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Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



February, 2012



Rev. Rachel Woodall

It is a great pleasure to have Rachel Woodall as our minister for the month of February. As many of you know, Reverend Woodall graduated from Yale University in 1980 with a B.A. in Religious Studies. She attended Vanderbilt Divinity School for one year, then returned to Memphis and began working in Child Protective

grew under her leadership; average worship attendance quadrupled from 30 to 120, and the church expanded its neighborhood ministries.

Currently Rachel serves as the West Area Women's Minister for the Tennessee Disciples Of Christ. At the same time, she has re-entered the world of law, having opened the Advocacy Law and Mediation Office.

Services as a case worker. She enrolled in the night program at the University of Memphis School of Law, where she earned her J.D. degree in 1986.

Rev. Woodall has two children, Julie (22) and Scott (21), and a grand child, Ryan (21 months). Her grandparents, Raymond and Cecil Scott as well as her Great grandmother, Thetis Wilson, were members of Central.

Continuation to hear God's persistent call, she enrolled at Memphis Theological Seminary, attending school while raising two small children. In 1994 she graduated from MTS *magna cum laude* with a Master of Divinity degree.

As a child, she frequently visited Central with her grandparents and later became a member of this church. She was ordained here in May of 1994.

A Disciples of Christ minister, Rachel served at Kingsway Christian Church and at Collierville Christian Church in assistant capacities, then as Senior Minister at Graceland Christian Church (1996-2008). Graceland



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The congregation has been blessed in January with inspiring messages and beautiful musical renditions from our guest pastors, Bill Russell and Charles Lindsey.

A telephone visit with Jane Bond reveals she is making new friends and working in the Thrift Store in her retirement complex.

We extend our sympathy to Chris Bethany on the death of her mother, Ozell Robbins.

Shula Cangelosi continues to recuperate at home and David Thrailkill is receiving treatments.

Recent visitors have been: David Padgett, Meredith Bingham, Judy and Kathy Guttey, Virginia and Martin Robbins, J.J. and Dick Doughtie, Maggie Haines, Annett Griffith, Anne Francis, Becky Bailey, Marshall Feimster, Dawn Bowen and Chad Fisher.

We were also glad to have Noah Ploderer back in worship.



Katrina related this story in her recent offertory...I like the old story about the guy who came to church with his family. As they were driving home, he complained about everything. The music was too loud, the sermon too long, the people unfriendly and he went on. Finally his observant son said, "Dad, you have to admit-It was not a bad show for a dollar." Katrina encouraged us to be cheerful and generous givers.

BUILDING from the BOARD

The first General Board Meeting of the New Year was held January 19, 2012. Richard Brown reported a deficit of \$2071 for the month of December, 2011 and a \$5876 deficit for the year ending 2011.

The following are highlights from the meeting:

- * Richard Brown, our financial leader, will continue-to look at innovative ways of reducing our outgo and increasing our income.
- * Our Elders will continue the ministry to our sick and shut-ins. Any news of illness within our congregation or special needs should be directed to Carol Scarberry, Chairman of the Elders.
- * George Goodnight, our Communications "Czar" has asked that we contact him for information to be shared with the congregation and he will make a "call-em-all."
- * Mark Rutledge, our Building and Grounds Specialist, has reported a \$2500 gift from the Helen Marshall Family for repairs to the Church. The money will be placed in a special account as seed money for repairs on the gutters and fascia on the old building.
- * Exciting plans are underway for the revitalization of Penny's Playground.
- * Our Master's Gardeners, Carol and Floyd Scarberry, have begun their work toward beautifying our church grounds.
- * Our Diaconate will sponsor a church clean-up day prior to Easter. Volunteers outside the diaconate are also welcome. John Bennett will lead this project.

Linda Johnson,

A message from the Table:

Jesus is alive and real, not tucked safely away in heaven. This is the table of our Risen Lord. He's here - eager to feed and forgive you. He is also likely to change you, and lead you out into the world, to people and places that need his healing touch, his caring presence, his palpable love, and abounding hope. Some have been known to experience heartburn from this meal. Eat at your own risk!

Rev. Charles Lindsey

2012 Pledges for Estimates of Giving

If you have not completed your 2012 Pledge Card, please complete as soon as possible and return to the church office. We must underwrite our expenses for 2012!

Important!!!!

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Betty Jones trying out an early donation for the Summer Sale.



Disciples Women's Ministries

Daphne Brown will present the program at the DWM meeting on Sunday February 12. She will highlight a recent series of articles, "Perspectives on Aging: Getting Old or Growing Old", by Philip Gulley. Gulley presents the topic with insight, inspiration and humor.

Phillip Gulley is a Quaker pastor, writer and speaker from Danville, Indiana. He is the author of 17 books, including the acclaimed Harmony series chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the best-selling Porch Talk series of inspirational and humorous essays. He is currently the pastor at Fairfield Friends Meeting House near Indianapolis.

Wednesday Night Dinners

We encourage everyone to join us for Wednesday Night Dinner and the excellent study John Johnson is leading on the John Ortberg's book: **If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat.** John is doing a great job reviewing the book with us. Just let us know if you would like to purchase a copy of the book because we can order it for you. We will be studying Chapter 3 and 4 during the month of February.

NEW FELLOWSHIP HOUR PLANS

The Membership Committee has announced a new format for our Fellowship Hour so that we may have more time to meet and greet our visitors and members. The Disciple women invite everyone to a POT LUCK lunch on the day of their monthly meeting. The Disciple Women suggest that you share in the Pot Luck by either paying \$3.00 for the lunch or bringing a dish to share. On all the others Sundays we will limit our food to cakes, coffee, drinks and cookies.

Rachel's Kids

The DWM is collecting **Cold & Flu Medicines for Rachel's Kids** throughout the month of February. **Please bring in your items and place them in the boxes in the Fellowship hall and the Sanctuary.**

Summer Sale in June

Clean out your closets, attic, basements, outdoor sheds and the houses of your friends and family and begin bringing the items to church! We are already collecting items for our **Summer Sale in June** and if you need a pick-up, please call **George Goodnight or Mark Rutledge.**



Our Regional Minister, Glen Stewart, visited our church in January. Here he is pictured with Debra Goodnight, Linda & John Johnson, Richard Brown and Micki Artman.

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

It has been quite a month at Central.

We successfully faced the challenge of filling our pulpit for the near future by inviting a diverse group of ministers to preach at Sunday morning worship service. We began with our own Kathy Young followed by Bill Russell and concluding the month with two services by Charles (Chuck) Lindsey. Both Bill and Chuck have performed solos as part of their message.



On Wednesday evenings our Central family dinners have resumed with a variety of delicious offerings from our fine volunteer cooks. We have also continued the study of John Ortberg's book, "If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" and are learning to be "water walkers" rather than "boat potatoes."

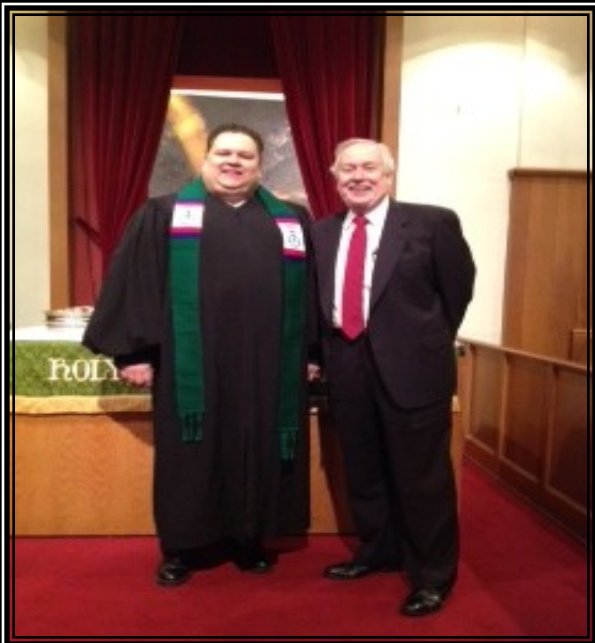
We Have two new members, Bill Nelson and Jimmy Boyd.

We have a new pulpit committee which will continue to recruit guest ministers while seeking a new regular minister.

Finally, we will be receiving advice and guidance through the New Beginnings program offered by the Disciples' Board of Church Extension.

As Mark Rutledge would say, "We are looking forward."

**John Johnson,
2012 Board Chairman**



Rev. Charles Lindsey with Mark Rutledge. Rev. Lindsey was one of three guest pastors that visited Central in January. Not only did they deliver Godly messages, we enjoyed the singing voices of Rev. Lindsey and Bill Russell.



John Johnson, Chairman of the Board for 2012 presents a plaque of appreciation to Mark Rutledge for the work he did as Chairman of the Board 2011.

February Wednesday Night Cooks

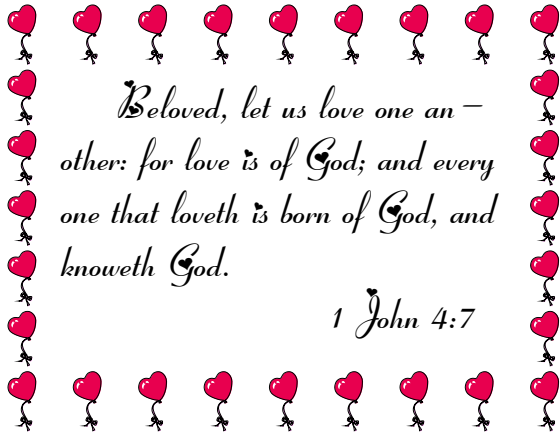
As February gets colder, we look forward to the warm meals on Wednesday Night. Our wonderful cooks this month are:

- Feb. 1 Jack & Mary Artman
- Feb. 8 Floyd & Carol Scarberry
- Feb. 15 Richard & Daphne Brown
- Feb. 22 Linda Johnson & Katrinka Hall
- Feb 29 Marcus Mitchell & Betty Jones

Please come and join us on Wednesday night for a wonderful meal and great book study. Grab your friends and neighbors. Tell them they don't know what they are missing. All are welcome.




A rose honoring the memory of Jean Coltharp at the last DWM meeting



Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

1 John 4:7

IN MEMORY OF



Harry Greer & Jean Coltharp

So many of us love and will miss Jean Coltharp and Harry Greer. Central thanks you for your loving memorials:

Dr. & Mrs. Richard Dixon & Family
Henry & Amy Lindeman
Jack & Mary Artman
Georges & Sarah Jane Smith
John & Linda Johnson
Dr. Herbert Butts & Quay Butts

Jane Bond
Floyd & Carol Scarberry
Betty Jones

Georges & Sarah Jane Smith
John & Linda Johnson
Dr. Herbert Butts & Quay Butts

SUNDAY SCHOOL

For those who would like a different experience at Central, how about trying out (dare I say it!) *SUNDAY SCHOOL!!* Bible study on Sunday morning isn't just for kids anymore; it's for adults too. "Step into the Word" for February as we study:

God's Redemption:

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| Feb 5 Galatians 2:15-21 | Justified by Faith in Christ |
| Feb 12 Galatians 3:1-14 | Freed from Law through Christ |
| Feb 19 Galatians 3: 15-18; 4: 1-7 | Heirs to the Promise |
| Feb 26 Galatians 5:22-6:10 | Fruits of Redemption |

We have coffee in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30, followed by Sunday school at 9:45. Come on, I dare ya!

Mark Rutledge

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This Month At Central

Regular Sunday Schedule

9:30 Adult Bible Study
 10:45 Worship
 12:00 noon Fellowship

Regular Wednesday Night Schedule

6:30 Central Family Dinner
 7:00 Program

Sunday, February 5
 Regular Sunday Schedule

Wednesday, February 8
 6:30 Central Family Dinner &
 Program

Serving, February 5
Worship Leader Richard Brown
Loaf _____ George Goodnight
Cup _____ Kathy Young



Sunday, February 12
 Regular Sunday Schedule

Tuesday, February 14
 Valentine's Day

Wednesday, February 15
 6:30 Central Family Dinner &
 Program

Thursday, February 16
 6:30 Elders Meeting
 7:00 Board Meeting

Serving, February 12
Worship Leader Mark Rutledge
Loaf _____ Cathy Young
Cup _____ Carol Scarberry

Feb. 5 Mary Artman

Feb. 6 Russell Lindeman
Karla Mitchell

Feb. 11 Bill Bishop

Feb. 23 George Goodnight

Sunday, February 19
 Regular Sunday Schedule

Wednesday, February 22 (Lent)
 6:30 Central Family Dinner &
 Program

Serving, February 19
Worship Leader—John Johnson
Loaf _____ Carol Scarberry
Cup _____ Jack Artman



Sunday, February 26
 Regular Sunday Schedule

Wednesday, February 29
 6:30 Central Family Dinner &
 Program

Serving, February 26
Worship Leader Debra Goodnight
Loaf _____ Jack Artman
Cup _____ George Goodnight

