

Central Christian Church **Banner**



June 2014

A Note from our Pastor Bill Russell



Several weeks ago the drape on the cross in the front of the church changed from black to white. In another week it will be gone. Several days ago the Summer Sale signs went up. Very recently our 90th Celebration signs came down. In another week, our church doors will be festooned with red balloons and red crepe paper streamers for Pentecost. Then there will be signs for bake sales during election days, Autumn Evening announcements to the community, Advent programs. Change, after change, after change, and it is a good thing that things change; it shows we are alive and well and that we intend to stay that way as the body of Christ. What doesn't change, however, regardless of the season, is our hallmark blue neon cross above the front door. It proclaims to all who pass by that the message, the power, and the love of Christ are changeless, and that all who enter the doors of our sanctuary are welcome and accepted just as they are. I thank God for change. I thank God for never changing. And, I thank God for each of you. Bill

Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday is June 8th. Please don't forget to wear red. The special offering collected will help in establishing new Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregations.

This year's Pentecost Offering will be taken on Sundays, June 1 and June 8. We give praise to God for the sacrifices of generations before us – the new churches that were started by courageous, visionary leaders. As a member of a Disciples church that was new once, will you consider participating in this offering so other churches can experience new life?

Spotlight on Giving

The following is an extract from an Offertory thought given to us by John Bennett on Sunday, May 4th:

“Today I am going to talk to you about parachutes! What has that got to do with the offertory or indeed religious worship you may ask. Let me quote from Acts 10 verse 11 New International Version: He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners.

Ok so parachutes are in the bible. What else about parachutes is relevant to our Christian faith? Well, you could say that a parachute is like your mind, it only works when it is open! Look, just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.

The term ‘golden parachute’ usually is reserved for the large severance arrangement paid to a top executive. Well, that got me thinking. Those who use parachutes have to have faith in the person who packed it. We have faith in Jesus because he has packed for us the absolute best Golden Parachute you can get. If you believe in him and follow his teachings, then you are guaranteed a place with our father in heaven.

So, just remember like your wallet at offertory time a parachute only works when it is open”.

Easter Offering

The Easter Offering was collected during worship service on April 20. The total offering collected was \$ 420.00, which will help support the General Ministries of the Christian Church and will be helpful in extending the ministry and mission of the Christian Church.

Children's Sunday School

Our new Junior Sunday School, under the leadership of our most recent member, Jennifer Stevens, had its inaugural class in May. The first pupil was. Priscilla, the daughter of one of our Deacons, Chantey Nelms. (pictured on the right)

Jennifer has taken it upon herself to draw up a curriculum for the classes and to decorate and prepare both the nursery and the youth rooms in the education building. She has done this in the certain knowledge that, as the Romans put it when they built roads all over Europe, “Si tu id aeficas, ei venient. Ager somnia”. This translates as “if you build it, they will come”.

She may be starting on the baseball park next month!

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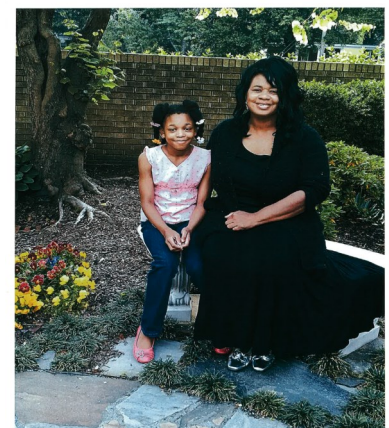
Church Notice Board

Isn't it great to see Jack Artman back with us after his prolonged period of illness and rehab. Welcome back Jack; we have all missed you.

It is also good to see the continuing progress being made by Pat Hammond and Dorathy Feimster after their eye operations.

Georges Smith has returned home after his recent operation.

Our continuing prayers and love go out to all those mentioned above and to anyone else in our wider Church family who may be ill or suffering some hardship from whatever cause.



Building from the Board

Our Board Meeting was held on May 15th with John Bennett in the chair. The April Minutes were approved with out amendment. The following is an abridged version of the Minutes of the May meeting.

Pastor's Report and Evangelism Report: Bill Russell began by sharing a compliment that he had received on the appearance of the church grounds, and emphasized the importance of the appearance serving as a tool for evangelism. He expressed appreciation for those who contributed to the beautiful grounds. He also announced the addition of a Children's Sunday School Program, led by Jennifer Stevens.

Treasurer's Report: John Bennett, Board Chair, presented the financials for April:

Income:	\$ 6,898
Expenses	\$ 6,391
Net Income/Expenses:	\$ 507

In May the Church had received a bequest of \$14,500 specifically for the Church's Building Fund.

Elders' Report: Debra Goodnight, Chairman of the Elders, reported a that in the future the communion hymn will be omitted from the Service and that ,in June, a new Hymn will be introduced each week. There will be a Church birthday celebration on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th. A hand out including guidelines for Elders was distributed.

DWM Report: Linda Johnson, President, reported as follows that a \$500 donation to the Chapel Fund had been made and that the DWM will vote on the distribution/designation of the bake sale funds at the next meeting. The new service project will be to assist in supplying camp goods for Rachel's Kids. Additionally, on behalf of the DWM, Linda Johnson complimented Debra Goodnight on the outstanding job she did in hosting the TDWM luncheon and spiritual journey held April 26, 2014.

Building and Grounds: Floyd Scarberry reported we are waiting on an estimate for essential repairs to the Gymnasium roof and for window replacement in the education building. A vote of thanks was given to George Goodnight for his voluntary work in maintaining the lawns but it was agreed that in future this essential service should be provided on a paid basis.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Outreach Committee: Micki Artman reported that \$420 was collected during April, 2014 for the Easter Offering. The Back-Pack ministry has resulted in 7 packs being distributed so far from the 11 packs prepared. June is the Food Pantry collection Month the Pentecost Collection will be taken on June 1st and 8th.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Communication: George Goodnight commented on the new website, the new web master, and he encouraged Board Members to visit the site, stating that Sunday's Sermon and John Bennett's solo had already been posted.

Wedding Committee: Connie Bennett reported on the addition of the new Side board and stated that Nanda is working on the covers for the chairs.

Adjournment: The Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM, and Pastor Bill Russell led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda L. Johnson, Board Secretary

Events Which took place in May in Pictures



African Violets Society held their Annual Flower Show and Sale



Cinco de Mayo Dinner



Election Day

And what would election Day be without a Bake Sale?



SUMMER SALE – JUNE 14 & ½ Price Sale – June 21

Work on the Summer Sale is in high gear and we invite everyone, members & friends alike, to join in the preparation for the sale. Also, bring in all the items you want to donate to the sale and ask your family and friends to clean out their closets, attics, garages and basements for our sale.

Thanks in advance for your help to make this a profitable event!

Summer Sale Committee



2014 Central Summer Sale Work & Meal Schedule

- 6-1 Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00. Meal provided by [Daphne Brown.](#)
- 6-4 Wednesday at 6:30 -dinner provided by [Micki Artman](#) and work till 8:30
- 6-7 Saturday from 9:00 to 2:00. Meal provided by [Linda Johnson.](#)
- 6-8 Sunday from 12:30 to 4:00. Meal provided by [Connie Bennett.](#)
- 6-11 Wednesday at 6:30 -dinner provide by [Bill Russell](#) and work till 8:30
- 6-12/13 Thursday & Friday night work session, only as needed.

6-14 SALE 8:00 – 2:00. Workers arrive at 7:30. Hot dog lunch provided by [George Goodnight](#) for workers.

6-21 ½ Price Sale 8:00 – 12:00. Workers arrive at 7:30. Hot dog or Hamburger lunch provided by [George Goodnight](#) for workers.

Wedding Chapel



The refurbishment of our side Chapel, for use by smaller wedding groups, has taken great strides this last month thanks to the energy, vision and generosity of Mark Rutledge, Connie Bennett, Nanda Noordemeer and the DWM. A beautiful sideboard has been purchased for use as an altar and Nanda did a great job of making white slip covers for the chairs. To continue the theme from earlier in this Banner "If you build it, they will come".

Outreach Committee

Don't forget, June is a month of 5 Sunday's which means we are collecting food donations for the food pantry at Grace St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The donations are collected in the boxes found within our Church. If you prefer for the Outreach Committee to do your shopping, please see Micki Artman or Debra Goodnight. The food pantry currently has a special need for canned meats (tuna, stew, etc) and peanut butter.

DWM



Memphis Camerata

Memphis Men's Camerata held a concert of Spiritual Music at the Church on May 18th. The picture on the right is of Matthew Bowlin, the artistic director/conductor of the choir, standing in the Chapel garden.



The speaker, following the DWM May luncheon, was Margaret Caufield of The University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She spoke about the Center's diabetes prevention research study for people over age 30 who are at risk of developing diabetes and the possible links to Vitamin "D".

Pictured are Margaret Caufield, Linda Johnson and Dorothy Feimster.

Rachel's Kids Summer Camp

Summertime has reached Memphis once again. School is out and the kids are spending their days waiting for the opportunity to attend a summer camp. This summer the DWM wants to help send Rachel's Kids to camp. Summer camp is a great opportunity for kids to experience new activities and interact with new friends from different areas. Please contact Carol Scarberry if you have donations to contribute. Items needed include Bibles, pillow, twin pillow case, sleeping bags, suitcase, flashlight with batteries, shampoo, soap, lotions, towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, swimsuits (all sizes/boys/girls), goggles, swim caps, sunscreen, bug spray, snacks and rolls of quarters for vending machines

For more information about Rachel's Kids please go to their Website:

<http://www.rachelskidsinc.org/home.php>



Tennessee Disciples Women's West Area Spiritual Journey



The West Tennessee DWM held their annual Spiritual Journey on April 26th. This event was hosted by Kingsway Christian Church and a delicious luncheon was provided by the Goodnight and Artman families of Central Christian Church. The resource leader was Claudia Woodall Buchanan who presented a program entitled "Count it All Joy".



During the luncheon our own Rachel Greer spoke to the ladies about Rachel's Kids, one West Tennessee DWM chosen 2014/2015 Service Program.



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This Month at Central

Sunday 1st

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon Fellowship
12:30 pm to 4:00pm Summer Sale Work Party

Worship Leader: Debra Goodnight
Loaf: Daphne Brown
Cup: Kathy Young
Refreshments: Carol Scarberry
Meal for workers provided by Daphne Brown

Wednesday 4th

6:30 pm Dinner for the Workers
7:15 pm Summer Sale Work Party

Meal provided by Micki Artman

Pentecost Sunday 8th

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: Katrinka Hall
Loaf: John Johnson
Cup: Mark Rutledge
Refreshments: Linda Johnson

Wednesday 11th

6:30 pm Dinner for the Workers
7:15 pm Summer Sale Work Party

Meal provided by Bill Russell

Sunday 15th Father's Day

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service
12:00 noon DWM Luncheon

Worship Leader: George Goodnight
Loaf: Carol Scarberry
Cup: John Johnson
Refreshments: tba.
Luncheon: Pot Luck

Sunday 22th

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: Shula Shaw
Loaf: Kathy Young
Cup: Daphne Brown
Refreshments: Carol Scarberry and Katrinka Hall

Sunday 29th

9:45 am Bible Class
10:30 am Coffee in the Narthex
10:45 am Worship Service

Worship Leader: John Bennett
Loaf: Debra Goodnight
Cup: Richard Brown
Refreshments: tba.

May Diary Reminders

June 14st
Summer Sale

June 15th
Father's Day

June 21th
1/2 Price Sale

June 19th
6:30 pm Elders
Meeting
7:00 pm Meeting of
General Board

Birthdays

June 14th
Henry Lindeman

June 23rd
Quay Butts