



Banner

June 2015

A Note from our Pastor, Bill Russell

Somebody's been quite busy working in the flowers in the front of the church. It is gorgeous with the lilies and roses, the nandina and weeping cherry, and all of the other plants that have been so lovingly planted, weeded, and cared for. However, that is not the real beauty of the church. The beauty of the church is its people, the people of God, as they go about the job of being the church. You, friends, are beautiful when you are at worship, or Bible study, checking on a sick member, or when you are working in preparation for a big event (read Summer Sale). Remember, though, you are most beautiful when you take the message of the church away from the safety of the sanctuary and into the world. That is when the beauty of God's people is greatest. Remember talking about the pied piper a couple of weeks ago? Let others see the joy in your life; let others see your faith in action; let others want to have what you have. I am very proud to serve with such beautiful people. Let's share the beauty.



Mother's Day

Carol Scarberry gave a presentation on Mother's Day which included notes, provided by members of our Church, recalling their mothers. The following is a summary of what she said.

"Today we honor our mothers, step mothers and other women mentors in our lives. Here are some of the words you shared with us:

No matter how long your mother has been gone, her love and teachings are always with you.

My mother had two great talents, a superb penmanship and she could serve guilt by the bucket full.

When I got my heart broken, for the first time, my told me, son time doesn't heal anything but it changes everything.

'The size of a good mother, short on criticizing, tall on believing, round on patience, thin on scolding, heavy on confidence, strong on gentle discipline, light on finding fault, full of giving and empty of taking offence. That measures up the love of a mother.'

Today a gift will be made to Karat Place in honor of our mothers."

(ed, over 15 contributions were read out at the service)

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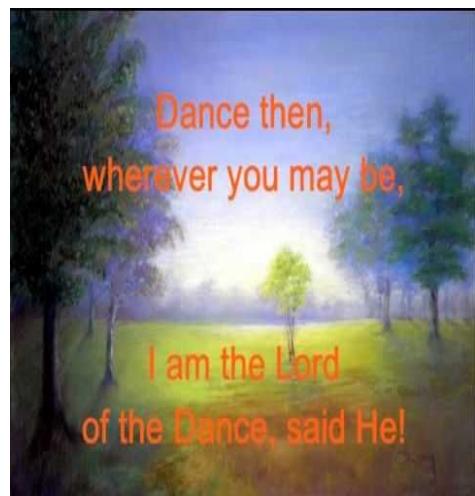
Congratulations

During May Denise Price obtained her Masters in interior design from the University of Memphis.



Hymn Of The Month

As we did last summer, during June, July, August, and September, each month we will introduce a new, perhaps unfamiliar, hymn into our worship. You will hear the hymn in different ways at least two times before we sing it and that way we can become a little familiar with it. June's Hymn of the Month is entitled "Lord of the Dance", and you will like it. Although it is not found in our Chalice Hymnal, there will be an insert placed in each hymnal. This Sunday we will introduce this wonderful song with Amy singing it as a solo. It is very upbeat and uplifting, and the lyrics are superb. I urge you to listen, follow along with Amy, looking at the music. The hymns we learn this summer will be very singable and easy to learn, even for those who do not read music, and will broaden our worship experience in a very meaningful way. Let's learn together.

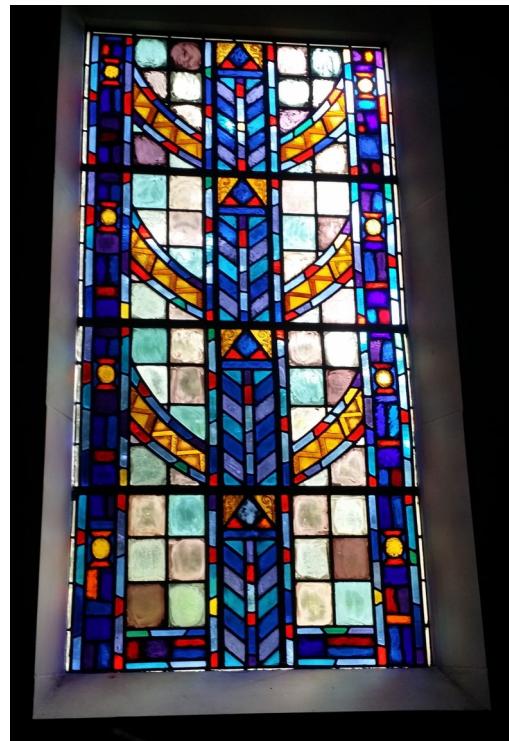


Property and Grounds

In the last issue we reported on the vandalism to the stained glass windows in our Church. While the incident was a sad reflection on the needless acts of certain people we were also able to report on the fantastic response from members, friends and people who have had no previous connection with our Church. From their kind donations we raised more than enough to make the repairs.

Our thanks must also go to the expert staff at Luckhuff's Stained Glass who achieved such an excellent repair that their work is indistinguishable from the original. They operate from a small facility on Summer Avenue, here in Memphis, and are living proof that craftsmanship is still alive and well.

In May we also completed the patching of the gymnasium roof and time will tell if this will achieve results sufficient to enable us to put off replacement of the roof covering for a few more years.



Thursday Bible Class



**You are invited to join a
Community Bible Study
LED BY TAMI TAYLOR**

**AT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN
CHURCH
THURSDAYS AT 11:30.
BRING YOUR BROWN BAG LUNCH
FELLOWSHIP
AFTER THE BIBLE STUDY.**

DWM

A previous edition of the Banner included the incredible list of programs supported by our DWM (Disciples Women's Ministries). During our preparations for the Summer Sale, and indeed for the Autumn evening which is not that far away, it is appropriate that we remind ourselves what this fund raising is all for. Here, in summary, are the Charities and organization supported DWM through our fund raising efforts:

American Leprosy Program

Calvary Rescue Mission

Church Health Center: The Church Health Center seeks to reclaim the Church's biblical commitment to care for our bodies and our spirits. Their ministries provide healthcare for the working uninsured and promote healthy bodies and spirits for all.

Disciple Mission Fund (Love Offering)

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Global Women Connecting

Karat Place: Founded in 1999 by Melvena Leake, Karat Place is a grassroots non-profit residential rehabilitation program for homeless women ex-offenders and their children

Meal Card and Snack Pack Project: The Disciple Women purchase gift cards in small denominations from a fast food restaurant that is within walking distance of the church to be given out to people who come to our doors and are hungry. They also contribute toward snack packs and vouchers for the Union Mission which are also handed out to the homeless you visit our Church doors.

Memphis Union Mission: Memphis Union Mission ministers to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of men, women and children who are homeless, addicted, and in crisis.

MIFA (Memphis Inter-Faith Association): The mission of MIFA is to support the independence of vulnerable seniors and families in crisis through high-impact programs.

Minister's Discretionary Fund: Central has traditionally kept a small discretionary fund, distributed by the Minister, to be used to assist members and friends of the church in emergency situations, such as lack of utilities.

Neighborhood Compassion Clinic: Established by Dr. John Lang and his wife Judy, a registered nurse, NCC is located in the Binghampton area of Memphis. They are open one evening a week and serve patients from infants to senior citizens. They treat diabetes, hypertension, colds, flu and any other ailment that is presented to them. The clinic is funded entirely through donations from friends, family and local church groups.

Rachel's Kids: The goal of Rachel's Kids Inc. is to provide opportunities and improved quality of life for those children who live in the inner city neighborhoods of Memphis.

Woman to Woman Global -Woman-to-Woman Worldwide (WWW) is sponsored by the International DWM and administered by the staff of Disciples Women in conjunction with Global Ministries.

Fun, Food and Fellowship

The picture on the right shows the aftermath of our Cinco De Mayo dinner. A great evening of good food followed by our Bible study led by Bill Russell.

Our janitor, John Rainey, celebrated his birthday last month, and thanks to our hosts, Debra and George Goodnight, we were able to join in that celebration. We were treated to a delicious spread of BBQ and sides washed down with a deceptively strong “fruit” punch. This, as you can see from the picture below, was followed by birthday cake. George Goodnight is lighting the candles with the birthday boy, John Rainey, looking on.

On May 5th we enjoyed “Hot Diggity Dog Sunday” with a hotdog feast supplied by Mark Rutledge. Pictured at bottom right are John Johnson, Carol Scarberry and Connie Bennett piling their plates.



Building from the Board

Our Meeting of the General board was held on May 21st. The treasurer, John Bennett, reported that while a surplus was achieved in April of \$2875 this was largely due to a generous donation by a member of the Church to cover the costs of repairs to woodwork in the Education Building. However he was pleased to report that so far this year we are in surplus as against our predicted budget shortfall and that we have good cash reserves. Among other matters discussed and/or voted on were plans for the Summer Sale, a new hymn of the month during the Summer and the reinstatement of Coffee in the Narthex while the Fellowship Hall is unavailable. Our next Board Meeting will be on June 25th.

Summer Sale



Children's clothing. Women's and Men's clothing.
Baby clothes. Shoes.

SUMMER SALE

JUNE 20 8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.



Toys, games, books. Household goods. Sheets and towels.



Costume Jewelry Furniture Electronics

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
531 S. MCLEAN

HALF-PRICE SALE JUNE 27
8:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.



Once again the time for one of great fund raisers of the year is upon us. The setting up and displaying the items on sale takes a lot of time and effort so please look at the schedule of work parties and see when you can help out. This event can only be a success if we all pull together. Judging by the amount, and quality, of the items donated so far, this year should be one of our most successful sales ever. You will find the work parties listed with the Wednesday Night Dinner Schedule.

Don't forget on the day of the sale, June 20th, we will need volunteers to be at the Church at least half an hour before the doors open at 8:00am. The same goes for the half price sale on June 27th.

Not only is the sale a fund raising event but it raises our profile in the neighborhood and can be an opportunity for evangelism.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

06.03.15	Wednesday	Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Micki Artman
06.06.15	Saturday	Work Day	Fellowship Hall	Debra Goodnight
06.07.15	Sunday A.M.	Coffee with the Parson	Sanctuary Narthex	Coffee and Donuts
06.07.15	Sunday P.M.	Work Day	Fellowship Hall	Carol Scarberry
06.10.15	Wednesday	Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Mary Artman
06.13.15	Saturday	Work Day	Fellowship Hall	Daphne Brown
06.14.15	Sunday A.M.	Coffee with the Parson	Sanctuary Narthex	Coffee and Donuts
06.14.15	Sunday P.M.	Work Day	Fellowship Hall	Linda Johnson
06.17.15	Wednesday	Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Mark Rutledge
06.20.15	Saturday	SUMMER SALE	Fellowship Hall	Lunch Provided for Workers
06.21.15	Sunday A.M.	FATHER'S DAY	Sanctuary Narthex	Daphne Brown
06.24.15	Wednesday	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	Fellowship Hall	Rest Night
06.27.15	Saturday	HALF PRICE SALE	Fellowship Hall	Lunch Provided for Workers
06.28.15	Sunday A.M.	Coffee with the Parson	Sanctuary Narthex	Coffee and Donuts

If you need to make a change in the schedule, please give me a call at 262-6298. Thanks for your help! Daphne

Weddings at Central

In March we were honored to host the wedding of Sarah Lewis and Aherin Dickson, pictured on the right.

It was a beautiful, well attended, service and we had many compliments paid to us not only as regards the Church facilities but also the arrangements.

Please take a few copies of our Weddings Brochure next time you are at the Church and keep them handy. Don't forget that not only do we have the Church for the larger ceremonies, but we have the Chapel for a more intimate service and our garden makes a great backdrop for the wedding pictures.

The amounts of the suggested donation for use of the facilities, and other details, are all in the brochure. Connie Bennett is our Wedding Coordinator.



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This Month at Central

Wednesday 3rd
Summer Sale Work Night

Meal for workers: Micki Artman

Sunday 7th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:00am Coffee with the Parson in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Summer Sale Work Day

Worship Leader: Debra Goodnight
Loaf: Daphne Brown
Cup: Kathy Young
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Carol Scarberry

Wednesday 10th
Summer Sale Work Night

Meal for workers: Mary Artman

Sunday 14th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:00am Coffee with the Parson in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Summer Sale Work Day

Worship Leader: Katrinka Hall
Loaf: John Johnson
Cup: Mark Rutledge
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Linda Johnson

Wednesday 17th
Summer Sale Work Night

Meal for workers: Mark rutledge

Sunday 21st Father's Day
19:45 am Bible Class
10:00am Coffee with the Parson in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: George Goodnight
Loaf: Carol Scarberry
Cup: John Johnson
Liturgical Color: Green
Refreshments: Daphne Brown

Wednesday 24th
No program

Worship Leader: Shula Shaw
Loaf: Kathy Young
Cup: Daphne Brown
Liturgical Color: Green

Sunday 28th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:00am Coffee with the Parson in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service

Church Calendar for June

20th
Summer Sale

25th
Meeting of Elders and Board

27th
1/2 Price Sale

Birthdays

5th
Jane Bond

14th
Henry Lindeman

23rd
Quay Butts