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Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



A Note from Bill

August, 2012



Bill Russell

After six weeks of being your pastor, all I can say is "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." You are without a doubt the most gracious people I have served, as well as the most generous with your encouragement and kind words. For the wonderful Bible commentary, for

the magnificent decorating of my office, and for all of the other super-nice things you have done for me, thank you very, very much. Even though I am part-time full time, I want you to know that I am available to any of you, any time, any day. I am going to try to be in the office at church on Mondays from 9:30 to noon, and I would welcome a visit from any who feel like they would like to share a cup of coffee or a soda with me. Even though I have known many of you for years, I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know you on a much deeper level.

I will be out of town the first week in August, but when I return, I am going to start visiting in homes and

listening to you, your story, and what your hopes are for our church. I hope you will start thinking about those things before I call to set up a time to visit.

I hope you are enjoying having the scripture for the sermon early in the week and I hope you are reading it ahead of time. We gather on Sunday for numerous reasons, one being to learn about God and what He wants for and from us. The more we are familiar with His word, the more likely we are to understand what He is trying to say to us. I urge you, when you get the scripture during the week, study it before Sunday and let it come alive for you.

August and July historically are down months for worship attendance. If each of you invites someone to join you for worship, we could buck the trend. Will you join me in inviting just one person to church each Sunday in August? I promise you it will make a difference.

Joy and blessing to each of you,

Bill

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Bill Russell was installed as our minister by Glen Stewart from the Regional Office on July 15th. The reception was lovely and the food delicious.

We have said good-bye to Gloria Jeffery. She has moved to Colorado to be near her son and grandchildren. We will miss her dearly.

Mary Artman was in the hospital for some tests. John Bennett had heart surgery and as did Dennis Hall. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

The DWM sponsored the renovation of the Eula

Woodall Parlor. Wall and ceiling painting and the new laminated floor was done by George and Wesley Goodnight, Rob, Micki and Clay Artman. Mary Artman and Micki Artman are reupholstering the sofa and there will be new window treatments.

We have been blessed to have many visitors in the month of July. Our recent visitors are: Carol Keathly, Ann Francis, Martin & Virginia Robbins, Richard Hacklend, Kathy Mullen, Charles & Barbara Schuster, John, Judy, & Kathy Gattery, Annette Griffith, Maggie Haines, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dickerson, Fairy Shull and The Kirklands.

Central has had a rockin' July. We can only hope and pray the excitement continues.



Micki Artman shared this offertory recently: . . .

James writes: "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift is from above." He says plainly that generosity comes from God. It is a gift of faith. Giving is an act of faith. We give, believing that God will provide for our needs. We give, believing that Christ's church is worthy of our offerings.

Lord, we lift to you this offering, a small token of our great love for you, and our response to the needs of our fellow man. Receive it and bless its reach and effectiveness as only you can do.

BUILDING from the BOARD

Highlights from the July 20, 2012 Board Meeting are as follows:

Financials:	June, 2012	YTD
Income	\$4,430	\$51,299
Expenses	\$9,183	\$45,577
Net Income/Expenses	(\$4,754)	\$ 532

Expenses include replacement of the air-conditioning unit in Fellowship Hall and replacement of the roof.

The DWM approved \$750 to paint and install laminated flooring in the parlor. Additional improvements are planned, such as recovering the Duncan Phyfe Sofa, recovering the straight chair seats and new window treatments.

The Board approved the DWM's request to host a Clothes Closet one Saturday per month.

The Membership Department took over the 5th Sunday Food Drive for Grace St. Luke's Food Pantry that was formerly coordinated by Gloria Jeffrey.

The beautiful Bible Commentary, purchased for Bill Russell's installation, was received and presented to him. He was so pleased by the presentation and expressed heart-felt appreciation.

The small group leaders will meet in early August to discuss format for small group congregational meetings, as recommended by New Beginnings, to determine the future direction for our church.

Cakes and baked goods are requested for the August 2nd Election Day.

The committee appointed as a liaison between the Board and the Minister has been broadened, at the Minister's request, to include the congregation and staff. Herb Butts, Floyd Scarberry, and Kathy Young serve on the Committee and are available should there be a need.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Johnson, Board Secretary

Disciple Women's Ministries

DWM LUNCHEON

The Disciple Womens Fellowship monthly meeting will be Sunday, August 12th, after the service. They will host a Pot Luck Lunch. A Bible Study will be presented by Kathy Young. The main course provided for the lunch will be Poppy Seed Chicken. You can bring side dishes or deserts or pay \$3.00 for this very delicious repast.

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Central Clothes Closet Planning Meeting

We are exploring a new mission project and have been given approval from the General Board to start a Clothes Closet. If you would like to help on the committee, please join us for a planning session on Sunday, August 5th, after church to determine how we will move forward.



Bill Russell and Gloria Jeffery at her going away reception.

IT'S A RED LETTER DAY

Be sure to mark Saturday, October 13th on your calendar for **"AUTUMN EVENING."** Tell your friends and relatives to mark their calendars also. Let's make this a wonderful event!!

Gloria Jeffery's New Address

655 A Laredo Ct.

Grand Junction, CO 81505

Telephone #970-628-1426

Fun! Fun! Fun!



Make plans to attend the End of the Summer Cook-Out on Wednesday, August 29, hosted by George Goodnight and Richard Brown, who will be assisted by Mark Rutledge, Wesley Goodnight and Floyd Scarberry.

NEW PASTOR AN OLD FRIEND AT MIDTOWN MEMPHIS CHURCH

Central Christian Church's blue neon cross has been beckoning Bill Russell for decades. He grew up two blocks from the Midtown church at the corner of Peabody and McLean.

He was in the Cub Scouts at Central. He was baptized by the late Rev. Charles Woodall, who was Central's pastor for 24 years.

His mother was Central's pianist for many years, his aunt was organist and choir director. Now, his daughter, Amy, is the congregation's pianist and choir director. Ironically, Russell, who has been a bi-vocational minister since the 1970s, was never a member at Central.

That will change Sunday when Russell, 63, is installed at Central's new pastor. "This really is like coming home," said Russell, who owns Russell Brothers Fine Jewelers.

Russell succeeds Scott Pricer, who left in December to become pastor of Faith Christian Church. Pricer followed Woodall.

Russell has served seven congregations over the past 40 years as a minister of youth, music or evangelism. This will be his first assignment as pastor.

"My hope for Central is that it can continue to have a vital ministry in the Midtown area and be a vibrant place of worship for those in Central Gardens," Russell said.

Russell's wife, Anne, is organist at Kingsway Christian Church. They've been married for 44 years and have four children and eight grandchildren. Two of his children are members at Central.

"Never let your children give you your e-mail address and set it up for you," said Russell, whose e-mail address is amoron@gmail.com.

"That said, over the years I have really grown to appreciate the fact that when people type it in or it shows up in their in-box, it puts a smile on their face. And it is easy to remember."

**Article from The Commercial Appeal
By David Waters**

A NOTE FROM Kathy Young ...

Rick and I would like to thank the members of Central Christian Church for their care and concern during the recent death of Rick's mother.

We especially want to thank the women of the DWM for bringing food to our house. It was a tremendous help and Rick was impressed by your acts of selflessness.

Thank you again for all you do.

Kathy Young



Men of the church saying good-by to Gloria Jeffery.

SPECIAL E-MAIL ADDRESS

Pastor Russell now has a private e-mail address for church related matters. His new address is:

billrussell531@att.net

Contact him there with any church related matter.



For the month of August, the messages on Sunday will be coming from the 6th chapter of John. This is a very important chapter to us as Christians. I urge you to dig into your Bible during the month and be ready for Sundays' messages. The scriptures for the rest of August is as follows:

August 12 - John 6: 35, 41-51

August 19 - John 6: 51-58

August 26 - John 6: 56-69

This chapter in John gives us some of the real meat of our faith, and to us, as Disciples of Christ, gives insight into certain aspects of the Lord's Supper. I will give no tests, and probably won't ask any questions from the pulpit, but I welcome yours as we seek deeper meaning and truth from the Word.



Ann, Bill and Amy after the musical program for the annual Vegetable Dinner.



Mary Artman with the basket of food collected for Grace-St. Luke's food pantry.

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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

<p>Sunday, August 5</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p>	<p>Serving, August 5</p> <p>Worship Leader Richard Brown Loaf George Goodnight Cup Kathy Young</p>	
<p>Sunday, August 12</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p>	<p>Serving, August 12</p> <p>Worship Leader George Goodnight Loaf Jack Artman Cup Carol Scarberry</p>	<p>Wesley Goodnight 8/1</p> <p>Patty Quinn 8/8</p> <p>Dennis Hall 8/10</p> <p>Marcia Thraikill 8/12</p>
<p>Sunday, August 19</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p>	<p>Serving, August 19</p> <p>Worship Leader John Johnson Loaf Carol Scarberry Cup Jack Artman</p>	<p>Herb Butts 8/24</p> <p>Bill Pennington 8/26</p> <p>Clay Artman 8/28</p> <p>Carol Scarberry 8/29</p>
<p>Sunday, August 26</p> <p>Regular Sunday Schedule</p>	<p>Serving, August 26</p> <p>Worship Leader Debra Goodnight Loaf Kathy Young Cup George Goodnight</p>	



In the good old summer time