

# Central Christian Church **Banner**



**November 2015**

## A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell



Manual wind, automatic wind, and battery power are the basic ways watches are powered. If they don't get power, they don't work well, or at all. Our spiritual lives are like watches: they need power. As we approach the holidays, don't let the power dwindle in your spiritual life. Don't let time and energy demands keep you from your prayer time, your Bible study time, your time of quiet reflection. As Christians, if we allow our spiritual energy to wane, we don't function as well as Christ needs us to. Be intentional this year. We all eat meals every day to be energized and remain healthy. Don't forget to feed yourself spiritually, too.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

Central is looking forward, as we do each year, to providing Thanksgiving Baskets for approximately 12 Rachel's Kids families. Please bring your food donations for the Thanksgiving Basket on or by Sunday, November 22th or you may want to donate money to purchase a turkey or the perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!



## Spotlight on Giving

On Sunday, October 4th, George Goodnight gave us the following Offertory story:

The Chairman of the Board stood before the congregation and said "I have bad news, I have good news, and I have more bad news." The congregation got quiet and he said "The bad news is: the church needs a new roof!". The congregation groaned. "The good news is: we have enough money for the new roof." A sigh of relief was heard through the sanctuary. "The other bad news is: it's still in your pockets!"

We have had to use that several times over the years and it reminds us of something the Missionary Jim Elliott said: You are no fool to give up what you cannot keep, in order to keep what you cannot lose!

## Now this is Commitment

Imagine the scenario. It is Friday afternoon, October 23rd, and the hot water tank to the Fellowship Hall kitchen has sprung a leak and is inoperative. The following day is our Autumn Evening event, the main fundraiser for our Church. We are going to have to cater for up to 250 people. What could be done?

Well, a team made up of Wesley Goodnight, Rob & Clay Artman and Floyd Scarberry arrived at the Church at 7:00 am with a new water tank, with all the fittings, and within several hours we were good to go. Now that is what I call commitment. From everyone at the Church, thank you so much for ensuring that hot water was available on the big day, the catering crew could do their job and this was a large part of making the event a success.



## Editors Note

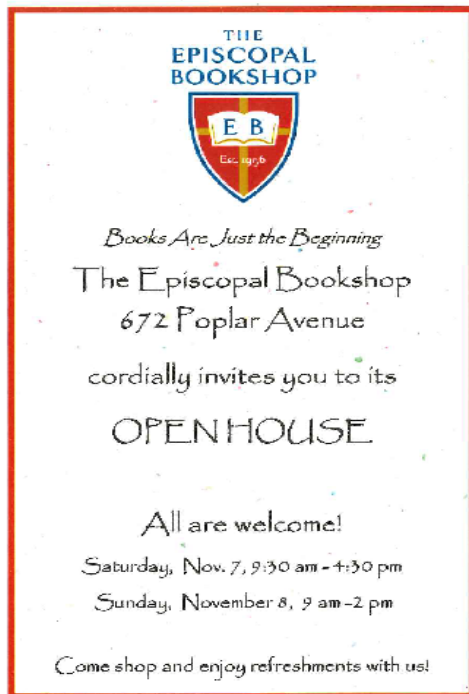
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**All contributions for the December Banner should be emailed or sent to the Editor, John Bennett, at the Church Office by November 30th. Contact details are on the back cover.**

## Local Events



## 2015 SILENT AUCTION

**Saturday, November 14th  
6-8pm at The Parkview  
1914 Poplar Avenue, Memphis TN**


\$10 admission (1/2 off with T-shirt in A Toga ticket shop)

The Mystic Krewe of Pegasus invites you to start your holiday shopping early this year!

Drop by, have a glass of wine and bid on a variety of items including: Gift certificates, home decor, beauty products, jewelry, sports collectibles, and much more!

Proceeds benefit:  **MEMPHIS CRISIS CENTER**  
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## Property and Grounds

When you have a few minutes the next time you are at church, take a walk-around and see some of the improvements that have been made.

The stones in the Chapel Garden walkway have been reset into concrete and are no longer a safety issue. Additional lighting has been added to the Garden to enhance the display of our church building. The lights in the stairwell leading up to first floor of the Educational Building have been replaced with brighter and more efficient LED lighting. The old lights came on when the mood struck, and made it difficult to navigate the stairs. The old ceiling lights in Walker Hall have also been replaced with LED lighting. No longer do we have that "gloom and doom" atmosphere, but a more pleasant environment for meetings and for our Clothes Closet. The gas heater in Walker Hall is no longer working, and was becoming a safety issue during the winter months. New electric wall heaters have been installed and should be operational shortly.

The restroom near the Walker Hall kitchen is almost completed. The plumbers and electricians will be at Central the week of November 2nd to install equipment that will furnish hot water in the kitchen, the Walker Hall restroom, and (say a prayer) hot water in the restrooms on the first floor of the Educational Building.



The re-styled Walker Hall Restroom



# Autumn Evening

The 2015 Autumn Evening in Central Gardens was a glorious event and we want to thank all who worked tirelessly to present it. Every portion of the event was beautiful:

- The food table was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped with the food and to Micki/Rob Artman and their “crew.”
- Daphne Brown’s Treasures Area was beautiful and well displayed. Thanks to Daphne and all who donated, helped set up and sell the Treasures.
- The Wine Pull was extraordinarily successful this year with 55 wines sold. Thanks to Shula and Russ Cangelosi for organizing it and all who donated wines, especially Jerry Marshall & Bridgett Sharpe who were so generous.
- The Auction items were fabulous with 236 items to be bid upon. Thanks to all who collected, purchased and donated items and especially to Carol/Floyd Scarberry who are mainly responsible for our success.
- The outside Garden area was beautiful and thanks to Mark Rutledge, Floyd Scarberry and John Rainey for their donations and work to have it ready and spectacular.
- The auction booklet was well prepared by John Bennett and his ‘helpers’. Thanks

To every person who helped to make our 2015 Autumn Evening in Central Gardens a tremendous success we thank you! Our profit to date is approximately \$12,500 and these funds will be used to support Central and further the DWM mission work.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Debra Goodnight



The “Avant-Garde” panels, used to decorate the Chapel Garden, served as a sophisticated background to the outdoor dining area.

# DWM Luncheon and Business Meeting

Sunday, November 8th the Disciple Women invite everyone in the church to stay for the DWM luncheon and the program afterwards. Daphne Brown will present a Thanksgiving Devotional and Debra Goodnight will lead a short evaluation of the Autumn Evening. All are welcome!

## Clothes Closet

Colder weather is here and we have some warm jackets & coats to give out so we have planned a Clothes Closet give away for Saturday, November 21st from 9am to noon. Workers will meet Friday night from 6pm to 8pm to ready Walker Hall for all our patrons. We invite you to come & help if you are able.



FREE  
CLOTHES  
CLOSET  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
9:00—Noon  
the last Saturday of  
each month

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We are also accepting donations to fill the racks.  
Children's clothes and school uniforms are especially needed.  
Donations may be dropped off at the church  
Monday through Thursday, 9:30—1:30.  
For additional information, please call the church office at 276-2708.



## Board Meeting Report

The General Board met on October 29th, with Mark Rutledge in the Chair.

Richard Brown, as Financial Secretary, presented the accounts for September and reported that Income of \$13,489 exceeded Budget though this included \$8,000 donated toward the cost of improvements to the Walker Hall Facilities and the electrics and water systems in the Education Building. Expenditure also exceeded budget due to these improvements so there was a surplus for the month of \$2,448.

Various matters were discussed, including the improvements referred to above, the success of the Autumn Evening event, Thanksgiving Service and Baskets and the Clothes Closet.

The Budget, and proposed Officers for 2016, were held over to the next meeting.

The meeting concluded with prayer at 8:30 pm. The Chairman, Mark, provided a chili, hot tamales and other refreshments for the meeting.



## Autumn Evening Event (More Pictures)



Russ and Shula Cangelosi in front of the Wine Pull



Carol Scarberry who did such an amazing job soliciting auction items and organizing the bid sheets.



## Autumn Evening Event (Even More Pictures)



Wesley Goodnight and Floyd Scarberry served as “Barkeeps” for the evening. Well someone has got to do it!



More of our dedicated team of helpers on the night.  
From left: Amy Lindeman, Linda & John Johnson and Katrinka Hall

## Fellowship Schedule

**NOVEMBER 2015**

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER & SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE**

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
11.01.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints Day	Fellowship Hall	Quay Butts, Peggy Brown
11.04.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Linda Johnson, Katrinka Hall
11.08.15	Sunday	DWM Pot Luck Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	DWM
11.11.15	Wednesday	Wednesday Night Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Connie and John Bennett
11.15.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Mark Rutledge
11.18.15	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Debra & George Goodnight
11.22.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Tammi and Merlin Taylor
11.25.15	Wednesday	NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER	Fellowship Hall	X X X
11.29.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour First Day of Advent	Fellowship Hall	Kathy Young

*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 1st  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Mark Rutledge  
Cup: Carol Scarberry  
Loaf: Richard Brown  
Refreshments: Quay Butts/Peggy Brown

Wednesday 4th

Meal prepared by: Linda Johnson/Katrinka Hall

Thursday 5th  
11:30 am Lunchtime Bible Study

Sunday 8th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: John Johnson  
Cup: Debra Goodnight  
Loaf: John Bennett  
Refreshments: DWM Potluck Luncheon

Wednesday 11th  
6:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Connie and John Bennett

Thursday 12th  
11:30 am Lunchtime Bible Study

Sunday 15th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:00 noon Meetings of Elders and General Board

Service Leader: Carol Scarberry  
Cup: George Goodnight  
Loaf: John Johnson  
Refreshments: Mark Rutledge

Wednesday 18th  
6:30pm Thanksgiving Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Debra and George Goodnight

Thursday 19th  
11:30 am Lunchtime Bible Study

Sunday 22nd  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Kathy Young  
Cup: John Johnson  
Loaf: Mark Rutledge  
Refreshments: Tammi and Merlin Taylor

Tuesday 24th  
6:30 pm Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday 25th  
6:30pm No Wednesday Night Dinner or Bible Study

Thursday 26th  
11:30 am Lunchtime Bible Study

Sunday 29th First Day of Advent  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Richard Brown  
Cup: Carol Scarberry  
Loaf: George Goodnight  
Refreshments: Kathy Young

## Church Calendar for November

21st  
Clothes Closet

26th  
Thanksgiving

29th  
First Day of Advent

## Birthdays

14th  
Fr. Tommy Sheppard

26th  
Debra Goodnight

27th  
Tami Taylor