



# Banner



**October 2015**

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell

Vitamins. Minerals. Extra protein. Naps. If you are a member of Central, October is the month that you might need all of the aforementioned things just to get you through the month. Between the bake sale on election day, regular worship services on Sundays, and then all of the many work days and work parties preparing for Autumn Evening, October is undoubtedly the busiest month of the year. However, if we are to get through the month successfully, and I have no doubt that we will, we need to bathe all that we do in prayer. Pray for God's guidance, pray for God's patience, pray for God's strength, and pray for God's unfailing presence in all that we do. We all must keep our eyes on the goal of greater service and ministry as we get ready for the days ahead, and we must trust that He will supply everything that we will need to meet our goals. I love the time that we have together during October, and I love the results. Let's all find our most comfortable shoes ( you CAN wear them on Sunday ), and join hands this month doing what Central does best: WORK. Happy Fall, dear friends.



## *An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens*



*Central Christian Church*  
*Saturday, October 24, 2015*  
*6:00-8:30 p.m.*

*\$15 Admission includes Wine & Hors d'oeuvres*  
*Wine Pull • Silent Auction • Tasteful Treasures*

Visa, MasterCard & Discover accepted

Proceeds to Benefit Outreach Ministries

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## Spotlight on Giving

On Sunday , September 20th, immediately after the Baptism of Bridget Sharp (see page 4), John Bennett brought us the following offertory thought:

Brian D. McLaren, a former Pastor and Author of “ More of Ready Than You Realize” said, and I quote “Baptism is rich in meaning. It suggests cleansing. When you are a disciple, you understand that you are cleansed by Christ. You understand that Christ died in your place on the cross, paying for your sins, fully forgiving you for all your wrongs. You are cleansed from guilt, and you are becoming a cleaner, healthier, more whole person.”

Bridgett has shown, by her acceptance of baptism, her total commitment not only to our church but to the creed that we espouse each week: “I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God, and I accept him as my Lord and Savior.

Now let’s turn our attention to the concept of commitment. We have all heard the adage that the difference between commitment and involvement is akin to having bacon and eggs on your plate in the morning. That is, the pig is committed but the chicken is merely involved. But is that a good analogy when related to ones Church life.

The pig is dragged squealing and kicking to the butcher to provide bacon and sausages but then he drops out of the picture. A one hit wonder if you will. Commitment is long term. Now contrast the chicken. Born to lay eggs, knows nothing else but to lay eggs, throughout it’s life, while able to do so, continues to lay eggs. Now that’s commitment.

The chicken, like the good Church goer, is not looking to get something from the Church but is continually giving of her resources. To paraphrase an American President, “ask not what your Church can do for you but what can you do for your Church”.

When we try to analyze what we can give back it is as well to read the works of the great English philosopher Lord Bertrand Russel who wrote “The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real state, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith”.

Quite honestly I believe that I am wasting my time with an offertory homily. Those of you who donate or tithe by mail or bank draft have done so, others are already sitting there with their offertory envelopes clasped in their hands waiting for the deacons to come round. The only way I will know if what I have said is having any effect is if there is a sudden rustling of hands in pockets or handbags to pull out a further \$1,\$5,\$10 etc. to add to their already generous giving....pause... now that’s what I like to hear!

## Editors Note

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**All contributions for the November Banner should be emailed or sent to the Editor, John Bennett, at the Church Office by October 29th. Contact details are on the back cover.**

## An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens

Excitement is growing at Central as we plan for the 2015 Autumn Evening in Central Gardens on Saturday, October 24. It promises to be a fabulous event! What can you do to help?

Invite your family & friends & give them complimentary tickets.

Donate Silent Auction items.

Donate Tasteful Treasure items.

Offer to make food & let Micki Artman know what you will bring.

Attend Wednesday night dinners and help afterwards.

Offer help to Daphne Brown & Carol Scarberry.

On the night of the event be sure to be at church at 5:30 & park on the street to leave room for our guests.

It is going to be a wonderful evening – see you there!

## Other Events at Central

Dust doesn't seem to have a chance to settle before Central Christian Church is preparing for another event. In September the Grace St. Luke's Food Drive was in full swing. The food collected was taken to their Food Pantry on September 28th, and what a surprise it was to the workers! They couldn't believe the amount of "tuna fish" that had been collected. The next food drive will be in March, 2016, when we will be collecting children cereals.

Here it is October and Central is in full swing again. On October 3rd Central was host to a wedding. On October 8th Central will be a voting precinct for local elections. Of course, with an election comes THE BAKE SALE! However, the election is NOT stopping Central in its preparations for An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens on October 24th. The Fellowship Hall is being readied with Tasteful Treasure and Silent Auction items.

## Buildings and Grounds

For those who have ventured forth and have seen/used the 1926 version of the Walker Hall restroom, take heart. The restroom is being updated to include new plumbing, vanity, lighting, and an over-all new look. The completion date is mid-October.

Not to be left in the dark, several of the lights in Walker Hall and the Walker Hall stairwell are being replaced with more up-to-date, energy saving lights. The outside parking lights, which go out after a year or so, are also being replaced with energy saving lights - which are brighter than the ones currently used.



The Walker Hall restroom before the renovations started. Outdated and uninviting to visitors.

# Baptism of Bridgett Sharpe

At our service, on Sunday September 20th, we were privileged to witness the Baptism of Bridgett Sharp into The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Bridgett Sharp was born and raised in midtown Memphis, TN along with her older sister, Brittini Sharp. She was taught the power of prayer by her parents, Artis and Birder Sharp, and attended Zion Temple Church of God in Christ as a child. As she matured, she realized her passion for science and helping others which ultimately led her to make the decision to attend Christian Brothers University. Bridgett majored in biology in hopes of one day working in the medical field as a nurse, but God had other plans in store for her. Nearing her final year of college, she was given the pleasure to work at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as a student worker and shortly after graduating she was given a full time position as a research technologist in the Infectious Diseases department where she currently works. There, she focuses primarily on influenza and astrovirus research in hopes of giving immunocompromised children a fighting chance against these viruses. Despite finding her true calling in life, she still felt a deep void. She came to realize that her roots in the church had been broken over the years and was looking for a church she could call "home". That's when God did another miraculous thing for her. He introduced Bridgett to Central Christian Church via her friend, Michael Glenn Simmons. After witnessing Michael's baptism and experiencing the love and warmth the church had to offer, she knew right away she'd found her "home".



After the service Bridget was presented with a Bible by our Pastor Bill Russell.



DWM

# BAKE SALE



Under the leadership of Mcki Artman, and the counsel of Pat Hammond, the DWM will again hold its Election Day Bake Sale on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 7:00 AM until all goods are sold. We would love to offer our usual large selection of baked goods. Please ask your family and friends to help support this fund-raising event, either by baking for or purchasing from our bake sale. Proceeds from this year's sale will benefit Rachel's Kids, the Neighborhood Compassion Clinic, the Binghampton Project, and Central's Church Door Ministry for the Homeless.

All goods require a label that identifies the item as well as the name of the person who made the item. We ask that you have your baked goods at the Church on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, to allow for pricing and set-up by the time the polls open at 7:00 AM Thursday morning. You may drop your items off at the Church on Wednesday from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM, or during the Wednesday night dinner from 6:30 until 8:00 PM.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help staff the sale, please contact Micki Artman at 901-340-7396.

Thank you,

Linda Johnson  
DWM President

## “Jesus Outside the Lines”

Thursday evening on September 24th was an award winning time at Central. Scott Sauls, author of Jesus Outside the Lines, talked about his book to a well-attended audience. Scott spoke for about 45 minutes, and followed up with questions from the audience. The event was hosted by Christ City Church and Central Christian. From Scott's website:

“... today's media pushes each one of us into a frustrating clash between two opposing sides. Polarizing, us-against-them discussions divide us and distract us from thinking clearly and communicating lovingly with others. Scott Sauls, like many of us, is weary of the bickering and is seeking a way of truth and beauty through the conflicts. Jesus Outside the Lines presents Jesus as this way.”

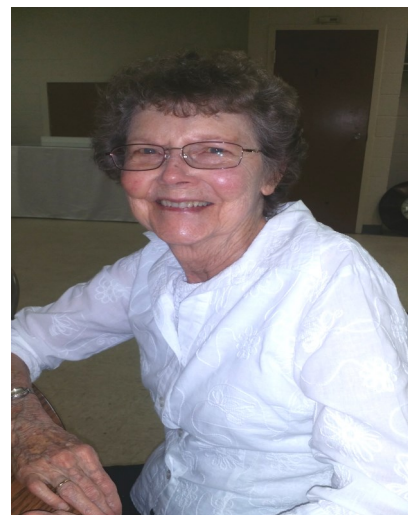
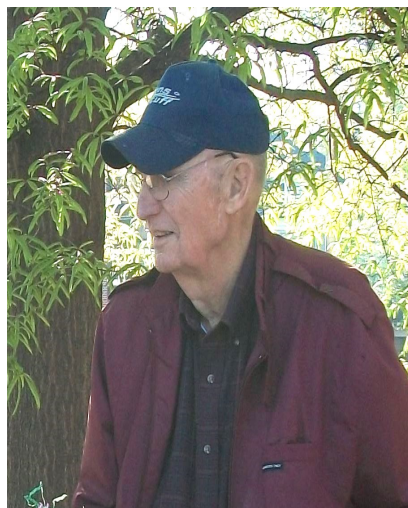


Scott Sauls

# The Greatest Generation

"The Greatest Generation" is a term created by journalist Tom Brokaw to describe the generation[1] who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression, and then went on to fight in World War II, as well as those whose productivity within the war's home front made a decisive material contribution to the war effort, for which the generation is also termed the G.I. Generation. On Sunday, September 27th we celebrated, and honored, those members of that generation who have been members of our Church for over 40 years. In a very moving service family, and friends, of those honored, spoke of their full lives committed both to their families, this Church, but more than anything else, their Christian faith.

Those honored included Mary Artman, Sarah Jane Smith, Pat Hammond, Bill Pennington and Marcus Mitchell.



## Board Meeting Report

The September Board Meeting was held after our Church service on Sunday 20th October. Mark Rutledge, Chair, opened the meeting with prayer. There followed discussions of a number of topics but particularly the proposal, to welcome the congregation of Christ City Church to use our Sanctuary on Sunday evenings, was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer, John Bennett, reported on the accounts for August. While income was ahead of budget at \$7,146, there was a deficit of \$2743, for the month due to expenditure being over budget , particularly for Maintenance, Repairs and Utilities.

## Fellowship Schedule

**OCTOBER 2015**

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

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME / LOCATION	PREPARED BY
10.04.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Sunday Soup - Linda Johnson
10.07.05	Wednesday	Autumn Evening Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Debra Goodnight
10.11.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Sunday Soup - Daphne Brown
10.14.15	Wednesday	Autumn Evening Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Micki Artman
10.18.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Sunday Soup - Carol Scarberry
10.21.15	Wednesday	Autumn Evening Work Night	Fellowship Hall	Bill Russell
10.25.15	Sunday	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall	Micki Artman
10.28.15	Wednesday	XXX	XXX	Rest and Recuperate

*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

Thursday 1st  
11:30 am Bible Study

Sunday 4th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: George Goodnight  
Cup: Carol Scarberry  
Loaf: John Bennett  
Refreshments: Linda Johnson

Wednesday 7th

Meal prepared by: Debra Goodnight

Sunday 11th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Daphne Brown  
Cup: John Bennett  
Loaf: Mark Rutledge  
Refreshments: Daphne Brown

Wednesday 14th  
6:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Micki Artman

Thursday 15th  
11:30 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm Meeting of General Board

Sunday 18th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Debra Goodnight  
Cup: Kathy Young  
Loaf: Daphne Brown  
Refreshments: Carol Scarberry

Wednesday 21st  
6:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner and Bible Study

Meal prepared by: Bill Russell

Sunday 25th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Richard Brown  
Cup: Mark Rutledge  
Loaf: Debra Goodnight  
Refreshments: Micki Artman

Wednesday 28th  
6:30pm No Wednesday Night Dinner

### Church Calendar for October

8th  
Bake Sale  
Mayoral Election

12th  
Columbus Day

24th  
An Autumn Evening in  
Central Gardens

### Birthdays

9th  
Betty Jones

9th  
Randy Pennington

15th  
Sarah Jane Smith

26th  
Gloria Jeffrey