



Luke Callender

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

About the Family

I am Luke Callender. I studied music at the University of North Texas and later graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2018. I served as a chaplain at a county jail in Texas for eight years. This ministry training has proven to be more valuable than I can express. The Lord is perfectly wise in His providential timing!

My wife, Dominee, our three sons, Augustus, Rufus and Virgil, and I moved to New Bedford, Mass., in April of 2019. We had the profound blessing of participating as Grace Harbor Church was planted and established in the West End of New Bedford. In 2021, Grace Harbor Church installed me as one of her pastors.

In 2025, the Lord sent us out from a vibrant, healthy church in New Bedford to pastor Central Baptist Church in Westfield and to minister to the College Campus at Westfield State University.

About My Ministry

New England is America's missional frontier. In a 2019 study, Barna determined western Massachusetts to be the #1 most post-Christian region in the nation.

Central Baptist Church's history dates back to the 1830s. The church has seen thriving seasons, trying seasons and everything in between. The past several years have been a season of difficulty and decline. But the Lord has preserved this church. Please pray fervently with us that the Lord will restore the life and witness of Central Baptist Church.

Westfield State University is only three miles down the road. Please pray with us that we would cultivate a consistent gospel presence on campus and to minister the Good News to those students that they might become disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Ahead of us are decades (not years) of faithful endurance. The Lord indeed is faithful.

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Provide.

PRAY.

Only by a movement of the Spirit of God will we see fresh life in a dark place. Please pray that the name of the Lord would be magnified and exalted, that disciples would be made, and that the light of Christ would shine brightly in western Massachusetts. Would you put our family's name, Central Baptist Church of Westfield and the people of western Massachusetts on your prayer lists to bring before the Lord regularly? We're zealous to minister to our neighbors, to see lives entrusted to the loving lordship of Jesus the Messiah, and to see His Bride—the church—flourish as the family of God and herald of the gospel!

PARTICIPATE

It is the local church's responsibility to support her ministers. The Lord preserves, supplies, refines, and restores His church. Will you stand in the gap for someone who may not even know the Lord Jesus yet? The Lord is the provider of our every need and worthy of our trust and adoration. Please pray about investing in the kingdom by partnering with us through monthly financial support.

PROVIDE

Would you consider joining us in New England? Would the Lord have you embody the light of Christ in a dark place, a place that has almost completely forgotten the sound of praise being lifted up to the Most High God?