

Central Christian Church **Banner**

Shining the Light of Christ in Midtown Memphis



A Message From The Chairman

May 2012



New Beginnings

As most of you are aware, Central has requested the assistance of the Disciples Board of Church Extension in order to focus on things we must do now to secure the future of our church.

Again, most of you were present during the meeting in February when the representatives of Church Extension and our regional minister, Glenn Stewart, made a detailed inquiry concerning the present condition of our church. They promised a detailed report of their findings, which is now in its final stage of preparation. They proposed to return to discuss these findings with us in detail.

These discussion meetings are now scheduled for May 9 and 10, 2012, at 5: 30 p.m. each evening. The May 9 meeting is open to the entire congregation and anyone else who is interested in the future of our church. The May 10 meeting is for individuals who agree to serve as small group leaders. We will serve a dinner before each evening meeting.

We are looking for 3 or 4 individuals who would be willing to lead six small group meetings over a period of weeks. The main qualifications for these individuals is the ability to follow a curriculum as outlined by the New Beginnings team, and to lead discussions with an open mind. We don't have all of these positions filled, so I request that anyone who is interested in leading a group contact me.

We have made much progress since the beginning of the year as Central in developing new programs and strengthening old ones. We request that everyone plan to participate in the meeting on May 9 and to participate in the small groups thereafter, so that we can continue in the progress of our church and its mission.

Respectfully,

John Johnson



Gloria Jeffery enjoyed an Easter visit from her sister and Her brother-in-law, Martha and Phil Dean from Monrovia, Md.

Also on Easter Sunday, we welcomed Noah and Lily Ploderer, along with their father.

Donnie Benton is receiving home health care and therapy at home following her recent hospital stay.

Martha Bishop fell at home and suffered a broken foot.

John and Linda Johnson welcomed a new granddaughter, Bralyn Olivia Lott born April 18th to the proud parents, Brad and Lindi Lott.

Connie Bennett is a proud mother! Her son Michael Malone was awarded the life saving award at the recent Police Department Awards ceremony.

How do you like Mark Rutledge's new hair color? He has a leading role in "Veronica's Room," a production of a new theater group, Working Title Productions. Mark is one of the founders of the group.



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."

BUILDING from the BOARD

There are even more exciting happenings to report from the Aril 19th General Board Meeting! Highlights are as follows:

- **We were only a little over \$100 under budget in income. Expenses were around \$3000 under budget, and we had a total net increase of \$3000.**
- **Gutters have been replaced on the north side of the Church.**
- **Windows on the north side of Walker Hall have been paid for and will be replaced as soon as they are delivered.**
- **An unplanned expense of around \$11,000 to replace an air conditioning unit in the Fellowship Hall area has occurred, and plans are underway to manage this challenge.**
- **Shrubs have been removed from Penny's Garden at no cost to the Church--thanks to Mark Rutledge, and the canvas is ready for design.**
- **The Church's Web Page is almost complete, due to George Goodnight's perseverance, with links to a Sermon page on You Tube, a wedding page with pictures and costs, a staff page, a contact page with email addresses and phone numbers.**
- **The pulpit is filled through the end of May and the Pulpit Committee continues to move forward in their search for a minister.**
- **Thanks to George Goodnight and his tireless efforts to improve the visibility of our church, articles and photos of the special events have been published in The Commercial Appeal. The two events include the Adams Avenue Camerata Men's Ensemble and the sword fighting scene from Shakespeare's "King Lear."**
- **The Wedding Committee is moving forward with enthusiasm toward developing a plan that will serve both as a source of revenue and an evangelism opportunity.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Johnson,
Board Secretary**



Summer Sale!!!!



As of May the 1st, there are only 53 days left before the Summer Sale on June 23! Now is the time to bring articles for the Summer Sale! We need everything you, your friends and relatives can give, so please collect items and bring them in. It takes literally thousand of items to make a great sale! We will begin sorting, hanging and pricing in June so it will be time to **"GET YOUR GARAGE SALE ON!"**

Disciples Women's Ministries

THANK YOU!!

The response to our food pantry drive has been tremendous. We are helping to fill the shelves at Grace-St. Luke's with your generous donations and the \$80 cash donations will enable them to purchase needed items. Thank you! Thank you!

The monthly DWM meeting for May has been moved to Sunday, May 20. The program will be an introduction to the new Study Material and we invite all women and men to enjoy our pot luck lunch and stay for the program.

Welcome to Our Recent Visitors At Central

Our recent visitors were:

Sam & Dawn Hays
William & Riley &
Mildred Bingham
Pat Marasco
Kristina & Madison
Centobene
Maggie Haines
Annett Griffith
Anne Frances
Billie Tedder
Judy & Kathy Guttery
Beth Ami Young
Laura Terrell
Jimmy & Katherine Horn
and their niece, Raven

We are truly blessed to have
them worship with us.



**Dana Couch-Davis after Sunday
service with friends Betty Amy
Young (left) and Laura Terrell
(right).**



"I slept in church because I'm striving to be more like God, and on the seventh day he rested."



John and Linda Johnson are the proud grandparents of Bralyn Olivia Lott, born April 18, 2012. this little bundle of joy came in to this world at 7 lbs. and 5 oz. The proud parents are Brad and Lyndi Lott. Congratulations to everyone!!

PENTECOST, SUNDAY

May 27th, come to church and wear red, because it is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. We will have red balloons and a birthday cake. We will have a special offering for new churches. Rev. Rachel Woodall will bring our Pentecost message.



Mark Rutledge loading food to take to the food pantry at Grace-St. Luke's.



Katrinka Hall and her new baby that she rescued. That is one lucky dog as we know Katrinka will give it a wonderful home.



"LET THERE BE MUSIC"

Our church organ seems to be under the weather and sometimes has a mind of it's own. Sherry Richardson can testify to this fact.

Repairing the organ would not give us any long term guarantees. Instead of repairing it, Building and Grounds will be looking for a new electric piano that can also sound like an organ.

Wes Goodnight has already "prepared the way" by removing two small pews next to the church organ and installing a platform for the piano.

Our pianist, Amy Lindeman, will soon be able to look across to the choir instead of looking up from the sanctuary floor. Donations have been received to help fund the new electric piano for these individuals.

MAY

5/2 Debra & George Goodnight

5/9 Linda Johnson & Katrinka Hall **Wednesday**
Night Cooks

5/16 Carol & Floyd Scarberry

5/23 Men's Cookout

5/30 Summer Recess



The MEN
Are
Cooking



The last Family dinner of the Spring will be May 23 hosted by the men of the church. This is always a delight and the men are great cooks! Please come and invite your friends.



Rachel Woodall enjoying Easter lunch with her daughter Julie and her precious grandson Ryan. Such a wonderful way to spend Easter!



Such a lovely table of Easter goodies. They were enjoyed by all.



Gloria Jeffery after the blessing of the food collected for the food pantry at Grace-St. Luke's.

DWM Service Project "Her Faith Ministries, Inc."

The DWM's service project is "Her Faith Ministries. This is 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. Please contact the women of the DWM. if you have donations to contribute.

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
 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)

Corrections for the Directory

The following corrections need to be made in the 2012 Directory:

Keith Alexander	Rachel Greer	John Johnson
1726 Central	W: 324-2137	H : 754-2494
	C: 857-5354	W: 547-7600
		C: 378-1054

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, April 24th, was the Last Bible Study meeting for the ladies class from Redeemer Presbyterian Church. They have concluded the season study and we look forward to hosting them in the fall. The ladies and their children were treated to an Ice Cream social presented by Mark Rutledge and John Bennett. The frozen treats were provided by Richard and Daphne Brown's catering service, Scoops Ice Cream. Below are pictures of the children and their mothers enjoying themselves. That's one way to keep the Fellowship Hall cool!!



Happy Easter From Rachel's Kid's



After a fun egg hunt the kid's were treated to lots of good treats.



Haley is a big help with the kids. Here she is Easter Sunday.



Rachel and her kids. Rachel is always there for her kids.



It's more fun to eat the egg than find it!!



No! It's more fun to find the egg than eat it!

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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, May 6
Regular Sunday Schedule
Monday, May 7
12:00 noon Ruth Group Meeting
Tuesday, May 8
6:00 Lydia Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 9
5:30 Dinner & New Beginnings
Congregational Meeting.
Please attend
Thursday, May 10
5:30 Dinner & New Beginnings
Meeting-Group Leaders Only

Serving, May 6
Worship Leader - John Bennett
Loaf _____ Carol Scarberry
Cup _____ George Goodnight



Wish These Friends a
"Happy Birthday!"

May 8 Linda Johnson

May 11 John Bennett
Dorothy Feimster

Sunday, May 13
MOTHER'S DAY
Wednesday, May 16
Regular Wednesday Activities
Thursday, May 17
6:30 Elders Meeting
7:00 Board Meeting

Serving, May 13
Worship Leader - Mark Rutledge
Loaf _____ Debra Goodnight
Cup _____ Richard Brown

Sunday, May 20
Regular Sunday Schedule
Wednesday, May 23
Central Family Dinner

Serving, May 20
Worship Leader— Micki Artman
Loaf _____ Daphne Brown
Cup _____ Kathy Young

Sunday, May 27
Regular Sunday Schedule
Wednesday, May 23
Regular Wednesday Activities
Cookout by the Men

Serving, May 27
Worship Leader - Debra Goodnight
Loaf _____ Kathy Young
Cup _____ Daphne Brown



Happy Mother's Day



May 29, 2012