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Ryland Russell Comes in View of a Call Saturday-Sunday, March 6-7



Our Music Search Team has invited **Ryland and Mindy Russell** and their son Isaac to come to Central on the weekend of March 6-7. The team and the Personnel Committee recommend that we call him as our next **Minister of Music and Media**. We will vote

on that recommendation on March 7. Ryland is currently the Pastor of Media at Waterloo Baptist Church in Edmond OK. The following will be the schedule for the weekend:

Saturday 9:00a - Church Wide Breakfast and Meet & Greet time with the Russells. *(You are invited to bring your favorite breakfast casserole. The church will provide the rest of the breakfast.)*

Saturday afternoon there will be a special time of fellowship and rehearsal with the **Choir, Praise Team** and **the Russells**.

Ryland will lead in worship in both services on Sunday Morning, and in a special worship service Sunday evening at 6:00p. At the end of the

evening service, there will be a church-wide vote to call Ryland as our **Minister of Music and Media**.

Ryland grew up in FBC Chickasha, Oklahoma where he developed a love for music watching his pianist mother and drummer father lead in church worship services. After forming a band with some friends and leading worship at various events, Ryland felt a call to continue in the ministry with his music. He has been on staff at churches in our state leading worship, working with choirs and praise teams, and leading in the media ministry of those churches. He married his high school sweetheart, Mindy in 2005, and they now have a son, Isaac, who is one year old.



Beth Moore Simulcast

Saturday, April 24 9:00a to 3:00p

Live via Satellite. Topic: *So Long Insecurity*. Kiss your insecurities goodbye and discover the joy of living with confidence. Based on Beth's new book *So Long, Insecurity* now in bookstores.

Tickets cost **\$15.00 if purchased by March 14**; \$20.00 after that date. Your ticket includes admission and a box lunch. Tickets can be purchased at the Women's Ministry table in the main foyer.

Joe Don Olds— Minister to Senior Adults

We welcome **Pastor Joe Don Olds** to the staff at Central. On Sunday, February 4, our church body voted by a 96% majority to call Joe Don Olds as our Minister to Senior Adults. This is a part-time position.

Joe Don has a lifetime of ministry to his credit, having served as senior pastor in Oklahoma churches— Kansas, Vinita, Tulsa and Midwest City. He also served a church in Drexel, NC for a number of years. In addition, he served as Baptist Student Union director for a time.

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Children's Director On Mission in Barbados

Debra Stephens has just completed a week-long mission experience in Barbados. She and two other Children's Directors from Oklahoma were invited by Lifeway to conduct Sunday School Leadership Conferences and VBS Leadership Conferences focusing on preschool and children's materials. They were invited by Adrian Agard, a Christian bookstore owner in Bridgetown.

While 97% of the residents of Barbados call themselves "Christian", less than 30% claim to be churchgoers. There is a growing movement in the churches that the team visited to reach children and youth with the gospel, through Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Over three evenings in three different churches, Debra's team had the opportunity to train 80 Sunday School leaders, and conducted two, four-hour VBS clinics on Saturday with 80 attendees representing 10 churches in the Bridgetown area.

The churches in Barbados have not utilized VBS in the past 10 years or more, and they want to use it as an outreach to the unchurched children on their island. Their goal is to "take the island for Jesus." While there is a church in every neighborhood, they are not reaching their own neighbors—much like Owasso!

Debra and the other Children's Directors enjoyed worship with the Sanctuary Empowerment Center on Sunday morning. She gave her testimony and spoke on the importance of Children's Ministry.

They had the opportunity to share their faith with a young man named Sheldon. They are in contact with him by e-mail, and the folks who hosted the mission team will follow up with Sheldon.



Dear Church Family,

Twice in the book of Revelation John the Revelator saw a beautiful picture. The picture can be seen in Revelation 5 and 14. In these passages we see the following phrase:

"Every tribe, language, people and nation."

In Revelation 5 he was referring to the people whom Jesus had purchased by His blood. In chapter 14 he was referring to those to whom the gospel was preached. Peter tells us in 2 Peter 3:9 that it is God's desire that none perish but everyone come to salvation. I believe he was referring to people from every tribe, to those who spoke different languages, to all the different people groups, and to those who live in all the nations. In other words, there will be representation in heaven from every people group in the world.

Can you picture it? Can you imagine what it will be like? On that glorious day, people from every tribe, every language, every people group, and every nation will give praise with one voice and heart to King Jesus!

This is why we are to be involved in Missions. Whether we take the gospel to skateboard kids, to Muslims in North Africa, to atheists in N.E. Asia, to children in Vacation Bible School, or to our friends and neighbors across the street, we do it all to bring glory to God. To echo the Old Testament prophet,

"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:14

Personally I don't want to wait until heaven. I want to experience this now. Recently Matt and I went to North Africa. Greg Estep just got back from Brazil. Debra Stephens has returned from Barbados. In a few weeks I will be going to N.E. Asia. When I return we will put together a plan that starts here in Owasso, goes throughout our state, and around the world to advance the cause of Christ so that the whole earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God. I invite you to join us as we fill this earth with the knowledge of God's glory. Personally, I have never been more excited about ministry and missions. I challenge you to get on board Central's Express.

Until the whole world hears,

Pastor Scott

APEPT Missionality

The APEPT process is moving along according to schedule and I wanted to give you an update on our progress. We have had over 150 of our church members take the APEPT survey that shows you what Missional role you favor (Apostolic, Prophetic, Evangelistic, Pastoral or Teacher). We had over 90 individuals experience the two APEPT overviews presented by Dr. Watke. In January we hosted an Apostolic Lay Workshop that 16 of the 29 Apostolic people attended. We have also trained a Missional Coach who will assist the staff with the APEPT process.

This Saturday, February 27, Dr. Watke will lead a conference for our

APEPT Evangelists. If your APEPT survey results indicated your Missional role as Evangelist in a primary, secondary or tertiary role, you are invited to the workshop. It begins at 9:00a in Fellowship Hall South. Lunch is provided, and it will end by 3:00p. This training is vital as we begin this process. As the Apostolics decide on which group of people we are going to reach in the Owasso area, it will be important to have the Evangelistic strategy in place.

If you are Apostolic or Evangelistic and you could not attend either of the previous workshops, we will have make-up workshops in the spring.

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Children's Ministry...

The Heart of the Child Conference

It's back at First Broken Arrow this year. This is one of THE BEST conferences anywhere for Pre-school and Children's Workers – many of our teachers have attended before and love it! There are many diverse topics – Sunday School, Children's Music, Weekday Pre-school, Children & Salvation, dealing with parents, teaching methods, psychological and spiritual issues, how-to's, hands-on's, etc – every-

one can find classes to inform and enjoy.

We have it built into the budget to take you to this conference if you wish to go. It will be held on **Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17**. If you work and cannot attend on Friday, just go for the Saturday conference. Children's workers...please let Debra know soon if you will go so she can make reservations.

Grand Central Kids Enrolls for Fall 2010

Phone calls are coming in already to reserve spots in Grand Central Kids for the fall. Enrollment is underway and will be open to the public on March 2.

We have an 8% increase in rates for the coming year. The rate for two days a week will be \$135/month, and the rate for three days a week will be \$205/month. The 4s Enrichment Program remains at \$85 for the month.

To reserve your child's spot, call Jessica at 272-3376 or e-mail her at grandcentralkids@bcowasso.org.



Summer Activities

Parents...as you plan for your summer (Yes...it will get warm again!), here are a couple of dates that you will want to put on your calendar.

KMAK is June 21-24
VBS is July 18-22



Children's Workers Needed

With all the programs we have going for our children, there is an on-going need for workers to lead and love our children. Right now Debra needs **Sunday School Teachers** for the Three-Year-Old class.

She is starting to plan for the summer and needs **Leaders** for 1st grade -5th grade for **Bible Drills, Thrills and Skills** class.

We have many babies and more on the way! At least **11 ETC workers** are needed to hold, love and care for our youngest little ones in the 10:45 service.

If you can fill any of these needs, please contact Debra ASAP.

Youth Ministry...

All Youth Guys Retreat

March 14-16 at Tulakogee

All the guys from 7th—12th grade will make the trip to Tulakogee for this retreat. They leave on Sunday, March 14 at 3:00p and return home Tuesday, March 16 at about 9:00a. See RevKev for sign-up details.

Youth Girls Retreat

Saturday/Sunday, March 27-28

The ladies in the youth department are going to have a getaway, leaving Saturday, March 27 at 10:00a and returning Sunday at noon.

Check with Kendra Laufer for all the details.



Wanted: Adult Staff for Sk8 Church

As the weather warms, we will have more and more teens coming to Sk8 Church on Thursday evenings.

Therefore we need more adults to provide security for the skaters and act as positive role models.

Qualifications:

—You must like teens (and their baggage!)

—You need to be on campus Thursdays 5:45p—9:00ish.

—Be alert and ready to minister and correct as needed—and do it with a kind spirit.

—Pray for these teens and be ready to help wherever it is needed.

Want to join the Jeremy and RevKev team? Just sign up at the table by the Sk8 Church display in Ministry Hall.



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Crosspoint will be published next on **Tuesday, March 23**. The **deadline** for news and information for the next issue is **Friday, March 19**. For the latest edition of *Crosspoint* by e-mail, sign up on the CBC website, bcowasso.org.

Thank You...

We'd like to thank our church family for all your prayers, cards, meals and encouragement you have given our family over the last 9+ months. Knowing that you are lifting us up in prayer makes difficult times easier. Please continue to lift us up as Carey continues on with treatment. Each of you is truly a blessing.

Carey & Danette Goyer

• More APEPT from page 2

Please check the APEPT display case for future workshop dates this coming Fall for these roles: Pastoral, Teacher and Prophet. I am looking forward to seeing how God is going to use Central to reach out into Owasso. It is not too late to take the APEPT survey and become involved in this process. Go to our website (bcowasso.org) and follow the links.

Bro. Matt

Welcome New Members

We welcome these newest members of the Central family...

**Iraj
Bill & Mary Ann D'Arcy**

• More Senior Adult Minister from page 1

Most recently he served for seven years as Minister to Senior Adults in Miami, OK. He and his wife Joan moved to Owasso about 18 months ago. Joan is musically gifted and is active with our choir and the music ministry at the Baptist Village.

We are thrilled to have Joe Don and Joan on board and can't wait to see what God has for the senior adults at Central in the days ahead! If you do not know Joe Don and Joan, be sure to introduce yourself to them.



Musical in Claremore Cancelled

We did not get enough people signed up for the group rate on the lunch and musical for March 14, so we are canceling that event. Refunds will be made as needed.

Senior Adult Luau Friday, April 30 at 5:30p

Think Hawaii, warm breezes, leis, pineapples and the hula! Think roast pig! No poi! We're providing the pig and ask you to bring the side dishes to accompany the pig.

In the weeks ahead you will hear more about this. For now, reserve the date, bring out your finest tropical garb and plan to join us.