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CBC Inaugurates Langley as 10th President

Central Baptist College marked a significant moment in its 74-year history as faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends gathered to inaugurate Dr. Jeremy Langley as the institution's 10th president.

The ceremony, held in Burgess Auditorium, blended celebration with worship, reflecting the College's Christ-centered mission and heritage. Throughout the day, speakers and participants pointed not only to a new season of leadership, but to what Dr. Langley described as the sustaining foundation of the institution.

"It is my strong desire to remind us all of the only thing that has sustained CBC for the last 74 years — the goodness and the faithfulness of God," Langley said during his inaugural address.

The day began with a private luncheon honoring Langley's family and close friends. College leaders and guests gathered for a time of fellowship ahead of the formal ceremony, with Vice President for Advancement Duffy Guyton offering a welcome and prayer.

The inauguration ceremony opened with a hymn arrangement by the CBC

band, setting a reflective tone for the afternoon.

Bro. Jake McCandless, chairman of the Board of Trustees, welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of the moment in the life of the College.

An invocation was delivered by Dr. Eric Goble, pastor of Brister Baptist Church in Emerson, and was followed by greetings from former presidents Charles Attebery and Terry Kimbrow. Both men reflected on the College's legacy and expressed confidence in its future.

A central moment in the ceremony came with the presentation of the presidential medallion, symbolizing both the authority and responsibility entrusted to the office.

The medallion, featuring the historic campus column and inscribed with the names of past presidents, represents the College's enduring commitment to "Faith and Learning."

Scripture was read by Bro. Tony Crocker, past president of the BMA of Arkansas, anchoring the ceremony in God's Word, and a prayer of installation was led by Bro. Ed Stephenson, pastor of Springhill Baptist Church in Greenbrier where Langley and his family are members.

The CBC Worship Choir then led in worship with "Fly Away" and "He's Never Failed Me Yet," reinforcing a theme that would echo throughout the afternoon.

Referencing the choir's selection, Langley connected the testimony of the song to the institution itself.

"That testimony does not belong to one person or one generation," he said. "It is the testimony of Central Baptist College."

In his address, Langley framed the moment not as a beginning from scratch, but as a continuation of a legacy built through decades of faithfulness.

"We do not begin from scratch," he said. "We begin from a legacy."

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Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Retires



Civil Air Patrol Chaplain, Lieutenant Colonel, Kenneth Pollock recently announced his retirement.

Dr. Pollock retired from the U.S. Navy in 2001, after 27 years of combined active and reserve service. In February 2005, while driving home from the church he was pastoring, he heard an advertisement for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and soon joined the Squadron located in Tupelo MS.

Shortly after joining, Chaplain Pollock began his CAP career by serving in conjunction with the Mississippi State Guard during the CAP's Hurricane Katrina recovery mission.

Chaplain Pollock stated that he enjoyed every involvement with the CAP. Interacting with Cadets and senior

members, with their various backgrounds and abilities, during training and real time missions always brought him the most pleasure.

Chaplain Pollock stated that even in the toughest times there was broad satisfaction because every person performed to the best of their abilities.

In his tenure with the CAP, he served three years as the Wing Chaplain where his professionalism grew the most by learning the bigger purpose and mission of the CAP.

It was during this time that he felt moved to become more involved and with the pursuit of additional training offered through chaplain courses and workshops, these acquired skill sets were used to expand his ministry both within the CAP and his church.

Chaplain Pollock describes the CAP as one of our nation's premier organizations.

The Civil Air Patrol is an official, uniformed auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force and those serving as a chaplain must meet many of the same standards

as those serving in the active force.

Dr. Pollock stated, "I look back over my 48 years of uniformed service with a great sense of accomplishment and much pride."

Thank you Chaplain Pollock for your dedicated service to God and Country.



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"I Was Just Thinkin' "

By Narita Roady

"I'm a Little Tea Pot"



I have had several tea kettles in my lifetime. They are such simple little appliances. You fill them with water, place them on a stove burner, turn the fire on and wait.

I know mine will always alert me when it is heated not matter where I am in the house. The shrill, irritating whistle calls me back to take care of it.

One day when I was removing my hot steaming little friend off the stove I realized: our anger is just like a tea kettle! It begins with some sort of "heat" being applied.

Perhaps someone has offended us, hurt us, or they aren't treating us in the way we feel we should be. Maybe we are the victim of just out and out evil or injustice at the hands of another, but if we lack spiritual maturity and self-control, we too will begin to heat up.

Unless we quickly remove ourselves from the hot emotions and thoughts brewing with us, we will get hotter and hotter.

Just as the tea kettle, we begin to brew and stew over the wrong. "How could they have done this to me? How dare they say that? No one's going to treat me that way."

A lesson from God's creation in the science of physics can be applied here. The heat from your stove causes the molecules and atoms in the kettle to vibrate more rapidly which causes kettle to heat up. The heat from the kettle in turn makes the water molecules move faster and get hot.

Therefore when you heat something up, you are just making its molecules move faster. I guess you might say the heat is making the water inside the kettle uncomfortable.

Is it not the same with us? The offense or irritation is run over and over through our minds, just like the molecules bumping together in the tea kettle. These angry thoughts bombard with more angry thoughts and produce some very heated feelings.

Before long, we begin to boil inside. Our hearts and minds are filled with ideas of revenge, what we will say, and we ultimately are filled with the desire to hurt the person as they have hurt us. Have you ever listened to a tea kettle after you turn on the fire?

First you hear tiny rumblings inside that get stronger with time. Next it might begin to shake a little (If it's old like mine).

In a short time you hear the steam slightly rushing out of the kettle. Then comes a low whistle, a warning that the pressure inside it building.

You know what's coming; a very loud uncontrolled, shrill screech that if left will spew scalding water everywhere.

This sounds just like uncontrolled anger in man doesn't it? God has a name for it too: "wrath". Satan prods and gouges us, knowing just where to prick our weak spots. If we aren't walking close to Him having our eyes on Christ, letting Him control our lives, we become just like that tea kettle sitting on the hot burner.

Such unrestrained raging anger is sin in two ways. One we are giving Satan access to our hearts and minds. Secondly, we ourselves are taking control of our attitudes, thoughts, words, feelings and often time our actions instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to be our guide.

At that point, we give Christ a giant shove off the throne of our heart and in essence say, "Move over! I'll take care of this one." Never staying where He isn't wanted, He does exactly that. We are then left to our own devices and fleshly ways.

From that point on, we begin to take care of the person or situation the world's way. We don't care who we hurt, how we grieve the Holy Spirit or how we hurt God. All we care about that moment is SELF, avenging SELF and having OUR way.

Anger is always established on our own selfishness, without any consideration of God.

Have you noticed when a person has fallen to this point, as time goes on, hatred comes into play? They begin to loathe that person.

Eventually the outward fighting may cease, but Satan is snickering because he has done what he set out to accomplish.

People, brothers and sisters in Christ, are at odds, with gaping wounds and continuing to be filled with, hatred, resentment, unforgiveness and bitterness. The angry person may be off the fire, but they will continue to simmer inside and the cycle repeat itself many times over until their rage will destroy a marriage, a friendship, a church, a home, or a family.

Within a short time, the angry person will be mad all the time. The slightest annoyance will set him or her off because they constantly remain close to the boiling point.

As a Christian they stop growing and emulating Christ. Instead they start dying spiritually and imitating the Devil more and more.

Sadly this doesn't stop with them. No, it spreads to those around them,

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“CBC Looking Ahead”

Summer Sessions and Fall Registration

Central Baptist College is preparing for an exciting and productive season ahead, and I want to encourage our students to take full advantage of the opportunities available through summer and fall registration.

The Summer Schedule of Course Offerings is now available, with classes offered online in two five-week sessions and one ten-week session.

Summer courses provide an excellent opportunity for students to get ahead, stay on track, or catch up in their field of study.

Registration for summer sessions will begin on April 6, and will continue through the published deadlines for each session.

As we look ahead, the fall semester is quickly approaching. Advance registration for all students will open on Monday, April 6 and will close on Friday, April 24.

I encourage all students to schedule an appointment with their academic advisor as soon as possible to ensure they are prepared for the upcoming semester.

At CBC, we are committed to providing a personalized experience for every student.

Your advisor plays an important role in helping you make wise academic decisions and stay on track toward graduation.

Students can locate their advisor by scanning the “Find Your Advisor” QR code posted across campus or by contacting the Registrar’s office.

Additional registration information is available at

cbc.edu/registration

Students who need assistance are encouraged to contact the Registrar’s Office at:

registrar@cbc.edu
or by phone at
501.205.8822

Connect Days

We are also excited to welcome our incoming freshmen through Connect Days, beginning Thursday, April 9.

These required sessions provide new students and their families with an opportunity to become connected to campus life, meet faculty and staff, and begin building relationships that will shape their experience at CBC.

If you have questions about Connect Days, please contact our Admissions Office at:

501.329.6873
or
admissions@cbc.edu

At Central Baptist College, we are committed to helping each student succeed academically, grow spiritually, and prepare for the future God has called them to pursue.



“Celebrating Faithfulness”

Springhill Baptist Church Blesses CBC with Generous Gift

At Central Baptist College, we are continually reminded of God's faithfulness through the generosity of those who partner with us in ministry. Recently, we experienced that faithfulness in a very tangible way.



On a special morning, Pastor Ed Stephenson of Springhill Baptist Church in Greenbrier placed the keys of a 33-passenger bus into my hands. This moment was more than the presentation of a gift. It

was a reflection of shared mission, Kingdom partnership, and a deep commitment to investing in the next generation of Christian leaders.

This gift meets a real and immediate need for our campus. Our students are regularly traveling to lead worship, serve in churches, and represent Christ in communities across our region.

Having reliable transportation is essential to that work, and this bus will allow us to expand those opportunities and better equip our students to go and serve.

Like so many other churches throughout our history, Springhill Baptist Church has demonstrated what it means to be faithful in supporting Christian higher education.

Their generosity is not only a blessing to our institution, but it is also an encouragement to our entire campus community.

Moments like this remind us that God continues to provide for Central Baptist College in ways that are both timely and purposeful. His faithfulness is evident through churches, alumni, and friends who believe in our mission of integrating Christian faith and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.

As we celebrate this gift, we are also mindful that the work before us continues. There are ongoing needs that directly impact our students and our ability to carry out our mission.

I would invite others to prayerfully consider how the Lord may lead them to partner with Central Baptist College, whether through prayer, support, or giving (whether a monetary donation or another bus or van).

We are deeply grateful for Springhill Baptist Church and their investment in the ministry of Central Baptist College.

This gift will have a lasting impact, not only on our campus, but in the lives of our students and those who will be impacted by their service.

Clark Named Pastor Emeritus, Sunray

Longtime pastor Dennis Clark has been named Pastor Emeritus at Sunray Baptist Church in Purcell. The honor was bestowed at the church's Homecoming service on March 22.

Pastor Emeritus is an honorary title bestowed on someone who has retired from a distinguished office. Granting such a title is a way of honoring the individual's service. It expresses the idea that a person has earned a special place of respect and distinction through faithful service.

Dennis was raised in Conway, AR, and was called to preach in the Missionary Baptist Church in Lindsay Oklahoma. His first pastorate was at the church in Lindsay.

In 1987 he became pastor at Sunray Baptist Church and served there for 33 years before retiring August 2019.

He still preaches at Sunray and other sister churches when needed. He and his wife Debbie remain faithful members at Sunray.

Multiplication Workshop Training

May 11 (1-8 pm) and May 12 (8:30 am-4:30 pm)
BMA Global in Conway, AR

Cost is \$50 and includes meals, workbook,
and training materials.

"That Reminds Me"

By Jesse Spurlock

"Bugs, Rabbits and Obedience"

My brother, Jim, related the following story to me. I was going to put it in his own words, but as a computer phrase goes, "I had to make it fit," so here it is... slightly shortened.

Years ago Jim bought a used 1966 VW Bug for commuting to work. The fuel economy was great and it was simple to work with.

However, that was a good thing because of the seemingly endless hours required for that purpose. He even did a complete overhaul on it.

Then, in 1976, Volkswagen introduced the "Rabbit." He quickly bought one because the fuel economy was phenomenal and he was tired of patching and repairing the old "Bug." It was a vast improvement, but he quickly learned it required maintenance also.

Perfectly timed the Rabbit ran like a sewing machine, but fouled the spark plugs badly and burned the contact points quickly. The nearest VW dealer was 75 miles away, so he learned to carry extra plugs, points and tools with him at all times. He even invested in a battery powered spark plug cleaner after discovering the plugs had to be cleaned every 150 miles.

He became very well acquainted with the Rabbit, as he had been with the Bug. Jim soon found out (again) Romans 8:28 is true. All things do work together for good to them that love God and to them who are called according to His purpose.

He and his wife were on their way home one day in a heavy downpour in

their camper. About two miles from their home they came across a VW Rabbit just like theirs parked beside the road with its hood up.

Down the road a ways he saw a couple slogging through the rain toward town. He had the strangest feeling as he approached that not only could he help, but possibly was the only one who could. He stopped and the couple climbed in. Jim asked what the problem was. The man replied, "It just quit running."

It sounded like the contact points to Jim. He went back and checked and sure enough the points were broken.

Here was where the story got strange.

Jim told the man he could help him, but the man refused because he had his own plan to fix the problem. He said he needed to be in Albuquerque that evening, and if Jim could get him to town he would get the parts at a service station and pay someone to fix it.

Jim told him there wasn't a place in town that would have the spare parts. Jim repeated he thought he could help him.

Instead, the man suggested he might get the parts at a part store. Jim countered that all the parts stores close at noon on Saturday.

The man then suggested calling the



VW dealership, having the part special delivered, then have someone fix it. Jim replied that the VW dealership was 75 miles away, closed, and wouldn't reopen until Monday.

Finally, Jim said, "Look! Whether you like it or not, I believe God

brought us together for a reason. I am the only person in this country who has a Rabbit like yours and I'm the only one who can help you. I have the parts at home so let me help you."

Jim was getting exasperated with the man's stubborn determination to solve his problem his own when the solution was so simple. That is when Jim realized this is the way we are with God when it comes to salvation.

We want salvation, but we want to make our own rules for obtaining it. We say, "I belong to such and such church." God says, "That won't do it. I am the only one who can help you." We say, "I do good things for people, pay lots of money to the church. I've been baptized, etc."

God said in Ephesians 3:8-9, "By grace are you saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." God says, "I am the only one who can help you, so please, let Me." Most say, "No, I want to do it my own way."

Fortunately, the man finally agreed to Jim's suggestion. They took the couple in their home, helped them dry their clothes and fed them some hot chocolate.

After they were warm and dry, Jim took his spare points back to the broken down Rabbit and installed them. The couple were back on the road in short order. Without charge for parts, labor or help.

Just like God's grace.

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scalding, burning hurting and leaving great scars in their lives.

When Satan's nasty plan has completed its course, even more people will be infected with the “anger bug”, and then the same mess will start all over again.

So when you find yourself sitting on the burner and your “temperature” is rising, what do you do?

Ephesians 4:26 gives us the first step, “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:”

The Lord knows this body of flesh will be prone to anger, and that is why He instructed us to deal with that anger immediately, that very day! He doesn't want us to let it linger and become a stronghold for the Devil.

Some folks get very excited at the “Be

ye angry” part of the verse thinking God condones such.

Ephesians 4:31 removes any claim to that idea by giving clear instruction. “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:”

Next we must forgive our offender. The Lord tells us to love them as He loved us. He sacrificed Himself on the cross for our sins, so how much more should we sacrifice our feelings and pride to forgive those who have hurt us.

“And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour...”
Ephesians 5:2

Then, for a lasting solution we must learn to be longsuffering; developing the unlimited ability to be ill-treated without wanting or attempting to seek revenge.

A longsuffering person has a long fuse. They have reached the level of spiritual obedience and maturity to be able to be taken advantage of, yet not be troubled or angry.

“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.” Colossians 3:12-15

I am reminded of a tea kettle I used for many years. One day I had put it on to boil and realized it had been quite a while, but there had been no summoning whistle to let me know it was ready.

When I checked on it, I found all the water and boiled down! I tried again and found the whistle no longer worked. I wrote on it in permanent black marker, “I DON'T WHISTLE” and took it to the church where it continued to serve, but in silence.

I'd sure like to be like that little kettle, wouldn't you?

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He pointed to both present momentum and present responsibility, noting growth in enrollment and renewed energy across campus while emphasizing the importance of stewardship in the current season.

“There is a sense that something is happening here,” Langley said. “And yet, we are called to be faithful in this moment... We are called to steward what God has given us today.”

Throughout the address, Langley outlined three commitments he believes will shape the future of Central Baptist College: faithfulness to mission, excellence in all areas, and intentional investment in people.

“We will not drift. We will not dilute. We will not compromise,” he said, emphasizing the College's commitment to remain firmly grounded in Scripture.

He also highlighted the spiritual impact of the institution, noting that 11 students had made professions of faith during the current semester and calling the College community to continued prayer and Gospel focus.

“Our confidence is not rooted in strategy alone,” Langley said. “It is rooted in the character of God.”

Langley concluded by issuing a charge to students, faculty, staff, and church partners to remain united in purpose and committed to the mission of Christ-centered education.

“I stand here to issue an invitation,” he said, calling the CBC community to move forward together in faith.

The ceremony concluded with the congregation standing to sing “Great Is Thy Faithfulness,” led by Bro. Ross Burgess and accompanied by Sharon Duncan. The hymn served as both a closing moment of worship and a unifying declaration.

A benediction was delivered by Bro. Dustin Wisely, pastor of First Baptist Church in Magnolia, and guests were then invited to a reception on the campus lawn, where they continued celebrating the occasion with fellowship.

For Central Baptist College, the day represented more than a leadership transition. It served as a reaffirmation of its mission and a reminder of the foundation upon which it stands.

As Langley summarized, the story of CBC is not ultimately about any one person or moment, but about a faithful God who continues to guide its future.

Where Does Your Church Get Her Strength?

If someone were to judge the condition of the church only by what appears in the news, they might assume the church is struggling or losing influence in today's world. But the truth is something very different. Every week across America, thousands of churches quietly gather to worship the Lord, preach the Scriptures, disciple believers, and share the Gospel with their communities. You may not read about these churches in national headlines.

Faithful ministry rarely makes the news

Yet it is through these quiet, faithful ministries that God continues building His church. Across America this very week, pastors are preparing sermons, counseling families, and praying for their congregations. Church members are serving in children's ministries, leading Bible studies, visiting the sick, and encouraging one another in the faith. These acts of service rarely attract public attention. They are not dramatic or controversial enough to make headlines. But they matter deeply. In fact, they represent the very heartbeat of the church. The Bible reminds us that God often works through what the world considers small or unnoticed.

"For who hath despised the day of small things?" (Zechariah 4:10)

Throughout Scripture, the Lord repeatedly used ordinary people who simply remained faithful to Him. The strength of the church has never depended on publicity or popularity. It rests on faithful obedience to God's Word. Every Sunday, pastors stand behind pulpits and proclaim the Scriptures. Congregations gather to worship the Lord and encourage one another. Children hear Bible stories that may shape their lives for decades to come. Missionaries are supported. Families are strengthened. These quiet acts of faithfulness rarely appear in headlines. But they are transforming lives. The greatest hope for America is the gospel and the local church.

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The Apostle Paul wrote: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Corinthians 4:2) Faithfulness may not always draw attention, but it is precious in the sight of God. Many pastors and churches are faithfully serving their communities with humility and dedication. They are not seeking recognition. They simply desire to serve the Lord and shepherd the people God has entrusted to them. The strength of the church has never depended on publicity or popularity; it rests on faithfulness.

My first church made the following one of my favorite songs. It is so uplifting when I hear it. You have heard it many times as well I am sure.

Keep On the Firing Line

If you're in the battle for the Lord and right, keep on the firing line;
If you win, my brother, surely you must fight, keep on the firing line;
There are many dangers that we all must face,
If we die still fighting it is no disgrace;
Cowards in the service will not find a place,
So keep on the firing line.

Refrain:

Oh, you must fight, be brave against all evil,
Never run, nor even lag behind;
If you would win for God and the right,
Just keep on the firing line.

1915 Bessie F. Hatcher

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