to worship with us?!

May God continue to richly bless each one of you

Yours in Christ,

*Ian Hallford,
Chair, Church Council*

as though everything depended on us’. Are you one of those people? If you are thank you. If you would like to be, then watch for opportunity. There have been lots of opportunity and there will be even more in the future as this church continues to grow and reach out to the unchurched.

You see, I have been here just over a year now and I have noticed tremendous growth within this fellowship. Not just in numbers or in the amount of people involved in ministries but also in the one area where we can all participate. That is in praying ‘as if everything depended on God’. A couple of weeks ago we had you fill out our prayer cards. I was totally astounded on the number of requests for prayer and what we are to pray about and for. Join me as we need to pray for surgery, families in conflict, wayward children and parents. We need to pray that God will work in our lives and help us grow in our faith. Pray that this community of faith will pull together and work together, united in bring others to Christ. Pray for people who travel for work or pleasure. Pray for our youth, our seniors, out students away at college and university. Pray for each of our small groups and youth groups. And especially pray to God to direct us in such a way that the future will be filled with more growth, increased involvement, more commitment and a beautiful future totally and completely dedicated to God and dependant on Him.

Peace

Pastor Robin

We have had a great start to the Fall season with Central Youth and Family! We had 60 people attend the Free Pizza, Break dancing and Graffiti event and we have been learning about cultivating intimacy with Jesus and developing Christ like character through the “Breathe” theme. The children’s ministry is off to a great start as well with about 25 kids attending each week.



This month, we have Tim Moore from Kerr Street Ministries speaking and we will be collecting canned goods in the neighbourhood on Thursday October 11. The Sr. Highs have invited the entire church to attend this event. On Tuesday October 16, the Jr. Highs will be having a Trampoline Party at Skyzone and cooking classes resume at the Kerr Street Dream Centre on Tuesday October 23. We will also be having another free pizza and games night on Tuesday November 6 and have invited all youth, children and their parents/guardians to attend.

For more information and for a chance to win a “Breathe” theme poster or \$25 off of your ticket to the Avalanche or Blizzard winter retreats, make sure to “like” our “Central Youth and Family” facebook page @centraloakyouth.

Steve Elshaw, Pastor of Youth and Children’s Ministry



What is the Church

I think that I shall never see
 A church that's all it ought to be;
 A church whose members
 never stray
 Beyond the straight and narrow
 way;
 A church that has no empty pews,
 Whose pastor never has the blues;
 A church whose elders always
 speak,
 And none is proud and all are meek.
 Such perfect churches there may be,
 But none of them are known to me,
 But still we'll work and
 pray and plan
 To make our own the best we can.

Submitted by Marianne Hallford



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:

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- Carl Smith**
- Kathy Waldron**
- Sara Rebelo**

Library Focus

BOOKS:

WHY DID JESUS, MOSES, THE BUDDHA AND MOHAMMED CROSS THE ROAD?

“When four religious leaders walk across the road, it’s not the beginning of a joke. It’s the start of one of the most important conversations in today’s world.” Blending history, narrative and brilliant insight, McLaren challenges us to stop creating barriers in the name of God and learn how affirming other religions can strengthen our commitment to our own. The subtitle is: CHRISTIAN IDENTITY IN A MULTI-FAITH WORLD.



THE SHACK REVISITED

The Shack was a best-seller a few years ago with a tremendous message about a man who was lifted from the depths of despair through his life-altering encounter with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Baxter Kruger takes us further into the wonder and worship and possibility that is the world of The Shack. This book is creative non-fiction perhaps, but is also theology.

UNCONDITIONAL

This is a riveting novel with the theme that in life’s darkest times, God’s love still shines.

DVD’s:

JOURNEY TO JAMAA

This is the true and deeply moving account of the difficult journey two orphaned children are forced to make to find their only remaining family in Uganda. This is a journey that will touch your heart. It is a stirring portrayal of God’s love.

OCTOBER BABY

As the curtain rises, Hannah steps onto the stage...only to collapse moments later. Through a difficult odyssey she learns that every life is beautiful. (Recommended for young adults)

THE PENNILESS PRINCESS

This is another of the very popular Veggie Tales for young children. It is a lesson in true worth. It also features the new silly song: Best Friends Forever.

AND, OF COURSE, THERE ARE MANY OTHER GREAT RESOURCES IN OUR CHURCH LIBRARY FOR YOUR READING AND VIEWING PLEASURE AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

Submitted by your Library Committee

Highlights from

Board of Ministry and Outreach

At our September meeting we elected, with gratitude, Kathy Geisler who has agreed to serve another year as Board Chair. Please contact her if you have any questions, suggestions re church life. We are looking towards appointing volunteer Seniors Pastors for both congregations who would liaise with Pastors and Board Members. A sub-committee was struck to work through the Board's portion of the Annual Church Budget for 2013. This committee consists of Errol Anderson, Francisco Braz, Pastor Dine Lota and Murray Wilson.

We are researching ways to follow up on our successful Block Party held Sept. 9th and hope to inform surrounding community and invite them to meet our new pastor coming in November and to check out our Christmas celebrations.

Pat Nowlan, Board of Ministry and Outreach

Calling all ladies

Are you looking for a ministry of prayer and care for others? A Prayer Shawl ministry group may be a way for you to reach out with love and care to our church family and the community as a whole. A basic knowledge of knitting or crocheting is helpful but not required. For those beginning in the art, some help will be provided. We would like to get together once a month for fellowship and to help and encourage each other. The finished shawls would be blessed and ready to distribute to anyone in need of a special blessing. (Illness, bereavement, new baby, palliative care etc.) This is a way of letting people know that they are loved by God and their church family.

If we can produce enough shawls, we can branch out and give a blessing in nursing homes. For those interested, please call me at 905-815-0481 or email me at pkaye4@cogeco.ca. Once we have a idea of those interested, we can plan a time to meet.

Ellen Kaye



Encourage Someone Today

I heard of a young student, attending a preaching school, who went home for Christmas break. A horrible snowstorm stranded the regular minister in another town where he had been visiting a member in the hospital. The leaders of the congregation asked the young man to substitute for the regular minister.

The young preacher started his sermon by explaining the meaning of a substitute. "If you break a window," he said, "and then place a piece of plywood over the hole -- that's a substitute." After the sermon, a well-intentioned woman wished to compliment the young man. As she enthusiastically shook his hand, she said: "You were no substitute. You were a real pane!"

Ever gotten a compliment like that, where you went away scratching your head wondering how to take it? It's easy to assume the worst. We live in a world where people are more often inclined to put you down than to lift you up, where they would rather ridicule you than encourage you.

Be different! Make it a point to say something encouraging to someone today, and do it in such a way that there will be no doubt as to your intention.

"Exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today' ..." (Hebrews 3:13a).

Have a great day!

by Alan Smith, Boone, NC

And Finally...

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue. We would love to have more participation. Do let the church office know if you have any items family news, ministry, interests etc. Also, if you would like to receive this Newsletter by e-mail, please also let the church office know.