

# The Messenger

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I will  
*rejoice*  
and boast about  
*You;*

I will *sing* about  
Your name,  
*Most High*

Psalm 9:2

# UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## JUST A LITTLE NOTE...

Our first annual CBF Father's Day Fishing Derby was awesome! 20 people came out to enjoy the day. We gave away several Bibles, two poles and a tackle box full of tackle. The First Fish prize went to JC Carlson, a guest from Aledo. The Small Fish prize went to Cordell Rourke. The Most Fish prize went to Mark and Jackie Barnhouse. The Largest Fish prize, a Zebco 33 rod and reel, went to Angie Rourke. Keegan Rourke earned the prize for the hardest working volunteer, a compact rod and reel (which, unfortunately, is named the Dock Demon). All told, we caught over 70 fish! After fishing, we enjoyed a lunch of grilled hotdogs, chips and delicious cookies and brownies.

Thank you to everyone who made the day such a wonderful time of fun and fellowship! Many thanks to Don and Jinnie Johnson for the use of their property and fixing lunch.

Be sure to join us for the second annual CBF Father's Day Fishing Derby in June of 2019. We can't wait to see what yummy cookies Jinnie will make for us next summer!

## IN AUGUST...

### *POOL PARTY*

August 5 | Aledo Public Pool | 5 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of swimming and fun at the Aledo Public Pool on Sunday, August 5th, from 5 – 7 PM. After the swimming, cupcakes and punch will be served for an added treat. If you'd like to join us, please be sure to sign up on the

sheet located on the table in the east hall. See Roy Langley for more information.

### *TACO SUPPER FUNDRAISER / FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT*

August 11 | Sanctuary | 4 – 7 PM supper, movie to follow

Everyone is invited to join us for an evening of food and fellowship. Angie Rourke and Kim Eskridge will be offering a taco supper from 4 – 7 PM in the sanctuary; this is a fundraising event with proceeds going towards their upcoming Haiti mission trip. Afterward, plan to stay with us. We'll be having a family movie night. Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Be sure to mark this evening on your calendar! See Angie Rourke, Kim Eskridge or Mark Barnhouse for more information.

## SPECIAL EVENTS COMING in September @ CBF...

*YOM TERUAH* (Rosh Hashanah) | September 9th

*YOM KIPPUR* | September 18th

*FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MISSION TRIP*  
(tentatively) | Date TBD

## REGULAR EVENTS RESUMING in September @ CBF...

*CHOIR/ENSEMBLE REHEARSAL* | Resumes September 5th

*SOLOIST PRACTICE* | Resumes September 12th

*3rd WEDNESDAY EVENINGS* | Resume September 19th



## **Az – Boldness**

by Cajun Pauley

“Az panim” means “bold faced.” However, az can also be translated “arrogance.” Thus, when I am bold in the service of God, this is good. When one is bold in opposition to God, one inherits hell. Is it possible to be arrogant for God in a positive way? Absolutely (Deuteronomy 32:29; Psalm 5:11, 9:2, 34:2, 44:8, 63:11, 106:5; Isaiah 41:16; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Romans 15:17; 1 Corinthians 1:31; 2 Corinthians 1:12, 10:13, 17, 12:9; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 3:3; James 1:9-10)!

In the eyes of the faithful, to be az is to be bold (Hebrews 4:16). In the eyes of Lowlanders, to be az is to be arrogant (in the negative sense). Lowlanders will often say, “You think that you are better than us;

you are a holy roller.” When we cling to the promises and tenets of the Scriptures, regardless of persecution or personal loss, those who do not understand will call us stupid and arrogant for stubbornly holding to old ways (Jeremiah 6:16). However, our confidence is not in ourselves or in our personal wisdom. Our confidence – our boast – is in the Master and what He has done and will do for us.

As Ben Teima said in Pirkei Avot 5:23, “Be as courageous (az) as a leopard, as light as an eagle, as fast as a deer, and as strong as a lion to do the will of your Father in heaven.”



### Acts 2:39

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

At the end of April we drove to Sido at the Chad/CAR border to visit the Baptist church there. Les preached for the French and vernacular services with our friend and worker Jeudi translating. We drove down on Saturday and stayed the night in one of their huts. It was a fruitful trip, and we were glad to get to a church we had not visited before. Les has been preaching hard on proper methods for evangelism and making sure (as sure as we can) that people are truly being saved rather than giving them false information and false hope. Many raised their hands and were dealt with for salvation and for assurance. We were thankful the rains held off for this trip.

May was a very busy month! The first Sunday of the month, Les preached again, this time at the Francophone church in Sarh. It's the biggest Baptist church in Sarh so there were several hundred there to hear another message on proper methods for leading people to Christ to avoid false conversions. We have seen that this is a very serious problem here that needs to be addressed.

We had been planning some kids' programs along with a young national evangelist in the area and he asked for some training regarding evangelism for other young people who were going to help out. Les taught on the Precepts, Principles, and Practice of Evangelism and Carol shared a lot of different games for kids' ministry and how to apply an object lesson and application for them. We had thought we would be teaching another course for ECO-DIM in Koumra, but that did not get scheduled. We hope to get it scheduled for September after we return from the States.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, Carol and Jeudi left Sarh on a bus for Ndjamenas to meet up with some guests who were coming to visit us from the States. Bryan and Lynnae Hicks, Carol's cousin, and Margaret Puckett from one of our supporting churches came to experience missionary life and help with the kids' ministry. They arrived on a Friday, but had to spend the weekend in Ndjamenas in order to register their passports with the police (a requirement) on Monday. MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) flew them all back to Sarh later that day. Carol and Jeudi were glad for the two hour flight rather than another 14 hour bus ride!



On Tuesday morning, we left for a great adventure—driving to the refugee area near Maro where the Belom chapel is located and our first Kid's Games would take place. We were fully packed for the overnight trip! There were five of us in

the cab of the truck, and all our baggage and seven more people on the back of the truck for the 100 KM (63 mile) trip which usually takes about 2 ½ hours if the roads are good (good for here!). A hefty rain the day before we traveled changed the road from good to where it appeared more like a lake than a road. "I wonder how deep that one is?" was heard numerous times! We only nearly sunk one time though. We went through a section that was very deep, well up on the doors, and the truck stalled before we got out. Les thought we were surely going to sink in the mud, but after a couple attempts the truck re-started and we crawled right out. Praise the Lord for our truck, 4 wheel drive, *and air conditioning!* The drive back was tense too, but not nearly as bad as on the way down.



The Kids' games went tremendously. Bryan, Lynnae, and Margaret all chipped in to help with the games, and with the lessons. Some of the nationals that went with us spoke good English and helped with translation into French, Sango and Sara languages. Our guests also donated funds for food for the kids, and we were able to give them all a meal of rice and meat on both days of the event. The first day we had about 400+ kids and on the second day there were nearly 700 kids! We split them into 2 groups each day—half for games outside and half inside the chapel building for songs and a Bible story lesson. Everyone, including us and our guests, had a great time, and we believe there were nearly 100 salvations. (We try as best we can to deal with the kids on a one-on-one basis after they convey interest in accepting Christ.) Our guests were also able to experience sleeping in a hot African hut and eating traditional African food for the two days.



Recently, a number of Fulani Peuhl people were brought to the refugee camp. These are mostly women and children with some young men, but few. The husbands of the women were killed by Seleka rebels in the CAR and all their cattle and belongings stolen forcing them to escape into Chad. Please pray for this group who are extremely difficult to reach with the Gospel! Some of them came to hear the Word of God during the Kids' Games.



We returned to Sarh on Wednesday, had a day of rest, and then held Kids' Games at the soccer stadium in Sarh. The two national evangelists, Dieudonne and Doudje, helped organize various game stations on the field and the kids went from station to station to participate in different events like bag races, several sorts of relay races, ladderball, and other things. When all the kids had been to every station they were divided into groups to hear testimonies from our guests and the Gospel. Most of these kids are orphaned street kids in Sarh. Over 200 kids came the first day and about 300 the next. There is ongoing contact now with many of the kids, and about 75 salvations have been reported by the team that helped. These Kids' Games

are not just an amazing outreach for kids and young people, but also for the multitude of older people who just come to see what's going on!

Some other highlights for our guests were taking them to the river for some Hippo viewing, to a local church here in Sarh where Bryan Hicks had the opportunity to preach on the Value of Salvation, and for them all to participate in the English Club. The people in English Club and class love talking to people from the States and asking them questions about life in the USA. Our friends have returned to America now after their whirlwind trip to Chad, but I'm sure it was a memorable time for them, and we so appreciate their willingness to come and serve the Lord with us!



Now it is our turn to get ready to travel. On July 5<sup>th</sup> we leave from Ndjamená for two months in the States to see our eldest son get married and celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Carol's mom. Please pray for traveling mercies and preparations. We believe we have housing arranged, but are still seeking a vehicle to use while we are in Michigan. It will also be a joy to attend the Baptist Mid-Missions annual conference that happens to be during our visit. We would also like to give very special THANK YOU'S to the individuals and churches that sent gifts to help defray some of the cost of this trip. If the Lord leads you to help, please send funds to Baptist Mid-Missions and designate them for Les & Carol Carew's 'passage account'. We believe we have one of the best prayer and financial support teams possible, and feel humbled and blessed for their care and love for us! **\*Sorry about the small font—so much to say and so little space to share it in!**

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# Carew's News...From under the Guava Tree

JUNE 2018 UPDATE

2Cor 9:11

Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

Phil 4:19

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



Is that red light supposed to be on?



Isn't that supposed to be put together?

I recently saw a Facebook post that referred to Murphy's Law...*'if anything can go wrong, it will go wrong'*. Usually when you hear someone talk about it, it's because they are experiencing a series of events that aren't what they had hoped for. Well, we haven't really had a 'series of events' take place, but the one event is enough of an issue for us. Recently, during a strong rainstorm, our power inverter was damaged, probably from a power surge. Now it will no longer operate when trying to use AC inputs. What this means is that we no longer have the ability to charge the batteries for our power system from the city power or the generator, they can only be charged with the solar panels—which are not always sufficient if we are using a lot of power during the day. Another undesired result of this is that we no longer are able to have security lights at night around the house to help our guards prevent thievery. Not what we wanted to have happen just before we return to the States for a short visit!

So, going forward, what are we looking at? The first step was seeing what was damaged and if repair is possible. We will be working on that if we can find someone able to work with small electronics. We think we've located the damaged diode and after replacement, if possible to do so, we'll put the inverter together and see if it works. It is entirely possible other internal parts are damaged as well. Because of the age of this inverter, and the fact that it is having issues, it has been recommended to us to upgrade to a new inverter and increase our surge suppression ability. For the upgrade, here is our best estimate...

INV072 INV VFXR2612E 12/230V 50/60HZ	\$1,583.22 EACH
INV063 INV SYSTEM CONTROL MATE 3S	\$415.03 EACH
INV060 INV MATE 3 MOUNTING BRACKET	\$5.00 EACH

There is a container coming to Chad yet this year and we would like to get this on board. There will be additional costs for import of course. We have always relied on the Lord to supply our needs, and even when we don't always see how challenges can be overcome, we know He is all sufficient to supply our needs. Please pray with us that this financial challenge can be successfully met. If you are led to help, please send gifts to our Baptist Mid-Missions support account. As always, thanks for your love and prayers that allow us to be here!

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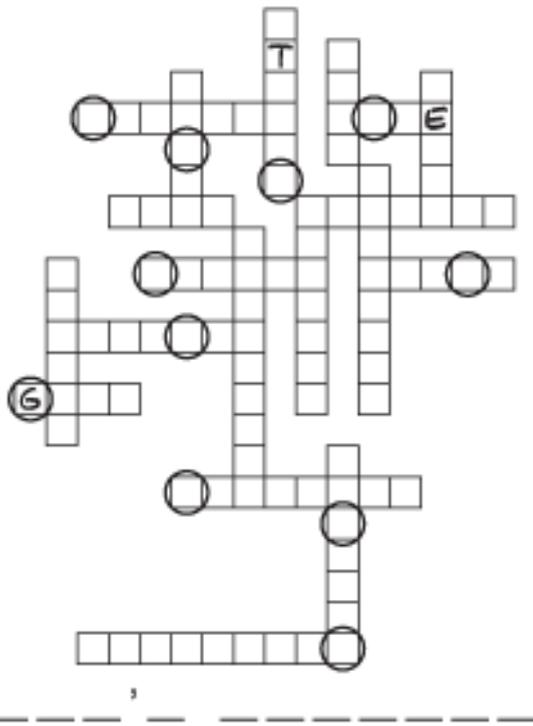
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# Puzzle!

Followers of Jesus have dual citizenship. To discover where you dwell, fill in these Bible-time places. Then write the circled letters in order (left to right, top to bottom) on the blanks below.

Tyre	Berea	Galilee	Damascus
Cana	Lycia	Ephraim	Philippi
Rome	Athens	Ephesus	Bethlehem
Gaza	Kedesh	Corinth	Jerusalem
Sidon	Sychar	Iconium	



Answer: God's Kingdom



"How I Spent My Summer Vacation"



Be Still & know  
THAT  
I AM GOD.

PSALM 46:10

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# BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.



## What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

8/2	Robin Barnhouse	8/20	Anna Dowd
8/2	Brandon Martin	8/20	Kaiden Vestal
8/5	Joan Link	8/21	Drayden Downing
8/6	Marlene Richardson	8/21	Don & Jinnie Johnson
8/8	Deb Howell	8/22	Eric Kelly
8/9	Ray Leng	8/23	Cindy Martin
8/10	Gerrod & Mandi Andresen	8/24	Norah Sipes
8/14	Dave & Kay Hucke	8/26	Tomoe Peterson
8/14	Marvin Reddick	8/31	Lynn Pauley
8/17	Jon Barnhouse	8/31	Nathan & Jeanette Sipes
8/18	Stephanie Canaday		

## Mark Your Calendar

8/01, Wed | The Book of Daniel Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2

8/05, Sun | YA Bible Study | 2:00 PM | Nathan & Jeanette Sipes' Residence

8/05, Sun | Pool Party | 5:00 - 7:00 PM | Aledo Public Pool

8/08, Wed | The Book of Daniel Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2

8/11, Sat | Taco Supper Fundraiser | 4:00 - 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

8/11, Sat | Family Movie Night | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

8/12, Sun | High School Youth Group | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | Activity Room

8/15, Wed | The Book of Daniel Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2

8/19, Sun | YA Bible Study | 2:00 PM | Nathan & Jeanette Sipes' Residence

8/22, Wed | The Book of Daniel Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2

8/26, Sun | Jr. High School Youth Group | 5:00 - 6:00 PM | Activity Room

8/29, Wed | The Book of Daniel Bible Study w/Bob Hoffman | 7:00 PM | Room N2

## CBF Financial Report - June

	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
Total Income	\$19,289.80	\$102,991.96
Total Expenses	\$14,274.39	\$99,978.41
Net Operating Income	\$5,015.41	\$3,013.55



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