



# Banner



**September 2016**

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



What is your favorite thing to do? Absolutely the thing which gives you the most enjoyment, what is it? Cooking, playing with grandchildren, gardening, reading, music, napping? If you'll think about it, whatever it is, you spend a great deal of time, effort, and, in most cases, energy, doing it. And that is perfectly normal; we all have our hobbies and recreational outlets and things we love to do, and we need those things. But, I ask you a question to ponder: how does the time you spend doing those things compare to the time you spend nurturing and growing your relationship with God? As Christians, those who are "in Christ", are to grow in our knowledge of God and Christ. I ask you, how much time are you spending intentionally growing your faith? Let's grow together. That's what we are called to do!

## Take the Challenge Campaign

Linda Johnson, DWM President, wants to thank everyone who participated in the "Take the Challenge Campaign" for your pledge to donate one over-the-counter medication per month to the Compassion Neighborhood Clinic for the remaining 15 months of our Western Area 2016-17 Disciple Women's Ministries Service Project. I am happy to report that with the 110 items of medication presented to the Clinic, \$100 donated to the Clinic by the DWM, Central generated a commitment of over 500 items of medicine or medical supplies to the Compassion Clinic. If you missed the opportunity to donate, you can still do so. The asking pledge is \$1 or one item of medication per month for 15 months. Please see me or Kathy Young and we will be so happy to either take your money to purchase meds or accept your donation of medication.



Linda Johnson, center, with Dr. John and Judy Lang of the Compassion Neighborhood Clinic

## Offertory Meditation

George Goodnight amused us at the service on August 14th with the following Offertory thought:

“At a recent Board meeting, the question was brought up on how to increase Giving to the Church. The Board agreed that there would be no bad ideas so here are some that were presented. Instead of a salary, a fish bowl would be provided for donations for Amy, our Music Director. Parking meters would be installed in the Church Parking Lot. A cover charge would be collected when you entered the Sanctuary. If you had to leave for any reason before the service was over, you would have to pay an exit fee plus a re-entry fee to come back. A fee to be collected from those sitting in the first 3 rows of pews at the front of the Sanctuary of \$1 per person. All other rows would be \$5 per person. And the Chairman of the Board suggested that we take the Church credit card to our next Board Meeting which would be convened at a Tunica Casino. But the consensus of opinion of the best suggestion was to have the congregation stand and get the purse or wallet of the person closest to them and then give like you always wanted to give.”

## Local & Regional Happenings

The Regional Assembly is Friday, October 7th & Saturday, October 8th. Please visit the Tennessee Disciples website if you want to register -ccdctn.org

The Installation for Reverend Dr. Christal Williams will be held November 19-20. Please visit the Tennessee Disciples website if you want to register – ccdctn.org

Kingsway Christian Church is having their 60th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 18 and Central is especially invited since we are their Mother Church. More details will be provided, to the congregation, when they become available



Sarah Jane Smith enjoying her copy of the Banner.

## Editors Note

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to YouTube on our  
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## Visit by New Regional Minister



Dr. Christal Williams

We are honored that, as one of her first engagements as Tennessee's new Regional Minister, Dr. Christal Williams is visiting with Central on Wednesday, September 21 and all members and friends of the Church are encouraged to attend. Central has invited several sister churches to be part of this evening and we hope to have a large crowd from Central, Kingsway, Faith and Collierville. Dinner will be at 6:30 and she will speak at 7:00. Please make plans to attend and give your reservation to the church office.

### DWM Luncheon

The DWM will say good-bye to Summer and host the last of the salad potluck luncheons on Sunday, September 11, 2016. You may either bring a salad or dessert or pay \$5 for the meal. If you plan to bring something, please let Debra Goodnight know. We will not host a luncheon in October due to Autumn Evening, but will resume with our November luncheons.

## Autumn Evening

Autumn Evening in Central Gardens will be October 15 and we are already making plans. We need the following:

Ask your favorite merchants, especially restaurants, for gift certificates. Carol Scarberry or the church office have copies of our letter.

Ask your family and friends to donate items for the Tasteful Treasures area. Daphne Brown can use anything beautiful, interesting and tasteful. Please look through your closets, cabinets and drawers for likely items.

Speak with Micki Artman to offer to make food items for the buffet.

Invite your family and friends to attend and have them save the date of October 15.

Plan to help during the work sessions.

And lastly come to host, enjoy, support!



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## This Month at Central

Sunday 4th Minister: Kathy Young  
19:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
11:45 am Special Board Meeting

Service Leader: Richard Brown  
Loaf: Daphne Brown  
Cup: Mark Rutledge

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Wednesday 7th

6:30 Autumn Evening Planning Meeting

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

Service Leader: Tami Taylor  
Loaf: John Johnson  
Cup: Richard Brown  
Refreshments: DWM

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Wednesday 14th

No dinner or program

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

Service Leader: John Rainey  
Loaf: Carol Scarberry  
Cup: George Goodnight  
Refreshments: John Rainey

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Wednesday 21st

6:30 pm Dinner with guest speaker  
Rev. Dr. Crystal Williams, Regional Minister.

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Sunday 25th  
9:45 am Bible Class  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:15 pm Elders Meeting  
12:30 pm General Board Meeting

Service Leader: Carol Scarberry  
Loaf: Mark Rutledge  
Cup: John Johnson

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Wednesday 28th

6:30 pm Autumn Evening Event Work Night

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### Church Calendar for September

11th  
Central Gardens, Home  
and Garden Tour.  
16th  
Memphis Camerata  
Concert in Church  
18th  
Kingsway Christian  
Church  
60th Anniversary  
Celebration  
21st  
Dinner with guest  
speaker Rev.  
Dr. Crystal Williams,  
Regional Minister.

### Birthdays

3rd  
Christine Bethany  
4th  
Bill Russell  
13th  
John Johnson  
14th  
Katrinka Hall  
19th  
Noah Ploderer  
27th  
Allen Goodnight  
28th  
Haley Stevenson