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a reason to be, a way to grow

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From the Editor

We ask it every year. “Where did summer go”? Welcome again to the Central Newsletter. For me the summer started with my first attendance at the BCOQ convention, and the activities and discussions of those three days made a lasting impression on my mind. The theme “at the Intersection of Worship and Mission” leaves one with much to think about. I cannot forget the passion and the delivery of Daryl Johnson as he expounded on Philippians 2:7-11. I was also left with two thoughts about “Mission”. There is the need for mission in our own backyard with the ethnic diversity of this country, and also that we as missionaries can learn much about missionary work from those to whom we have traditionally ministered.

Here at Central, Pastor Robin practiced what he preaches about having a special event at least once every six weeks. So over the hazy, lazy days of summer, we had “Ice Cream Sunday” and “Hot Dog Sunday”.

In this issue of the Newsletter, we provide a personal profile of Dorothy Barnard who was a missionary in Brazil for many years. I had the pleasure to visit with Dorothy this week, and I was so impressed with her commitment to Christ and her commitment to His service over the course of her life. Dorothy felt her calling as a child and she dedicated her life to the pursuit of her mission. Dorothy grew up in Oakville. As a young woman, she was a charter member of Central Baptist Church, and left shortly after that for Brazil, where she spent most of her life. Understandably, she worships with the Portuguese congregation.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

Yours in Christ!

Errol Anderson



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Remember – Kerr Street Ministries... bring non-perishables.						
September 9th 4th Annual Community Block Party						
Tuesdays Starting September 11th Morden Breakfast Program						
September 12th After School Program Youth Pizza Night						
September 16th - Back To Church Sunday!						
September 18th & 25th - Junior Youth						
September 20th & 27th - Senior Youth						
September 26th & 27th - ESL						

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

Greetings everyone!! I hope that you have had a restful summer. The weeks tend to fly by during the lovely, hot days of July and August. I trust you were able to take some time to do a few of your favourite things.

As you are probably aware by now, our members agreed during a church meeting on July 8 to accept the Search Committee's recommendation to select Michel Belzile as our next Senior Minister. This was an exciting moment and the decision was met with great joy!

Michel brings over 20 years of ministry experience with him, which all started at Central Baptist Church in 1989. It has been his hope and dream ever since then that he would be able to return to CBC one day. Needless to say, he is very excited about

joining us on November 12 in a leadership role.

We have been so fortunate to have had Robin Barlow with us for the past year, guiding us with his passion for Jesus and his enthusiastic ministry. Thank you so much to Robin for his devotion and commitment to our church. A special thank you goes to Deborah for all of her "behind the scenes" support and dedication, as well. Robin and Deborah have definitely become part of our church family!

So as we begin a new "season" at Central, we have much to celebrate and look forward to. The 4th Annual Community Block Party takes place on September 9th. Our youth ministry will continue with separate Junior and Senior groups. Small groups are being formed to create a platform for further spiritual growth. Our Portuguese ministry continues to thrive.

We have so much to be thankful for. Praise God!

Yours in Christ,

*Ian Hallford,
Chair, Church Council*



Pastor Robin's corner

Vision is not just something that comes with good eyesight. I also believe vision is seeing the future and walking towards it. And so it is with the church and its future. And what is with the future? Is it something to be feared, something to be shunned, or is it something to move toward with confidence and an assurance that what is ahead is coming from God? To me it's recognizing what needs to be done to make things happen by bringing the future to today. Do

you understand what I'm saying?

For a long time I have listened to every excuse under the sun on why churches are failing. Now in my old age I realize that church failure is our own fault. We got stuck in a rut and wanted the rut to ourselves. "This is my rut and you are not welcome here". Maybe it's time to share the rut and let others come and join us as we fuss and fight to get out of our lethargy and meet the new and wonderful vision of the future in our churches.

This is only going to happen when we embrace change: change that will be attractive to every age, and every level of faith. It will not be an easy task. Because, believe it or

not, the change you are seeking is within yourself. It's begun at times from externals but not exclusively. At other times it comes from the holy discontent that builds up within. You realize something is not right, not as it should be and you recognize that something has to happen.

It's like a hot spring that is getting heated and heated until it erupts within the soul and spills everywhere and drenches everyone in the warmth of it cleansing water. That is when we realize something has to be done - Maybe not by the masses or even the leadership. Maybe, just maybe it needs and has to start with you. None of us needs to wait for those in charge. We have the power within us. The Holy Spirit who not only put that discontent in our heart also puts the solution within our own personal grasp.

Don't wait for someone else. Start a movement, a movement that begins in your heart to find a closer relationship with Christ. A place where your heart is right there, holy connected to Christ's heart where each and every day you seek the heart of God only to find it. And then accomplish much for Christ as you step out in faith and vision that God will work in you to make a difference in yourself, others and this community of faith you find yourself.

Pastor Robin

Breakfast at Morden



We are short of volunteers for the Morden Breakfast Program on Tuesday mornings from 7:00 a.m. till 8:30

a.m. This is a very rewarding Ministry of Central Baptist Church. Please call me Warren McBurney at (905) 845-8219 if you can help.

Highlights from Board of Ministry and Outreach

As we approach our September 11th meeting we will miss Anne-Marie Domet and Sara Rebelo who have finished their term on the Board. Thank you to you both. We welcome Francisco Braz (new to the Board) and Audrey Caldwell (frequent flyer).

Early items on the agenda, as we begin the new church year, will be elections and the setting of our portion of the 2013 Church Budget.

It is with regret that we announce the cancellation of the Manaus Mission Trip, slated for early October due to unforeseen circumstances. We extend our thanks to those who expressed an interest and willingness to pursue this venture. The Church will be kept informed as we go back to the drawing board.

*Pat Nowlan,
Board of Ministry and Outreach*

From the Chair of the Board of Finance

HELP WANTED

For health reasons, Joe Cooke has resigned as Chair of The Property Maintenance Committee. A replacement is needed IMMEDIATELY. This position is one of five on the Committee. The principal function of this committee is to supervise and ensure the maintenance, improvement and security of all Church Properties. Detailed responsibilities are outlined on Pages 22/23 of the Church Constitution and By-Laws. This Committee has a budget responsibility of \$50,000, or more, depending on any special projects which may be undertaken from time to time. Attributes are property maintenance and people skills.

Please apply directly to Dwight Nowlan, Chair of Finance, to whom this position reports. Telephone (905) 844-5249 or e-mail at dwrightnowlan@bell.net. As usual "Time is of the essence".

*Dwight Nowlan,
Chair, Board of Finance*

A Poem

from Bee Cooke

Stay the Storm (Mark 4: 35-41)

When the thundering pain rumbles
And the roaring wind gives no quarter,
When the waves of darkness rise higher
And the lightning slices like a knife
Mirroring the sudden searing stabs,
While the foaming crests break and spill.

**Amid the seething blackness,
Jesus says: Stay the storm.**

When grief overwhelms us in waves
And our lost one walks in our heads
We long for the fingers of dawn.
When the edges of loss are sharp
Cutting our hearts into little pieces,
The elements are suddenly still.

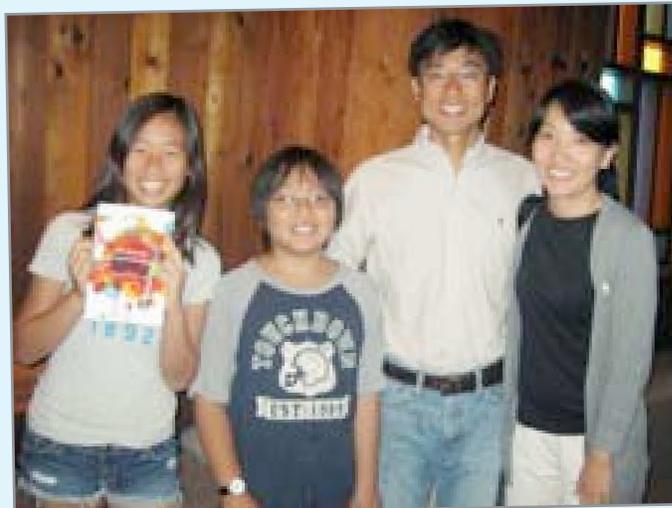
**Amid the palpable emptiness
Jesus says: Stay the storm.**

When we lie awake tearfully pleading
And pound the gates of Heaven,
In agony over a wayward child.
When our cries become only echoes,
And we toss about far from shore,
Praying is just a meaningless drill.

**Amid the deep trough of despair,
Jesus says: Stay the storm.**

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The Lee family returns to South Korea



Here is photograph of the family on their last Sunday with us.

Personal Profile: Dorothy Barnard

I grew up here in Oakville and from I was a child I believed that the Lord had called me to do missionary work. As a young woman I attended Bible School, and there I had the privilege of meeting a missionary who had returned in ill health from Africa. I inquired about opportunities to do missionary work and at that time our Baptist Association had missionaries only in India and Bolivia.

I graduated from Bible School and felt ready to go into the field, when my mother became very ill with a stroke and several heart attacks, and became bed ridden for two and a half years. I nursed my mother, not knowing at the time that the Lord was preparing me for the work that was to become my life in another land. I was one of the charter members of Central Baptist Church in 1955 when mother passed away, and about three months later I got the opportunity to go into the field - Brazil. Along with others, we left New York Harbour October 16, 1955 - Hurricane Season on a boat that had been a convoy ship during WW11. We endured a storm for three days, arriving in Bermuda the fourth day. We then caught the tail end of another hurricane, and I wondered if I would make it to Brazil.

We stopped in the Amazon, and other places along the coast passing Fortaleza, where we were to get off farther south to a port, Cabedelo, João Pessoa, Paraíba. Our Girls Bible School was in J.P. so we went there and stayed, little realizing I would be back there at the end of Language School to teach. Then we went on to Recife where one of the missionaries got off. Finally up to Fortaleza arriving the 17th of November.

Language study began. A Brazilian girl came to my home to instruct me and after 3 months I finished and wrote my language test. At the end of the year I was assigned to teach at our Girl's Bible School - "Instituto Biblico Betel" Another great challenge: Lecture for 45 minutes and be able to understand the questions the students would ask me or just comments they might make. I remember well, the first day, I sat down at the desk as I didn't feel my knees would hold me up.

Every Friday afternoon we divided the girls in groups and we would go to the same area each week, do visitation and hold a children's class. The first year I went to an area where there was an established church. The next year to an area that had no work, after a couple of years we had enough believers so we spoke to the church in town that the school was affiliated with about putting up a building for them. This was done and even started a school held in the church as there was no school close enough for the children.

In 1965 I went to work in the Interior of Fortaleza, Ceará - some 12 hrs by train. There was a church there and in the Interior from this town - Nova Russas, we had a campground where the believers from other areas in the

Interior would come, even those from Fortaleza would come as well. We had a number of camps throughout the year. I looked after the church, took the Sunday services and prayer meetings and Sunday school. I also did visitation, looked after sick, gave out medication and treated wounds, sores etc. I even helped in the birth of two babies. One case, the woman came and stayed with me afterwards as she lived some 18km. away and would have gone back riding a donkey. That was fine, only her husband coming to visit his wife every day, bringing two or three of the other children to have dinner too.

In 1967 I went farther interior, but up the mountain, there is a long mountain range, called the Seará Grande. Work started there, but there was no church building, so a room above the post office was rented to hold the meetings. Another single missionary was there so we worked together taking children's classes, Y.P. visitation and medical work. They had no resident doctor, so whoever could give an injection, clean a wound was really welcomed. We marked a time and before starting to treat they listened to a Bible story explaining the way of salvation. There were some sincere decisions, others were honest in a way - "I'll become a believer if you give me... We convinced them we were not selling salvation, Christ had already paid the price.

Another enterprise I took on was teaching English to the students in a Catholic school. They were desperately in need as you can imagine: to invite a Protestant missionary. I saw it as an open door the Lord was giving me to reach these kids that I would otherwise have no contact. One said "why don't you teach us religion? It was hard at times to teach English because they wanted to ask so many questions, so I said to them "let me teach the class and at recess I'll answer your questions". Every once in awhile one of the nuns would say "we don't want any proselyting." I presume some of their pets told them I was talking to the kids, but I never started it openly by asking them questions, just answered theirs. Praise the Lord there were those that accepted the Lord. After our church building was erected the nuns told the children at the school that if they went in they would turn into a dog.

I did correspondence courses here too, these I corrected and went over with them. I also had a series I had translated. Emmaus Bible School gave me permission to translate some of theirs. I did 5, these were especially prepared for children, but as many had no knowledge of the Bible, the adults did them as well. In fact I used them in a Bible study I was doing in the home of one of the believers in an Outstation we went to. I also translated a study on the Minor Prophets, and two large volumes - Fundamentals of Christian Ethics. The Mission asked me to do them and they were to be

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used in Mozambique and other places where the Portuguese language was spoken. This took me over a year.

In Fortaleza I was in charge of a Bible Memory Camp (formerly begun by another missionary, whom I helped until she retired). The children had to learn 300 verses of Scripture to be able to attend. They would start out by learning John 3:16 and receive a Gospel of John, then from that another 25 verses and receive a story Book; another 25 and receive a New Testament, learn 50 more and receive a plaque. Learn 100 and receive a Bible, then another 100 and receive Camp for a week.

In Ubajara (the place on the mountain) we did the same thing with the Y.P. – Learn the First Epistle of John and get camp, another year another book. Later on my fellow-worker went to the Amazon, so I was left alone. We needed a place to worship, so a building campaign was started, the believers were all very poor but they gave. We had previously bought a piece of ground. Finally the day came to decide. We talked with the man responsible to do the construction, he didn't want all his money at once (we actually only had the amount he wanted) nothing over for building materials, but we took the step of faith. The men from the church came to clear the land. We discovered a deep depression in one corner, we tried to see how to fill it in, but it was useless. At that time, the State was fixing the roads in the Interior and trucks were coming clearing land etc. The man in charge of the truckers was a believer, he came on Sunday to our meeting and went with us to see the property, when he saw our dilemma he said "every night that the truckers come back through this way I will get them to bring a load of 'pisarra' stone and gravel, and so they did 18 dump truck loads – just one of the many ways the Lord looked after us and encouraged us to go on.

All the construction materials had to come from out of town, even the sand that was used came from a town farther interior, the cement from a town at the foot of the mountain, or from Fortaleza. One of the business men lent us one of his drivers to take Neide and me to these places to buy the materials. The business man across the road from where we would erect our Church offered for us to put the materials within his walled area, as leaving anything outside, there would not be a brick in the morning. When the truck came with the lime, an elderly Pentecostal believer offered to come to my place and count the bags or pails of lime as they dumped it into my backyard. It was amazing how the non-believers, business world took an interest and helped. "God works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform"! We thought we would have to leave the floor just in cement without the mosaic and the walls not plastered, but again the Lord provided! A church

here at home sent me a thousand dollars, so we were able to finish. Along the way, other gifts were sent in from individuals, whenever we need to buy anything, the money was there. What a joy and praise time we had!

Invitations were sent out – the 27 of Feb. 1977 would be the dedication day. We were not sure if they would be accepted, but the Mayor of the town came, some of the Counselors, the business man who lent us his driver, the owner of the Store and many others. The place was packed. The missionary from the next town brought his church choir and one of the missionaries in Fortaleza was the guest speaker. Without going into more details it was a wonderful time of Gratitude and Praise to God for all He had done for us.

In 1980 I returned to Fortaleza, and carried on with a visitation program, also taught English in a school where the Principal had been a student of mine at the Bible Institute for Girls. A number of children made decisions. I continued helping the sick, made doctors' appointments: one had to go in the early hours of the morning to stand in line until the doors opened at 6 a.m. to make an appointment. Later in the day I would take the person to the doctor. There were those who came from the Interior and stayed with me while they were treated, others were local people. I also helped in two different churches, speaking engagements, Bible studies, etc. While engaged in these activities, I discovered I had cancer, so I had surgery there in Fortaleza. I had made friends with an oncologist through taking patients to her where she worked in general medicine in a local hospital. I wrote a little booklet of my experience to encourage others in the same predicament to not give up.

In the City there was a Literary Society, My friend Neide was invited to join the Group, the president had read some of the articles she had written. I went along with her to the monthly meetings. This society had its own Printing Press and it was there that I took my translation of the studies on the Minor Prophets to be printed. At first those looking after me asked questions about Canada, then turned to what I was printing. One day the president asked me if I would give a talk on the Bible, so I prepared a paper to read at the next session. It was well received, and many questions were asked. Later to my surprise the article was published in one of the local newspapers. I also took correspondence courses to offer to anyone who desired to do them, these of course were not children's courses as most of these ladies were professors at a University, or had some high position. A number accepted.

Coming back to Canada was very difficult, a strong pull both ways, thinking of reuniting with my family and friends here was a joy, but leaving my 'family' and friends there and the work was most difficult.



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:

- Carl Smith
- Kathy Waldron

Senior Bible Study

Our Fall Bible Studies will be starting on Thursday September 13th. We are delighted that the Rev. Art Hadley is continuing to lead us. Please join us at 12 noon and bring your lunch. Tea is provided. Here are the dates for all the studies before Christmas. (September 13 & 22; October 11 & 25; November 8 & 22)

Audrey Caldwell

Small Group Ministry

We are planning for two Small Group Ministries this fall. Both groups will be dealing with one element of what it means to be a Christ Follower. More information will be forthcoming. If you are interested, contact Pastor Robin for more details.

Community Outreach
Fourth Annual Block Party

**Sunday September 9th
11:30-2:30 p.m.**

Plans are made now and many thanks to the Committee: Bill Goodbrand, Roxanne Goodbrand, Don Geisler, Deolinda Pereira, Sara Rebelo, Deborah Barlow, Robin Barlow, Dine Lota, David Laing (who has just joined us), Christy Laing (who has provided valuable input) and Pat Nowlan for the Board of Ministry and Outreach. We've been meeting since February and now look forward to the smooth implementation of our plans.

Thanks in advance to those who have purchased prizes, prayed for us, signed up as volunteers and those who will yet put their shoulder to the wheel. I am reminded of the difference Jesus made to the wedding at Cana and we look with faith to see how Jesus, through His Spirit, will be the unseen but very present guest as we host our neighbouring community. Come, let's celebrate together.

Pat Nowlan, Board of Ministry and Outreach



The Keyes family on "Hot Dog Sunday"



Portuguese Ministry

CBC celebrates 25th Anniversary of the Portuguese Ministry

We would like to invite all friends, brothers and sisters to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. We'll have a special celebration on September 29th. A bilingual service will start at 4.00 pm followed by a dinner at 5:30 pm. Our Guest Speaker will be Rev. João Marcos Barreto Soares, Executive Director of the Brazilian Baptist World Mission Board.

Pastor Dine Lota



This summer I have been connecting with the youth, children and the families of Central on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. I have also been spending some afternoons at the Kerr Street Ministries drop-in, which has about 30-40 youth a day in attendance. I had a wonderful week (July 15-21) at Camp Kwasind where I had the opportunity to be the pastor of the week and encourage over 100 campers and staff.

I'm excited about the fall season which is upon us and the new "Breathe" theme which is about cultivating intimacy with Jesus and developing Christ like character. The month of September will include the community block party on Sunday September 9 and the free pizza kick-off event with break dancing and graffiti art on Wednesday September 12. Students can "like" our facebook page at: www.facebook.com/centraloakyouth for a chance to win \$25 off of their Avalanche/Blizzard ticket price for every friend they bring to the retreat (who is not already attending our program) and a \$25 pizza gift card. The winner will be someone in attendance on Sept. 12. Jr. High (grades 6-8) begins on Tuesday September 18 (and meets every Tuesday) from 7-8:30 pm. Sr. High (grades 9-12) begins on Thursday September 20 (and meets every Thursday) from 7-8:30 pm.

Steve Elshaw, Pastor of Youth and Children's Ministry

ESL, English as a Second Language

English as a Second Language (ESL) is commencing its eighth year as a ministry of CBC. In that time we have assisted an average of 40 adult students a year. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from this program, please contact one of our staff members: Ann Laing, Audrey Caldwell, Bee Cooke, Joe Cooke, Betty Houser, Helen Hahn, Jack Anderson, Jean Little, Paula Goodman, Warren or June McBurney, Errol Anderson, Penny Barrigar.

Ann Laing

Personal Notes, From Warren and June McBurney

After having had no family weddings for a number of years, we attended two this summer. On July 27, we were present in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma for the marriage of one of our grandchildren, Leah Dunn to Tyler Fisher. Leah is the older child of our daughter Alison, who was a member of Central Baptist until she left Oakville to teach school in Bogota, Colombia. It was there she met her husband, Glen, and he was later transferred back to OK. All our family, except one

grandson, travelled to Oklahoma for this very special occasion, and we all survived the 100F+ temperatures! On August 16, we attended the wedding of Warren's niece, Kathy Kelland, from Vancouver, who chose to be married near the McBurney family cottage at Kincardine - a place to which she returns each summer to visit her family. Both occasions gave us opportunities to visit with family members we see infrequently.

Warren and June McBurney

And Finally...

Thank you to all who have contributed to this issue. We would love to have more participation, especially from the Portuguese congregation. 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.