

# Central Christian Church **Banner**

Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



## A Easter Message From The Chairman

April 2012



As we move through the Lenten season toward Palm Sunday and Easter, these continue to be exciting times for our church. We have continued to hear messages from a variety of guest ministers, while our pulpit committee pre-

pares to seek a minister to serve on a more long term basis.

We are near the end of our Wednesday night study of John Ortberg's book, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat!," and are now in the process of selecting our next book for study.

Several "water walkers" have emerged from this study, and as a result our group and our Board have searched for ways to make our church more well known in, and to serve our community. A new Wedding Planning committee has been formed and has set a date for an open house for wedding planners to familiarize them with our beautiful facilities.

Our next New Beginnings meetings are scheduled for May 9 and 10.

This is not a comprehensive list of recent, current and planned activities, and I encourage you to read the entire Banner for more specific information.

Please remember to pray daily for our church: not only that we will grow in numbers, but that we will serve our God and our community in all these matters.

Respectfully,

John Johnson



### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Springlike temperatures have beckoned several to venture on trips. John and Connie Bennett have been to New Orleans and Amy Lindeman and her family traveled to the beach and to Atlanta during Spring Break. Mary Artman, Daphne Brown, Debra Goodnight and Gloria Jeffery attended the Disciple Women's Spiritual Journey in Union City.

We welcomed Sherry Richardson and Ashley Fowler as guest musicians.

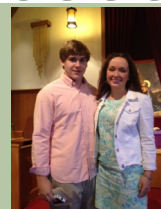
Sympathy is extended to Sara Jane Smith on the death of her sister-in-law, Mary Schaedle.

Erin Bowlen and her boyfriend were in Memphis on Spring Break and she reports college life is great!

We continue to remember Shula Cangelosi as she continues chemo treatments. Clara Holton remains at home, receiving home health care. We are glad to welcome Floyd Scarberry back after his bout with pneumonia.

Jane Bond sends greetings to everyone via a phone visit.

**HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!!**





### **From a recent offertory thought by Micki Artman...**

“So many times we offer thanks to God for what we have received. How often do we stop to thank God for what we have the opportunity to do? We have the chance every day to make a difference in people’s lives and fill the needs that others have. Let us give thanks today to God for our opportunities!

### **From a recent offertory prayer by John Bennett...**

“We don’t think of what we have as wealth, Lord. It isn’t enough to buy out a major corporation. But you have given us enough to fulfill your covenant. You’ve cared for us every day of our lives. We haven’t appreciated enough how you’ve taken care of us or the way you have kept us going even in the rough times. You’ve given us countless spiritual blessings: a church to worship in, Christian friends and your love. Thank you for the spiritual and financial wealth you’ve given us. We want to use it in your glory.

## **BUILDING from the BOARD**

There are so many exciting things to report from the March 15th General Board Meeting! Some of the highlights are as follows:

#### **Nanda’s Suggestion Box:**

1. Re-establishment of Food Bank Collection on “fifth” Sunday months.
2. Market the church for weddings.

Richard Brown, Treasurer, reported as follows: Income for the month of February was \$1000 under budget; Expenses were \$2700 under budget and Total Net Increase of \$958.

The beautiful and meaningful musical program presented by the Adams Avenue Camerata sponsored by the DWM also afforded an evangelism opportunity to showcase our Church.

A successful bake sale that raised \$800.

Progress in the revitalization of Penny’s Garden.

Moving forward with improvements and enhancements to our Church thru:

1. Replacement of gutters on north side of building at a cost of \$2750.
2. Replacement of 5 windows at \$300 per window, with proceeds of \$800 from bake sale going toward project.

Exciting additions are being made to our website, such as a link to the Central Gardens Association and a YouTube link for musical and sermon videos.

The pulpit has been filled through the end of April. Bill Russell will provide messages on Palm Sunday and Easter.

Exciting plans are underway for our church as our committees move forward with renewed commitment and enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Johnson,  
Board Secretary



## Disciples Women's Ministries

Our church will begin supporting the MIFA Food Pantry at Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in April. Every month that has five Sundays will be a collection month.

Beginning April 15, boxes will be placed in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the following items:

Canned Fruit  
Pasta  
Dry Milk  
Toothpaste  
Deodorant

Peanut Butter  
Cereal  
Crackers  
Bars of Soap  
Shampoo

As we shop for groceries, if everyone will add one item each week for the food pantry, we can make a difference in fighting hunger. Cash donations will be accepted if you preferred and we will do the shopping for you. Contact Gloria Jeffery at 323-6482 if you have a cash donation or any questions.



Mark Rutledge getting his just rewards from Dylan Akins & Michael Bolinski after their exciting demonstration of the sword fighting scene from "King Lear".



### Recent Visitors At Central

Our recent visitors were:

Judy Childress  
Denise & Scott Price  
Becky Bailey  
Cameron Feinster  
Michelle Young  
The Family of Bill Russell  
The family of our visiting minister, Wes Brown  
Pat Monasso  
Matt Pennington

We thank them for attending.

### SUMMER SALE--JUNE 23

We are now collecting items for our Summer Sale. Go through your closets, rooms, attics, basements and garages. We are happy to have anything you can contribute. We will pick up large items if you can not get them to us. Just call the church office and we will schedule someone to pick up your items.



John Bennett with Wes Brown and his lovely wife, Charlotte, and their two daughters after Wes delivered the message on Sunday.



## Guest Ministers for April

Please plan to be at worship each Sunday during the April as we enjoy fine messages from our Guest Ministers. Bill Russell, Dana Couch-Davis and Patricia Loy. Dana Couch-Davis is a Master of Divinity student at Memphis Theological Seminary and a member at Kingsway Christian Church. He is a transplant from the south to the mid-Atlantic region. A native of Atlanta, GA, he has lived in Memphis, TN, Sarasota, FL, Clover, SC and Washington D.C. He is a former mental health counselor and was the Executive Director of a mental health agency prior to entering the real estate business. Patricia Loy, as part of Chuck Colson's Prison Fellowship Ministries, served as a prison evangelist from 1990-1998. She was ordained as a minister in 1998 by Christ the Rock Church in Memphis and served as Minister of Christ the Rock North in Covington, TN from 1998 thru 2010.

She has served as a keynote speaker in several women's conferences. She is currently retired from the full-time ministry and works in the mental health field and speaks by invitation.

April 1 (Palm Sunday) Bill Russell  
April 8 (Easter) Bill Russell

April 15 Dana Couch-Davis  
April 22 Dana Couch-Davis

April 30 Patricia Loy



Daphne Brown "en garde" with Dylan Atkins, one of the actors performing in the play "King Lear"



Our version of "Russell Mania" with Amy Lindeman, father Bill and sister Ashley after the service. Bill delivered the message, Amy sang a solo and Ashley performed at the piano.



WHO ARE  
THE COOKS  
THIS  
MONTH?

### APRIL

4/5 (Maundy Thur.)-Dot Olivi  
4/11 John & Connie Bennett  
4/18 Daphne & Richard Brown  
4/25 Mary & Jack Artman

### MAY

5/2 Debra & George Goodnight  
5/9 Carol & Floyd Scarberry  
5/16 Linda Johnson & Katrinka Hall  
5/23 Men's Cookout  
5/30 Summer Recess



Everybody was happy to volunteer to fill Easter eggs for Rachel's Kids Easter Egg Hunt. From left to right seated, Wynanda Noordermeer, standing, Carol Scarberry, Randy Pennington, Dorothy Feimster, Mary Artman, Rachel Woodall, Debra Goodnight and Linda Johnson.



John Johnson and Bill Russell after the service where Bill delivered the message.

## Her Faith Ministries, Inc.

Her Faith Ministries, Inc., 3396 Park Ave, Memphis, Tn 38111 was founded by Elaine Sanford as a result of a call from God one day in 2008. Finding a young woman sitting in a parking lot in the car in which she was living with her two children, Elaine said, "I couldn't just leave them alone." It was cold, there were two small children and a woman with a real bad cough." Elaine began looking for a home for this family. She found none. Then the message from God; "Elaine you have a house." A house her family owned in Frayser which had utilities, a bed, a kitchen and food in the fridge! (Her sons had recently moved out.) The family stayed more than a year!

In the process, the house became Her Place--the core of Her Faith Ministries, a non profit organization that provides food, clothing shelter, safety and stability for women who have lost their jobs, their providers or their family support.

Their needs are as follows:

- A. **Bedding** 18 beds x 3 sets each; 12 new beds are being added.  
 Linens ( twin fitted and flat sheets, pillow cases) 54 sets  
 Pillows- 54 pillows  
 Mattress- covers (twin beds) 36  
 Blankets -(twin) 54  
 Mattresses- (twin) 12
- B. **Bath Materials**  
 Towels (bath, face, hand) 72  
 Shower curtains 12  
 Bathroom rugs (washable) 12
- C. **Kitchen Needs**  
 Cookware sets (pots, sauce pans, skillets) 2 sets  
 Dish sets (plastic settings for 8) 2 sets  
 Silverware sets 2 sets  
 Glasses (plastic) for 8 2 sets  
 Trash containers (kitchen, bath, bathroom) 4 sets
- D. **Toiletry Items**  
 Toilet Paper  
 Paper towels  
 Bar Soap  
 Vaseline  
 Lotion
- E. **Resident Personal Needs:**  
 Women's ankle socks 9-11 20 pair  
 Children's socks (various sizes) 20 pair  
 Women's cotton underwear (sizes 8,10,12) 100 pair  
 Bras (sizes 34B (5ea), 36C (3ea), 40D & 40DD)

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## This Month At Central



Regular Sunday Schedule  
9:30 am Adult Bible Study  
10:45 am Worship  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Regular Wednesday Night Schedule  
6:30 pm Central Family Dinner  
7:00 pm Program or Bible Study

Sunday, April 1  
**Palm Sunday**  
Monday, April 2  
**12:00 noon Ruth Group Meeting**  
Tuesday, April 3  
**6:00 Lydia Group Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 4  
**NO DINNER!!**  
Thursday, April 5  
**6:30 Maundy Thursday Dinner**  
Friday, April 6  
**Good Friday**

Serving, April 1  
Worship Leader - Geo. Goodnight  
Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Gloria Jeffery  
Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Rutledge

Sunday, April 8  
**Easter Sunday**  
Wednesday, April 11  
Regular Wednesday Activities

Serving, April 8  
Worship Leader - Kathy Young  
Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Rutledge  
Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Jack Artman

Sunday, April 15  
Regular Sunday Schedule  
Wednesday, April 18  
Central Family Dinner  
Thursday, April 22  
**6:30 Elders Meeting**  
**7:00 Board Meeting**

Serving, April 15  
Worship Leader— Carol Scarberry  
Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Pat Hammond  
Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Daphne Brown

Sunday, April 22  
Regular Sunday Schedule  
Wednesday, April 25  
Regular Wednesday Activities

Serving, April 22  
Worship Leader - Daphne Brown  
Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Brown  
Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Geo. Goodnight

Sunday, April 29  
Regular Sunday Schedule  
Wednesday, May 2  
Regular Wednesday Activities

Serving, April 29  
Worship Leader—Jack Artman  
Loaf-----Geo. Goodnight  
Cup-----Carol Scarberry



April 6 Richard Brown

April 11 Floyd Scarberry

April 21 Rob Artman

April 30 Tom Richardson



*Happy Easter*

