

# Central Christian Church **Banner**



**May 2015**

## A Note from our Pastor, Bill Russell

Red azaleas, yellow roses, pink camellias, beautiful multi-colored pansies all go into making our wonderful prayer garden so beautiful. We are blessed to have it to remind us of God's goodness, and to give us a moment of respite from the world around us. As we leave church on Sunday, our mission is to take that beauty and goodness with us and share it with all those around us. Most people will not see our garden, but they will see us. It's then that we have an opportunity to be a beautiful azalea or a gorgeous rose; we can bring the joy and beauty of a flower, for all to see, if we are living our lives as Christ wants us to live. Choose your favorite flower, the one that makes you see our Creator the clearest, then, go, and be that beautiful flower in your world. You will be speaking for God.



## Spotlight on Giving

On Sunday, April 19th, Kathy Young brought us the following Offertory thought:

“For years, doctors have been telling us to maintain good health by doing two simple things: eat right and exercise daily. But it isn't quite that simple, is it? There are other factors like genetics, communicable disease and economic status that also play a part in our overall health, not to mention our own stubbornness.

“Our spiritual lives would be a lot healthier if we could get past a lot of our stubbornness. Sometimes we, like the Jews that Peter was addressing in Acts, have to accept the obvious, even though we are steeped in years of tradition and teachings that tell us otherwise. I grew up in a religious tradition that treated the offering as rather unpleasant, stuck on at the end of the worship service as though it were something distasteful, but necessary.

“But what could be more worshipful than this? Each Sunday we have a chance to participate in a variety of worship experiences. When we bring our offerings, we are worshipping. We are accepting that God, through Jesus Christ, desires reconciliation, and we are responding with our actions of giving. So, let us now worship the Lord by bringing our tithes and offerings to Him.”

## Editor's Note

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## Memorials and Honorariums

Each month we are blessed with memorial gifts in memory of our friends who have passed together with special gifts for particular projects. April was no exception in that we received a gift from our own DWM in honor of Scott Mitchell and a gift from Gloria Jeffrey on honor of Jack Artman. In addition we continue to receive gifts to assist us in repairing the vandalism damage to our stained glass windows. Contributors include Louise Horn, Ruth Griffin and Linda Robi-  
nette.

Our sincere thanks go to all the donors mentioned above.

## Church Notice Board

The following list of events are in addition to our regular use of our Church facilities by various sporting, drama, self help and charitable organizations. Details of these bookings can be found on the Calendar list posted in the kitchen or can be obtained from the Church office.

Date	Time	Location	Event
June 20th	8:00am to 2:00pm	Fellowship Hall	Summer Sale
June 27th	8:00am to 2:00pm	Fellowship Hall	Reduced price Sale
October 2nd & 3rd	4:00pm to 7:00pm	Sanctuary	Proposed date for wedding
October 8th	7:00am to 7:00pm	Fellowship Hall	City Municipal Elections
October 24th	6:00pm to 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall	Autumn Evening
November 3rd	7:00am to 7:00pm	Fellowship Hall	City Runoff Election if required.

The schedule above represents the times the facilities have been booked. For the times of the actual events please contact the organizers.



## Property and Grounds

The last few months have seen an ongoing problem with the gymnasium roof leaking, particularly as this water will, eventually, damage the basketball court floor. We have had the roof patched in the past but the reality is that it needs replacement. However the cost of a new roof is outside our reach at present so we have contracted a roofer to do further sealing and patching which, together with unplugging roof drains, may buy us a few more years. As you can see from the pictures the build up of water, after severe rain, not only encourages the leaks but places a great stain on the roof structure because of the weight of the visible water and the weight of the sodden insulation below. Hopefully we can achieve a long term solution before too long.

On the bright side we have received sufficient donations to enable us to commission the repair of the vandalized stained glass windows. The contractors, Laukoffs of Memphis, hope to complete this work during May.



## Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Saturday we had our annual community Easter Egg Hunt. The day started with rain so, rather than have children searching through wet grass etc., the older kids searched for eggs in the Fellowship Hall and the younger ones hunted through the nursery and youth rooms for their prizes. Many thanks to Mark Rutledge for organizing the event, John Rainey for the set-up and to the members and friends of the Church who supervised the children. These volunteers included Jennifer Stevens, Nanda Noordermeer, Connie Bennett, Daphne Brown, Randy Pennington and Sierra Hughes from Rachel's Kids.

They had a heavy workload as a crowd of excited and eager children attended the event and each one left with a happy smile and an arm or basket full of candy and other gifts.



# Collierville Christian Church

The ladies of the DWM of Collierville Christian Church recently hosted a luncheon and silent auction. A beautiful meal was served and enjoyed by those attending. In addition, everyone especially enjoyed the lively bidding on the many interesting silent auction items. The silent auction raised approximately \$800 and the proceeds were very graciously donated to Rachel's Kids as part of the 2014-2015 DWM Western Area Service Project. We truly appreciate the support of the Collierville Christian Church DWM to the ministry of Rachel's Kids. Mary Artman, Debra Goodnight, Carol Scarberry and Daphne Brown attended along with Rachel Greer.



Rachel, Daphne and Carol

## Mother's Day, May 10th



On Mother's Day The Membership Committee will honor our mothers. Please submit a couple of lines about your mother to be read out that day during the service. Your memory of your mother may be humorous or serious, it is up to you. You don't have to sign your name unless you want to. Submissions please, by Wednesday May 6th, to Carol Scarberry or leave them with the church office.

## Beethoven Club

We have a great relationship with our close neighbor The Beethoven Club. As you will know they hold their Young Musician of the Year competition at our Church and many of the successful entrants are performing at the Belvedere Music Festival later this year. The Beethoven Club is having a preview concert on May 11th. Entrance is free and they also provide a buffet supper after the event.





## The Mystic Crewe of Pegasus



The Mystic Krewe of Pegasus Memphis is the only remaining Mardi Gras Krewe left in Memphis. They are a charitable organization and on April 18th they held an Art Sale and Auction in our Fellowship Hall in aid of their selected charity, for the 2015-2016 season, Memphis Crisis Center.

The Crisis Center provides help, builds hope, and saves lives every day. Their trained volunteers use a combination of empathic listening, collaborative problem solving and crisis intervention to assist callers with immediate problems and link them to the long-term resources they need to cope and overcome. Last year they dealt with over 20,000 calls.

## The African Violets Society

Our Fellowship Hall became a two day Flower Show, in April, organized by the African Violets Society. They are more than just a group who use our facilities, they support our Church Outreach in so many ways with food and other donations.



## Easter Breakfast

On Easter morning, before the service, the Deacons treated the church members and friends to a buffet style breakfast of sausage, eggs, biscuits and other delicious dishes. Cooks included Randy Pennington, Floyd Scarberry, Wes Goodnight and Rob Artman. Our Pastor, Bill Russell, provided a delicious sausage and egg casserole.



I just wanted to take this opportunity to say thanks to all diaconate and non-diaconate members for all their help in making our Easter breakfast a success. Good fellowship was had by all and we look forward to next year. Thanks again to all involved on this special morning Celebrating our risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Randy Pennington, Diaconate Chairman

## Easter Service

Our Church Easter Sunday started with a buffet breakfast, prepared by the Deacons. We had a large congregation as many of our regular members brought along friends and family.

It was a very moving service led by John Bennett who, in the aftermath of the vandalism to the stained glass windows, spoke of the beauty of the Church not only being in its adornment, but also in the people and the effect they have on the congregation. Pastor Bill Russell delivered a message entitled "The Angel Said it all" referring to the Angel appearing at the open tomb.

Flowers decorations were donated by Rachel's and an Easter collection was taken for Missions which amounted to \$391.



## Summer Sale



Children's clothing. Women's and Men's clothing.  
Baby clothes. Shoes.

### SUMMER SALE

JUNE 20 8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.



Toys, games, books. Household goods. Sheets and towels.  
Costume Jewelry Furniture Electronics

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HALF-PRICE SALE JUNE 27  
8:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

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It's that time again which you either love or hate. Perhaps both at once. The season where we prepare for the Summer Sale. Already donations of furniture, electrical goods etc. are arriving at the Church almost on a daily basis.

Before long we will start work parties to set up tables, display the goods, and turn the Fellowship Hall into a market place.

The calendar of work "days" will be in next month's Banner but rest assured, that in the great tradition of this Church, if you work you will be fed!

## Taste and See that The Lord is Good!

Our first Women's Bible Study will begin on Thursday, May 21 at 11:00AM. Please bring a bag lunch and a drink. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall where we will fill our minds with bread from heaven, our hearts with sweet fellowship, and our tummies with what we like best. Come and check us out!



# Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

Throughout May we will continue our series of Wednesday Night dinners each followed by bible study.

We have quite a program for May starting off with a Cinco De May celebration including a Taco Salad Bar and Mexican flan dessert on May 6, and the end of the month brings our annual men's cook out barbeque.

Our Bible studies will range from the completion of our look at the Beatitudes to Bill Russell telling us of his spiritual and personal journey to Ordination as a Disciples Minister.

There is an interesting month ahead of us so please plan to attend on Wednesday evenings for great fellowship, delicious food and insightful Bible study.



**MAY 2015**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
05.03.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Connie Bennett
05.06.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner Cinco de Mayo	Fellowship Hall	Debra Goodnight
05.10.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour MOTHER'S DAY	Fellowship Hall	Daphne Brown
05.13.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Katrinka Hall
05.17.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	DWM Potluck Luncheon
05.20.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	John Rainey/Daphne Brown
05.24.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour PENTECOST SUNDAY	Fellowship Hall	Happy Birthday Church Bill Russell
05.27.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Men's Cookout
05.31.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	St. Francis Old Catholic Church

*If you need to make a change in the schedule, please give me a call at 262-6298. Thanks for your help! Daphne*

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## This Month at Central

Sunday 3rd  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Wednesday 6th  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 10th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon DWM Luncheon

Wednesday 13th  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 17th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Wednesday 20th  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 24th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Wednesday 27th  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

Sunday 31st  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

Worship Leader: Mark Rutledge  
Loaf: Richard Brown  
Cup: Carol Scarberry  
Liturgical Color: White  
Fellowship: "Hot Diggity Dog Sunday"  
Connie Bennett and Mark Rutledge

Dinner: Cinco de Mayo Dinner prepared by  
Debra Goodnight

Worship Leader: John Johnson  
Loaf: John Bennett  
Cup: Debra Goodnight  
Liturgical Color: White  
Fellowship: Daphne Brown

Dinner: Katrinka Hall

Worship Leader: Carol Scarberry  
Loaf: John Johnson  
Cup: George Goodnight  
Liturgical Color: White  
Fellowship: DWM Luncheon

Dinner: John Rainey/Daphne Brown

Worship Leader: Kathy Young  
Loaf: Mark Rutledge  
Cup: John Johnson  
Liturgical Color: Red  
Fellowship: Bill Russell

Dinner: Men's Cookout

Worship Leader: John Johnson  
Loaf: John Bennett  
Cup: Debra Goodnight  
Liturgical Color: White

### Church Calendar for May

6th  
Cinco de Mayo Dinner

10th  
Mother's Day

24th  
Pentecost Sunday

27th  
Men's Cookout

### Birthdays

7th  
Martha Bishop

8th  
Linda Johnson

11th  
Dorothy Feimster  
John Bennett

28th  
John Rainey