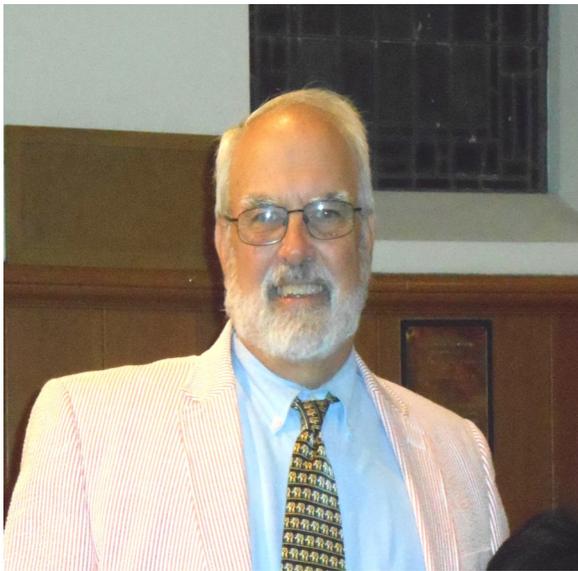


Central Christian Church **Banner**



July 2014

A Note from our Pastor Bill Russell



I want to commend you and thank you for catching on and learning June's Hymn of the Month, a modern, contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer. You learned it quickly and we will sing it again soon so you don't forget it. July's Hymn of the Month is a chorus found on page 38, "Clap Your Hands". It is very singable, very easy to learn, and after we learn it, we will use it from time to time as a choral Call to Worship. You will enjoy this, I promise. To sort of balance things out musically, July 20 will be "SINGING SUNDAY". Our whole service on that Sunday morning will be given over to music and making a joyful noise in song. If you have a song or hymn that is special to you, please let Amy, John Bennett, or me know so that we can include it in the service. A lot of good old hymns were left out of The Chalice Hymnal, and if you like a particular oldie-but-goodie, speak up, and we will find it and do it. Last year when we did this service, you bombarded us with requests for music you love. I truly hope that it is also the case this year.



Dorothy Feimster enjoying herself at a work party leading up to our Summer Sale. Many more pictures on page 6.

Summer Sale

A huge thank you is in order to everyone who helped us produce the largest and most successful Summer Sale in the history of Central. Both Saturdays were well received and profitable. At the time of the printing of the Banner, our profit looks like it will be in excess of \$6,500.

Thanks again to every single person who helped!
Debra Goodnight

Spotlight on Giving

This month we bring you two offertory thoughts. The first was given to us by Katrinka Hall on Sunday June 8th:

“Who Owns Your French Fries”. It is the story of a man who buys his little boy some french fries. Then the father does what all fathers do, he reaches over and takes one french fry to taste it. The little boy slaps his father’s hand and says, "Don’t touch my french fries." The father thinks that his son is selfish. The father knows that he bought the french fries and they belong to him. The father knows that his son belongs to him. The father could get angry and never buy his son another french fry again to teach his son a lesson, or the father could "bury" his son in french fries. The father thinks, "Why is my son selfish, I have given him a whole package of french fries; I just want one french fry." God has given us money, when He asks for a tithe, people figuratively slap His hand and say, "Keep Your hands off my money." God owns everything we have. He wants us: 1. To manage what we have for His glory. God expects us to manage our time, talent, temple, testimony and treasures. 2. To give back a portion of what he has given us. Did you see the bumper sticker the other day that read "Tithe if you love Jesus. Any fool can honk”.

The next thought was given to us by Shula Shaw-Cangelosi on Sunday 29th June.

“When I was growing up, I don't know how many S & H green stamps my mother and I handled and glued into books. We received them at a grocery store in my home town in Ms. By May we had quite a few. We made the trip to Memphis, up Hwy 51, to the Green Stamp Store. Now this trip was usually not something for our benefit, although I do remember a clock we redeemed there that has long since disappeared.

No, we made this trip to get gifts for teachers who had, as my dad said, ‘Put up with’ my brother and me that school year. I am sure there were things that my parents wanted or needed in the store, but they had to get the teachers something. Teachers were people my brother and I took for granted; these folks who taught us, praised us, scolded us, tattled on us... but my parents thought that it was an important gesture- a way to say thank you! That is what my offering is- a way to say, ‘Thank you, Jesus for all you have done for me’, and I also think, as my dad would say, for ‘putting up with me!’”.

Pentecost Offering

Our Pentecost Collection entitled “ You Were New Once” was taken in favor of the development and building new Churches. The amount raised was \$ 343.

Editor’s Note

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All contributions for the August issue must be submitted to the Church Office by July 28th.

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In Memoriam

A Memorial Service for Bob Browne, a former member, was held on June 24th, at Central. The service was conducted by Dr, Scott Pricer of Faith Christian Church.

We are sad to inform you of the passing of Mary Rena Floyd Smith (Rena) on Thursday June 12th. A memorial service was held on Friday June 20th in Newton Kansas. She was the widow of Robert E. Smith who was Minister at Central from 1973 to 1978.

Also this month saw the passing of Jill Tally, Connie Bennett’s aunt. The Memorial Service was held at The Catholic Church of the Resurrection on June 20th.

Rachel’s Kids Off to Camp



Thanks to the generosity of this church, and many other organizations, the kids all had the necessities they needed for their camp, as can be seen from the size of the suit-cases.

Building from the Board

We experienced three days of torrential rain resulting in our service on June 29th being punctuated by a cacophony of “drum beats” from the numerous bins and other containers placed around the Church to catch the drips. It appears that while the new flat roofs, down the sides of the Chancery, are doing their job the decades old slate roof is letting in water during extreme weather. Taken together with the rotting window frames in the education building and the poor decorative state of Walker Hall, it is something else to add to the list of outstanding repairs to our buildings.

However on the “bright” side we have replaced our flood lighting at the front elevation of the Church. The new lights while brighter, have long lasting bulbs and will use far less power than before. Also, thanks to Floyd Scarberry, our parking lot has been restriped.

Many thanks must go to everyone who helps to maintain and improve the appearance of our Church. It does pay off. One example of how welcoming our Church now looks to passers by is that a young couple saw our newly painted doors on the Peabody side, wanted to see the inside and have now booked, and paid a deposit, for a wedding at our Church next March.



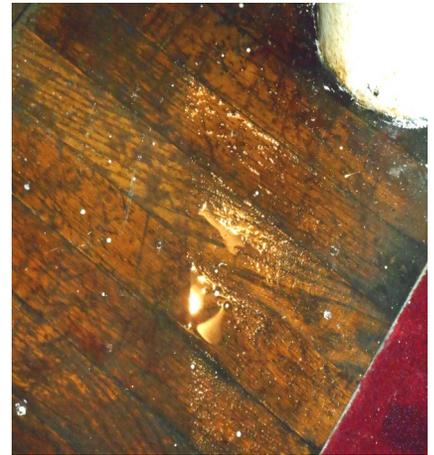
The “Good”

Floyd Scarberry re-striping the parking lot



“The Bad”

Water stain marks on the column capitals.



“The Ugly”

Water damage to the church hardwood floors

Church Notice Board



When Amy was on holiday our music was provided by Layne Wilson. We are so grateful to you, Layne, you are a fine musician.



Many thanks go to Dorothy Feimster who “manned” the office in the absence of the Church Secretary.



We are sad to inform you that Georges Smith continues in poor health and is at Baptist Reynolds Hospice House, 5705 Trinity Lake, Collierville. Georges is our Lay Minister Emeritus and our prayers go out to him and to Sarah Jane.

Pentecost Sunday the Birthday of the Church



Pentecost is perceived as the Birthdate of Christianity in the light of the wording of Acts 2 as reprinted in the next column. Therefore we treated ourselves to a Birthday cake. Following tradition, the congregation, as you can see, wore red. Pictured, from left to right, Andrea Hand, Floyd Scarberry, Kathy Young, Carol Scarberry, Quay Butts and Colleen Daut.

From Acts 2:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance...

...So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

OUR SUMMER SALE IN PICTURES



Pentecost Sunday Service



Our Pentecost Sunday service was a very moving experience. The service was conducted by Andrea Hand from Kingsway Christian Church. Katrinka Hall was the service leader and you can read Katrina's Offertory homily on page 2. Amy Lindeman sang a beautiful solo "I Will Arise and Go To Jesus".



In keeping with tradition red was the color of the day. Pictured, from left to right, are Amy Lindeman, music director, Andrea Hand, visiting minister and Katrinka Hall service leader.

Food Bank Collection

During June we collected food for Grace Saint Luke's Food Bank. Our stocks were enhanced by donations from many of the organizations who use our facilities, including The African Violets Society and the soccer practice group. We are so grateful to all those who contributed to such a worthy cause. Pictured is Lucy Owen of Grace Saint Luke's. with our own John Rainey



Caption Competition



A bottle of cheap wine for the best caption for this picture of Wesley Goodnight trying to sink a golf cart. Entries to the Church Office by noon on July 17th.

Father's Day

At our Father's Day Service Carol and Floyd Scarberry inspired us to think of the role our fathers and other mentors have played in our lives. The following is an extract from their presentation:

“ Happy Father's Day. To all the men of our church, some are fathers, step-fathers or mentors. The Membership Committee is sending a gift to Dr. John Lang's Compassion Clinic in honor of the men of the Church. We feel this is appropriate as our men are compassionate people.

On Mother's Day we watched Allen Goodnight and Clay Artman serve their parents communion and we thought how proud they must be of them, as all of you are of your children. We listen as you mention what your children are doing and it is true someone has to lay the ground work.

We thought it would be interesting to honor our fathers, and men in our lives that taught and mentored us, to hear some of the lessons they taught you. Here are some of the fatherly quotes that were given by some of you:

‘Hit it don't quit it.’

‘It's not time to worry yet.’

‘Work hard and you will keep warm.’

‘Don't worry about it until it happens, then it is too late to worry about it.’

‘Don't ever say anything you have to take back.’

‘Always tell the truth, you don't have to remember what you said.’

‘When in a tight spot Jump Back Jack....Look out Loretta.’

‘One of the things my father instilled in me was that all people, regardless of creed, color etc. are equal in god's sight and so they should be in our sight.’

‘My grandfather's medical wisdom every-time I had a boo-boo. Don't cry—It will feel better when it stops hurting. Of course he was right every-time.’

‘Sometimes you start down the road of life without a father. Then god blesses you with men who adopt you. I thank god for all the men of this church who adopted me.’



Carol and Floyd Scarberry

“When my brothers and I were children, our father sometimes had to work more than one job to make ends meet. One of his part-time jobs was the night engineer at a local radio station. Since no self-respecting West Texas Radio Station would ever play classical music, when the station received a classical record, my father would bring it home for us to play on his hand-made record player. By doing that he introduced classical music to a whole neighborhood of barefoot children. I especially recall one boy sitting cross-legged on the floor in front of our record player saying over and over ‘it's beautiful, it's beautiful’. It was beautiful and I have loved classical music ever since.”

“My Pops, as I call him, is my best friend. He spent 40 years at the same job providing for us, so now I try to let him have as much fun as I can. I actually have more fun watching him have fun than me having fun myself.”

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This Month at Central

Wednesday 2nd

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 6th

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

Worship Leader: George Goodnight
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: Kathy Young

Wednesday 9th

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 13th

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

Worship Leader: John Johnson
Loaf: Daphne Brown
Cup: Mark Rutledge

Wednesday 16th

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 20th

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

Worship Leader: Mark Rutledge
Loaf: Richard Brown
Cup: Carol Scarberry

Wednesday 23rd

No Dinner or Program

Sunday 27th

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

Worship Leader: Shula Shaw-Cangelosi
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: John Bennett

Wednesday 30th

No Dinner or Program

July Diary Reminders

4th
Independence Day

17th
Meetings of Elders
and General Board

Birthdays

4th
Georges Smith

4th
Mark Rutledge

8th
Betty Conner

20th
Shula Shaw-Cangelosi

24th
Rachel Greer