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Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



## A Message From The Chairman

March 2012



In our Wednesday night Bible study, we learned of the amazing results of an experiment in prayer. A new Christian named Bob read the scripture in which Jesus says, "Ask whatever you will in my name, and you shall receive it." Bob asked his mentor, Doug Coe, if this

were really true. Coe challenged him to pray for one thing daily for 6 months and see what would happen, Bob decided to pray for Africa, but Coe suggested he narrow it to one country, so he decided on Kenya, where he had never been and knew nothing about.

Bob's daily prayer for Kenya began to bear fruit when he met a woman at a dinner party who ran the largest orphanage in Kenya. At her invitation, Bob toured the orphanage and was appalled at the lack of basic health care. He began contacting pharmaceutical companies and persuaded them to donate their unsold drugs to the orphanage-over a million dollars worth. As a result, he

met the president of Kenya and encouraged him to release political prisons. The leader agreed, and released the prisoners-a result our state department had tried to achieve through diplomacy without success! Later, the Kenyan leader had Bob travel back to Kenya to pray with him concerning the reorganization of his government.

Our group took this challenge and agreed each of us would pray daily for our church. That was February 8th, so by August 9th we'll expect great results.

In the meantime, we encourage you to join this effort and pray daily for our church.

Respectfully,

John Johnson

### NEWS FROM THE PEWS

The Lenten season began with a meaningful Ash Wednesday service planned and presented by the elders. Lenten devotional booklets provided by the elders are available so be sure and get one.

John and Linda Johnson enjoyed a trip to New Orleans on the City of New Orleans. Katrinka and Dennis Hall escaped the Memphis winter with time in Florida

Our sympathy is extended to Marcus Mitchell on the death of his son Reese, and to Marcia Thraikill with the death of her husband, David.

We were glad to see Bill and Martha Bishop, along with their daughter, Jan, in worship. We also welcomed Vincent Thomas back.

Shula Cangelosi continues to recuperate at home. Floyd Scarberry has been a patient at Baptist hospital.



From a recent offertory thought by Daphne Brown...

"I once read that you don't need a parachute to jump out plane. you only need a parachute to jump out of a plane if you plan on doing it twice! Parachutes are great things to have. I have lots of them... not the nylon kind that you strap to your back at 15,000 feet. I have the kind that looks like my entire church family.



I have a parachute that looks like a brick house in a quiet neighborhood with a great bed to lay my head each night. I have a parachute that looks like Central Christian Church where I can come for spiritual renewal with like-minded Christian friends. I have a parachute that is a loving God who guides and protects me at all times.

Parachutes are great things to have. There are many out there who don't have a parachute and that's what our tithes and offerings are used for, support, for food and shelter, for spreading God's word and working together to show God's love for us all.

## BUILDING from the BOARD

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The General Board met February 19, 2012. Following are highlights from that meeting.

- \* Richard Brown reported a positive amount for the month of January. Negotiations continue on the CD interest rate and insurance renewal premiums.
- \* Our dedicated Elders continue in the ministry to our sick and shut-ins.
- \* The Diaconate has scheduled March 3rd as a "Work Day" to help beautify our church prior to our March 11th concert and for Easter. Volunteers are needed!
- \* The Adams Avenue Camerata to be presented by Mark Rutledge as a Special Program to the DWM on March 11th, will double as an Outreach Program.
- \* Mark Rutledge, Building and Grounds, reported many improvements made to our church grounds including cleaning the outside entrance to Penny's Playground. A motion was made, seconded and carried to change Penny's Playground to Penny's Chapel Garden.
- \* Our Communications Czar has negotiated a \$40-\$50 reduction in our monthly phone bill. Our website is in the process of being transferred to another provider.
- \* Our pulpit committee has the pulpit filled through April 15th.
- \* Election Bake Sale is March 6th. Many baked goods are needed for a successful sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Johnson, Secretary



**DON'T  
FORGET  
TO VOTE**

March 6th is a voting day. Get out and make yourself heard.

Ladies, do not forget to bake and make for our Bake Sale!! You are needed!!!

## Disciples Women's Ministries

The women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will assist at the coffee hour of Church Women United March 5th. This day will also be the celebration of World Day of Prayer.

Thanks to everyone for your participation in the service project, cold and flu items for Rachel's Kids. We collected 4 large boxes of supplies that have been delivered to Rachel Greer to help the kids and their families.

The Disciple Women will host a Sandwich Lunch on March 11 for all church members before the concert. After the concert, they are hosting a Fellowship of cookies and punch with everyone who

### Recent Visitors At Central

Our recent visitors were:

- \* Judy Childers
- \* Matt Pennington
- \* Gene Pirani

We thank them for coming.



### ADAMS AVENUE CAMERATA

Wow! Look at us!! Central Christian Church is hosting the "Adams Avenue Camerata" at 1:00 p.m., Sunday March 11th. What a fantastic way for Central to meet people from our neighborhood and around Memphis. This event is also a wonderful opportunity to have our guest see our lovely church and to get to

know Central's men and women of faith. Wouldn't this concert be a great way to celebrate our 90th anniversary next year!

### Rummage



### Summer Sale --June 23

We are Now collecting items for our Summer Sale so go through your closets, rooms, attics, basements, and garages! We are happy to have anything and can pick up large items, if needed. Just call George Goodnight or Mark Rutledge for pick up services.

## Guest Ministers for the Lenten Season

Please plan to be at worship each Sunday during the Lenten Season as we enjoy fine messages from our Guest Ministers. Kathy Young, Charles Lindsey and Bill Russell will be returning to the Central Pulpit so that we can hear from them again. Wes Brown is the Associate Pastor to Youth and Young families at Faith Anglican Church in Cordova will be preaching for us on March 18. Wes has worked with youth in Germantown, St. Louis and Savannah, GA. He has a heart to see people engage in the culture around them while not compromising their Christian identity.

March 4	Kathy Young	March 25	Bill Russell
March 11	Charles Lindsey	April 1 (Palm Sunday)	Bill Russell
March 18	Wes Brown (Faith Anglican Church)	April 8 (Easter)	Bill Russell



The following names contributed loving memorials for Reece Mitchell, Harry Greer, Jean Colbert, and Ozell

Robbins.  
Thank you:

Wilbert & Devera Danos  
Clara Holton  
Nedra Matthews  
Shirley Calvert  
Helen Marshal  
Lisa Durken



### MARCH

3/7-John & Connie Bennett  
3/14-Jack & Mary Artman  
3/21-Debra & George Goodnight  
3-28 Carol & Floyd Scarberry

### APRIL

4/5 (Maundy Thur.)-Linda Johnson/Katrinka Hall  
4/11-John & Connie Bennett  
4/18 - Daphne & Richard Brown  
4/25 - Mary & Jack Artman

### **March 11'th Program Request**

March 11'th is looking to be a big day in our church year. Hopefully the church will be filled with members, friends and guests who come to hear the Adams Avenue Camerata Men's Ensemble. I would like to ask all church members who attend the March 11'th service to help straighten up the sanctuary shortly after the benediction. This includes taking your bulletin and communion cups with you. There will be a trash can in the vestibule as you leave.

Thank you!

Mark Rutledge



Can you guess what Wes Goodnight is building in the church's choir loft?

# DWM Valentine's Day Luncheon



John and Connie Bennett giving 5 stars for luncheon.



Mary Artman, Katrinka Hall and Daphne Brown presenting DWM monthly program.



Guest minister Rachel Woodall enjoying DWM luncheon.

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## This Month At Central



### Regular Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Young Adults Bible Study  
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  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 4**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Monday, March 5**

12:00 noon Ruth Group Meeting

**Tuesday, March 6**

ELECTION DAY!!!!

**Wednesday, March 7**

Regular Wednesday Activities

**Serving, March 4**

**Worship Leader - Geo. Goodnight**

Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Brown

Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Rutledge

**Sunday, March 11**

Regular Sunday Schedule

12:00 p.m. Sandwich Luncheon

1:00 p.m. Program-"Adams Avenue Camerata"

1:40 p.m. Reception

**Wednesday, May 14**

Regular Wednesday Activities

**Serving, March 11**

**Worship Leader - Micki Artman**

Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Mark Rutledge

Cup \_\_\_\_\_ John Johnson

**Sunday, March 18**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Wednesday, March 21**

Central Family Dinner

**Thursday, March 22**

6:30 Elders Meeting

7:00 Board Meeting

**Serving, March 18**

**Worship Leader— John Bennett**

Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ John Johnson

Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Debra Goodnight

**Sunday, March 25**

Regular Sunday Schedule

**Wednesday, March 28**

Regular Wednesday Activities

**Serving, March 25**

**Worship Leader - Gloria Jeffery**

Loaf \_\_\_\_\_ Debra Goodnight

Cup \_\_\_\_\_ Richard Brown



March 9 Kristi Mitchell

March 11 Ken Mitchell

March 20 Micki Artman

March 21 Connie  
Bennett

March 28 Henry  
Lindeman III

March 29 Delores Harper



**March 11  
Don't  
Forget!!!**

**March 2,  
2012**



**March 17th**