

# Central Christian Church **Banner**



**January 2015**

## A Note from our Pastor, Bill Russell

One final thank you to all of you for all that you did for me in December. For fear that I will leave out someone, I will not call names as I tell you how very much I appreciate each of you and all the time and work you gave to make my ordination so wonderfully special. I am blessed beyond belief to serve with such a gracious people, and I thank God for allowing me to serve as your pastor. And, for all of your kindnesses to Anne and me at Christmas, another huge thank you. On January 11, when I put on my beautiful new green stole which you gave me, I will truly remember what a remarkable month December 2014 was. And, now, we plow forward into 2015, looking and listening to see how God will use us. I have a couple of goals which I will be sharing with you very soon. If you have goals for our church, share them with someone, let's examine them to see how we can better be His servants. I AM excited about the New Year and what it holds for our church family. May all of you have a happy, healthy, and blessed 2015. Bill



On December 18th 2014 our pastor, Bill Russell, was Ordained as a Minister in the Christian Church, Disciples. The ceremony was conducted by Glen Stewart (second left, bottom row) the outgoing Tennessee Regional Minister and President. The ceremony included contributions from a representatives of other Disciples Churches and from different Christian denominations including Catholic and Methodist ministers. (more inside)

## Spotlight on Giving

On December 28th George Goodnight shared the following offertory thought:

“This past year brought many things to be thankful for. I was especially blessed to be able to travel to California and also to Florida, a coast to coast experience, Pacific to Atlantic, but most importantly to experience with my sons a bonding that I will never forget. Because of work, I was not around as much as I should have been when they were younger so it’s even more important to share times now. It reminds me every day to be thankful for family and friends. The New Year will give us the opportunity to nurture old friendships, make new friendships, and to show what we can do, not what we can’t. Be open minded about changes. Find something to do different every day. Challenge yourselves to be more giving and not just write a check and think you are done. A wonderful future is right in front of us if we just reach out and embrace it”.

## Editor’s Note

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**All contributions for the February issue  
must be submitted to the Church Office**

**by**

**January 28th.**

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## Honorariums

During December we have received some very generous gifts from both members of the congregation and from our friends. Donors include Jerry and Elizabeth Marshall, in honor of Helen Marshall, Pat Pitts in Honor of the great work done by the Church, Carol and Floyd Scarberry, Shula and Russ Shaw-Cangelosi and Gerre Gourley all in honor of Bill Russell.

## Dinner in Honor the Outgoing and Incoming Chairmen

On Sunday, January 4th, Debra and George Goodnight gave a dinner party, for the members and friends of the Church, in Honor of John Bennett, 2014 Board chairman, and Mark Rutledge, incoming Chairman for 2015. The meal was prepared and served by Debra and George and members of their family. A superb selection of appetizers was offered followed by a 4 course meal. About 35 people attended and a huge thank you is due to the hosts for a wonderful evening.



Pictured above from left: Mary Artman, John Bennett, Ann Russell, John Rainey (standing) and Tommy Shepperd



## 2014 in Pictures



January: Restoration of the Peabody entrance



February: Souper Sunday Cooks



March: Church was host to Young Musician of the Year Competition organized by the Beethoven Club



April: Left the Easter Egg Hunt and on the right are some of the men of the Church in deep contemplation at the Men's Auxiliary Annual (we hope) Retreat.



May: Completion of the Wedding Chapel



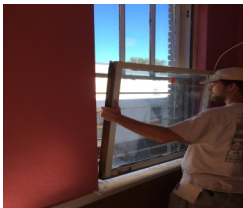
June: Rachel's Kids off to Summer Camp



July: Ice Cream Social



August: Vegetable Dinner



September: A start was made on the replacement of the windows in the Education Building



October: Who can forget our most successful Autumn Evening Auction and Tasteful Treasures Sale ever



November: Pumpkin Carving Competition and our free winter Clothing Closet



December: Carol and Floyd Scarberry gave a Christmas Party for the Church.

## Ordination of Bill Russell



Debra Goodnight and Glen Stewart.

In a very moving ceremony Bill Russell was Ordained as a Minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on December 18th 2014. The service started with a welcome by the 2014 Board Chairman, John Bennett and then Debra Goodnight, as Chair of the Elders, presented Bill, as a candidate for Ordination, to Glen Stewart Regional Minister and President.



After Ordination bill was presented to the congregation for acceptance as our Minister and then all joined in an Affirmation of Faith. There followed a laying on of hands and a presentation, by Debra Goodnight, of a stole as a badge of office.

Further tributes, and contributions to the service, were made by Ryan Starr, Senior Minister of Kingsway Christian Church, Dr. Ron Buck, Collierville Christian Church, Dr. Jill Westbrook, regional representative, and Dennis Neenan of Methodist Senior Ministries. Jeff Brewer, Choir Director at Kingsway, sang two wonderful solos and the music was provided by Anne Russell.

After the ceremony there was a reception in the Church Fellowship Hall.



## DWM Service Project

The DWM service project this month is to provide health and cold aids for the Compassion Clinic run by John and Judy Lang. A list of the supplies needed to fulfill this project will be provided. Alternatively make a donation specifically for this project and the DWM will do the shopping for you. For further details please contact Carol Scarberry or Micki Artman.

## Christmas Presents for Rachel's Kids



The DWM organized a collection to provide Christmas presents for Rachel's Kids. Sufficient toys were purchased to give four presents to each of the sixteen children involved who ranged in ages from 7 to 14. The two bicycles were kindly donated by Wesley Goodnight.



# Church Notice Board

## A Note from the Sunday Bible Class

The month of January will focus on “Learning to Pray”. Lessons from Luke: A Model for Prayer. From John: Jesus Prays for the Disciples. From Hebrews: Jesus Intercedes for Us. From James: We Pray for One Another. Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

## Some dates for your Calendar:

Installation of Board Officers – January 11th  
Pledge Sunday – January 25th  
Soup’er Sunday – February 1st - Hosted by Men’s Auxiliary  
Ash Wednesday – February 18th  
Maundy Thursday – April 2nd  
Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 4th  
Easter – April 5th  
Cookout – May 20th – Hosted by Men’s Auxiliary  
Pentecost Sunday May 24th  
Summer Sale – Mid June

## A New Years Message from our Board Chairman

Many of us make New Year Resolutions that we truly – well, somewhat whole-heartedly – intend to keep. Resolutions trend toward self-improvement in health: “I promise to exercise more.” “I promise to go on a diet to lose weight”. There are others, but, by and by, these Resolutions are quickly broken. So, how about a Resolution that is both easy to keep and beneficial? Here’s my suggestion (now, take a deep breath – exhale – and read on): Promise to attend Sunday School every week for learning and spiritual growth. Now that’s a Resolution that is definitely a self-improvement in your “spiritual” health. See you next Sunday?



Mark Rutledge dressed for his role in a recent production of “A Christmas Carol”

## Christmas Parties



Not just one but three parties were thrown for the congregation. On the left are Bill Russell and Sarah Jane Smith enjoying themselves at the party given by Carol and Floyd Scarberry and on the right is Ann Russell who, with Bill, hosted a Christmas get together on December 21st. In addition the DWM gave a party after the service on December 14th. This Church is just one social whirl!

## Fellowship Schedule

### JANUARY 2015

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
01.04.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Kathy Young
01.07.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Debra Goodnight
01.11.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	DWM Potluck Luncheon
01.14.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Daphne Brown
01.18.14	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Mark Rutledge/John Rainey
01.21.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Carol Scarberry
01.25.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Connie Bennett
01.28.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Bill Russell/Daphne Brown

*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 4th**  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

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

**Sunday 11th**  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon DWM Luncheon

**Wednesday 14th**  
6:30 pm Dinner  
7:00 pm Bible Study

**Sunday 18th**  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

**Wednesday 21th**

**Sunday 25th**  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Fellowship

**Wednesday 28th**

**Worship Leader:** John Bennett  
**Loaf:** George Goodnight  
**Cup:** Mark Rutledge  
**Fellowship:** Kathy young

**Dinner:** Debra Goodnight

**Worship Leader:** Daphne Brown  
**Loaf:** Carol Scarberry  
**Cup:** John Bennett

**Dinner:** Daphne Brown

**Worship Leader:** Kathy Young  
**Loaf:** Mark Rutledge  
**Cup:** Daphne Brown  
**Fellowship:** Mark Rutledge & John Rainey

**Dinner:** Carol Scarberry

**Worship Leader:** John Rainey  
**Loaf:** Kathy Young  
**Cup:** Debra Goodnight  
**Fellowship:** Connie Bennett

**Dinner:** Daphne Brown

### Church Calendar for January

**11th**  
**Installation of Board  
Officers**

**15th**  
**Elders and Board  
Meeting**

**19th**  
**Martin Luther King  
Day**

**25th**  
**Pledge Sunday**

### Birthdays

**4th**  
**Brad Lott**

**3rd**  
**Marcus Mitchell**

**19th**  
**Terry Harris**