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Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



A Message From The Chairman

June, 2012



John Johnson

on Water You've Got To Get Out of The Boat, led us to expect great things in six months from February 9, the date of the original challenge.

This pact was made at a time of great uncertainty in our church. However, we have seen great results since that date. Many of our members have become "water walkers" rather than "boat people", and new efforts have been made in many areas to expand the level of our service and to make our church more known in the community.

Now, I believe that we will see a major answer to our prayers during June. Our General Board has made a recommendation to call a new permanent, part-time

minister. This proposal will be presented to the Congregation at a special meeting on Sunday, June 10, 2012 immediately following the service. We have the opportunity to call a minister who is as excited about moving forward in the programs of this church, and developing new ones, as we are. It is my belief that the calling of a new minister is indeed one of the effects of the daily prayers of a number of us. Let us continue to pray that our church will move forward and expand its influence in service to our Lord and this community.

Respectfully,

John R. Johnson, III

Chairman,

General Board 2012

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Wesley Goodnight has been busy recently. He participated in the Memphis in May Barbecue Fest and then he and his brother, Allen, were on a team that won 1st place in golf scramble at Gleneagle Golf Course.

Jane Bond sends greetings to everyone via a phone visit. She continues to enjoy herself in Denver.

We extend our sympathy to Keith Alexander in the recent loss of his wife.

We welcomed Sherry Richardson as our musician while Amy and Henry Lindeman were touring Greece.



Gloria Jeffery reports a wonderful time at a girl's house party in Brevard, N.C. She and three other Christian church friends gathered for a week of reminiscing.

Among our recent visitors have been: Marla & Stephen Oshinsky, Virginia Harding, and Janet & Katie Terry.



John Bennett gave this wonderful offertory recently that started out 'tongue in cheek' ...

A man named Dave Beard once said, 'I usually lump organized religion, organized labor and organized crime together. The Mafia gets points for having the best restaurants.'

Well, they may have the best restaurants but we have the best food and fellowship of any church I have attended. The key to survival of this church rests with us. Some may criticize the way we go about it but always remember before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. THAT WAY, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes! And his prayer asked God to help us be smart enough to see that the work of the church is our responsibility.

BUILDING from the BOARD

This is a very exciting time and there are many positives to report from the General Board Meeting held on May 17, 2012.

- * The Pulpit Committee recommended, and the Board has approved, a candidate for a part-time minister with June 10th, as the date for the Congregational Meeting to approve the call. The Board generously praised the Pulpit Committee for their outstanding service.

- * John Johnson, Chair, reported that the small group meetings, as recommended by the New Beginnings Program, are scheduled to begin mid-summer. He requested that we continue to pray daily that this will be a new beginning for our church.

- * The financial reports were delayed due to some revisions. Revised reports will be available for review through Richard Brown.

- * The Blue Cross is back on.

- * Exciting plans are about to begin in Penny's Chapel Garden.

- * The air-conditioning unit has been replaced in the Fellowship Hall.

- * We are about to begin work for the Summer Sale scheduled for June 23. The work schedule was distributed and volunteers committed to provide lunch for the work crew. On the day of the event, a hot dog lunch will be available for purchase by our customers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Johnson,

Board Secretary

Regional Assembly

The Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Tennessee will be at New Directions Christian Church, Memphis TN, October 19-21. The Reverend Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada will be one of the inspirational speakers so please mark your calendars and plan to be a part of this exciting Assembly, "STAND, STRIVE, SERVE."



Floyd and Carol Scarberry standing beside our lovely Easter Lilies blooming in front of the Sanctuary.



I would like to thank my church family for the lovely flowers I received for Secretary's Day. It was so sweet and kind of you to remember me. I still have them on my desk. They are still pretty as a dry arrangement. Thank you again.

Patty Quinn



Notice: There will be a Called Congregational Meeting for the purpose of voting on a Minister on Sunday, June 10 immediately after the worship service. We ask that all members attend.



Mary Artman and Quay Butts and the Mother's Day Blanket Mission Skit Crew

Men At Work!!!!



John Bennett decided to give the workers a hand with the air conditioning unit for the Fellowship Hall!

Central Summer Sale Work

Work Days:

Saturday, June 2:
Work day from 9:00 to 2:00. Lunch hosted by Mark Rutledge.

Sunday, June 3: Work day from 12:30 to 4:00. Lunch hosted by Carol Scarberry.

Saturday, June 9:
Work day from 9:00 to 2:00. Lunch hosted by Quay Butts.

Sunday, June 10: Work day from 12:30 to 4:00. Lunch hosted by Katrina Hall.

Saturday, June 16:
Work day from 9:00 to 2:00. Lunch hosted by Daphne Brown.

Sunday, June 17: Work day from 12:30 to 4:00. Lunch hosted by Pat Hammond.

Summer Sale

June 23 from 8:00 to 2:00. Half-Price Sale: June 30 from 8:00 to 2:00.



Wes Goodnight, Hailey Stephenson and Alan Goodnight on Mother's Day. Lucky Moms!



Here we have one of the workers with the unit calling the office for the instruction book on how the put in the unit!

This article in the recent Tennessee Christian was written by Glen Stewart, Tennessee Regional Minister, and is especially timely as Central looks at their mission and purpose in the New Beginnings Program.

Message From Glen Stewart...

I attended an educational program on how the church and our society are different today than in the past. Generations were discussed and how church means different things to different generations of people. Church attendance was discussed and how regular church attendance means different things to different people, Especially according to which generation they belong to. The same is true with stewardship and giving money to the church, the importance of Christian faith in the lives of people and other things that have to do with Christian Faith and Church going.

As a young person, I was told a thousand times by my parents to sit in the church pew and be quiet. Today, when contemporary music being played during worship, it is hard for any of us to sit still or not sing along. How we worship today often reflects the change in our faith. Sometimes, it just means that we are willing to worship in a different style than one we are usually used to so others can.

Hands on ministry is what the current generation of church goers want to be involved in. Instead of supporting or encouraging another person to do ministry, individuals in church want to be involved in ministry in some meaningful way. Instead of looking many miles away for a ministry, serving the community in which the congregation is located is important. One of the most important ministries of our pastors today is to find gifts and attitudes of individual church members so the preacher can find the best place for each person in the ministry to the community.

Church is getting complex these days. With six generations of people alive in the United States, trying to find ways of serving people in each of those generations can be difficult. Church attendance is no longer directly correlated with the numbers of programs at the church or the outstanding organ music played on Sunday morning. What is important is our deep faith in God and our Lord, Jesus. It is important that each of us takes responsibility to see that our faith remains alive and strong in our hearts and that we are participation in the Body of Christ in our world today.

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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

Sunday, June 3

Regular Sunday Schedule

Serving June 3

Worship Leader George Goodnight
Loaf Gloria Jeffery
Cup Mark Rutledge

Sunday, June 10

Regular Sunday Schedule

Serving June 10

Worship Leader Kathy Young
Loaf Mark Rutledge
Cup Jack Artman

Sunday, June 17

Regular Sunday Schedule

Sunday, June 17

Worship Leader Carol Scarberry
Loaf Pat Hammond
Cup Daphne Brown

Sunday, June 24

Regular Sunday Schedule

Sunday, June 24

Worship Leader Mark Rutledge
Loaf Richard Brown
Cup John Johnson



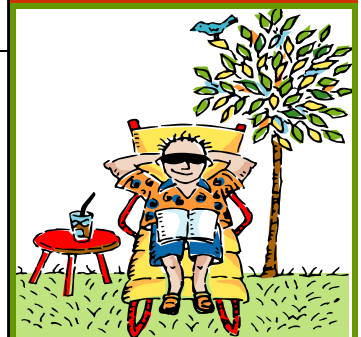
June 6 Jane Bond

June 8 Brad Lott

June 14 Henry Lindeman

June 23 Quay Butts

June 25 Vannie L. Huey



FATHER'S
DAY

June 17 - Don't Forget
Dear Ole Dad!!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!