

Central Christian Church **Banner**



October 2016

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell

My message last Sunday was about faith and the mustard seed. We said that faith is not something that can be seen or touched or smelled or tasted. It's intangible. However, we did not talk about how the results of our faith are tangible, how they can be seen and felt in our lives and in the lives of others. As we grow in our faith journey, we become stronger and we become examples for those whose faith may need strengthening. We must always remember that others are watching us because of our relationship with God. If our faith makes no difference in our lives, then others will not be drawn to the one we call Lord. Never forget that we, as Christ's disciples, are under scrutiny. Our faith in God must make a difference in the way we live. When it does, others will be drawn to Jesus.

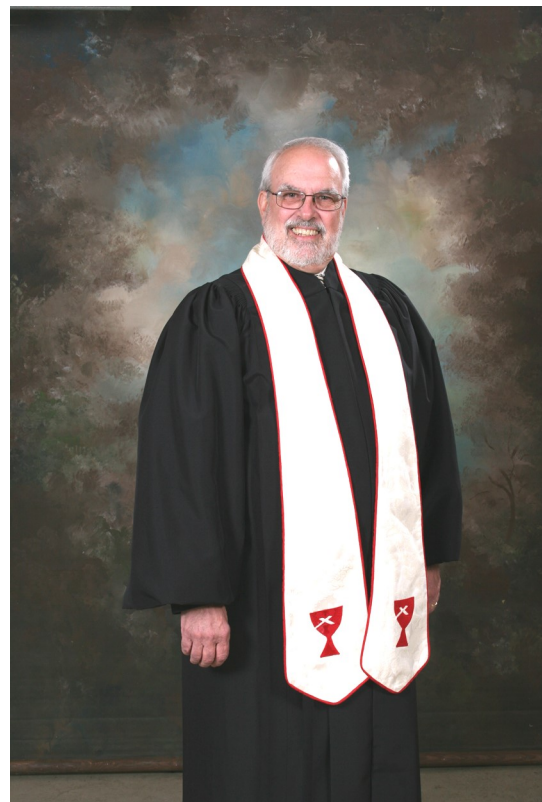
MINISTRY APPRECIATION

Did you know that October is designated as Ministry Appreciation Month?

We, at Central, should take this opportunity to acknowledge the service and dedication of our Pastor, Bill Russell. Bill nourishes us spiritually and encourages us in our Christian Walk. From Thessalonians we are reminded to give appreciation to our pastor.

We request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work.

1 Thess. 5:12-13a



Offertory Meditation

Carol Scarberry shared a number of quotations with us during her Offertory Homily on September 25th.

“We make a living by what we get: we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill

“For it is in giving that we receive.” St. Francis of Assisi

“Give, but give until it hurts.” St. Mother Theresa

“I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy, I woke and I saw that life is all service, I served and I saw that service is joy.” Khalil Gibran

“Happiness doesn’t result from what we get, but from what we give.” Dr. Ben Carson

Changes in the Office

Many of you will know that I, John, have resigned as Church Secretary as I am going to work at a retirement community. I have thoroughly enjoyed working at Central Christian and, more importantly, have enjoyed putting together this monthly Banner. I will be taking with me my office assistant Bertie, pictured with John Rainey, our custodian.



Bye, Bye Bertie!!

Editors Note

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All contributions for the November Banner should be emailed or sent to the Editor at the Church Office by Oct. 31st.

Past copies of the Banner together with sermons, special music videos etc. can be found using links to YouTube on our Website at cccmemphistn.org.

Dinner in Honor of Rev. Dr. Christal Williams

On September 21st Central Christian Church had the honor of hosting the new Regional Minister for Tennessee, Rev. Dr. Christal Williams. About 60 people attended from our Church and other local Disciples Churches including Kingsway, Faith, Lindenwood, Collierville and Decatur Trinity. We also were pleased to be joined by guests from other denominations. Dinner was hosted by our DWM and served by members of our Church. After the meal Dr. Williams gave a presentation regarding her vision of the future of the Disciples Church in Tennessee, and her role in creating that future. Everyone who attended felt excited and inspired by what she had to say.

A collection was taken for the benefit of the Regional Ministry and, together with a donation from the DWM, this totaled \$600. The installation of Rev. Dr. Christal Williams will be celebrated on November 19 & 20. Details will be provided by the Regional Office.



Rev. Dr. Christal Williams and Rev. Bill Russell pictured in the Church.



The dessert table



Some of the congregation and guests enjoying the meal served in honor of Rev. Dr. Christal Williams



An Autumn Evening in Central Gardens on October 15th



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Central Christian Church
Saturday, October 15, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.

\$20 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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We are now in the middle of preparations for our Autumn Evening Event. There will be a few changes this year including a live auction as well as our traditional silent auction.

It is amazing how much time and hard work goes into the preparations for this event but, rest assured, this year will be as successful as any that have gone before and God will look down on us and produce glorious mild and dry weather for that evening. Let us at least pray this is the case.

Our Wine Pull will be back, by popular demand. Donations of bottles of wine are needed. Please bring in your bottle of wine (\$ 15 or more in value) anytime before October 14th. Also, our recent planning meetings have been enhanced by trial tastings of suggested buffet items. Please speak with Micki Artman about what food you can bring for the table. Or if you prefer, donate funds to purchase needed items for the table.

We still need items for our Tasteful Treasures tables and for the Silent Auction.

Church members can get their tickets at the door the night of the event, or in Advance at the church office.

Regional News



The Tennessee Regional Assembly will be held at Henry Horton State Park, near Nashville, this month. Two of our members, Debra Goodnight and Mary Artman, will be representing Central as delegates at the Assembly.

Meaningful conversations, stimulating preachers and reconciling worship is being planned for the Tennessee Regional Assembly.

Wedding of Haley Stephenson to Paula Annable

The congregation of Central is invited to attend the wedding of Haley Stephenson and Paula Annable. Haley, who grew up in our church family, is the granddaughter of Pat Hammond. Pat is a vibrant and active member of both Central and the DWM. Pat has been a member of our church for over 60 years. Haley's mother, Rachel Greer established Rachel's Kids with the late Harry Greer to aid the families of Binghampton. In particular, to help the children with school, school supplies, minor medical assistance and other essential items. We at Central wish to offer our congratulations to Haley and Paula on their upcoming nuptials.



All Hallows Eve

Anglican colonists in the Southern United States and Catholic colonists in Maryland "recognized All Hallows Eve in their church calendars", although the Puritans of New England maintained strong opposition to the holiday, along with other traditional celebrations of the established Church, including Christmas. Almanacs of the late 18th and early 19th century give no indication that Halloween was widely celebrated in North America. It was not until mass Irish and Scottish immigration in the 19th century that Halloween became a major holiday in North America. Confined to the immigrant communities during the mid-19th century, it was gradually assimilated into mainstream society and by the first decade of the 20th century it was being celebrated coast to coast by people of all social, racial and religious backgrounds. In Cajun areas, a nocturnal Mass was said in cemeteries on Halloween night. Candles that had been blessed were placed on graves, and families sometimes spent the entire night at the graveside.



These are some pictures from the Trunk or Treat event in 2014.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



What is Breast Cancer Awareness Month?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a worldwide annual campaign involving thousands of organisations, to highlight the importance of breast awareness, education and research. During Breast Cancer Awareness Month the aim is to get as many people as possible involved in raising awareness and funds for breast cancer research.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, many women will hear the devastating words 'it's breast cancer.' And nearly many will die from the disease. We can't live with that. That's why, this October, we want the us all to come together and help save lives. Here's just some ways you can get involved:

Join the fundraisers who run, bake, cycle, sing and wear pink to fund pioneering research

Support the scientists who test, analyze and experiment to find ways to prevent breast cancer and treat it more effectively

Speak out with the campaigners who push for better services, treatments and care for patients

Whatever you do, you'll be standing with women living with breast cancer, and you'll be there for the families who've lost loved ones but are determined to change the future for others.

Be breast aware.

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This Month at Central

Sunday 2nd
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service
11:45 am Special Board Meeting

Service Leader: John Bennett
Loaf: Debra Goodnight
Cup: Kathy Young
Refreshments: Debra Goodnight

Wednesday 5th

6:30 Autumn Evening Work Night

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

Service Leader: George Goodnight
Loaf: Mark Rutledge
Cup: Daphne Brown
Refreshments: DWM

Wednesday 14th

6:30 Autumn Evening Work Night

Sunday 16th
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Kathy Young
Loaf: George Goodnight
Cup: John Bennett
Refreshments: TBA

Wednesday 21st

6:30 pm Dinner and Bible Study
Refreshments: TBA

Sunday 23rd
9:45 am Bible Class
10:45 am Worship Service

Service Leader: Richard Brown
Loaf: John Bennett
Cup: Debra Goodnight

Wednesday 26th

6:30 pm Dinner and Bible Study
Refreshments: TBA

Sunday 30th
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: John Johnson
Cup: George Goodnight

Church Calendar for October

15th
An Autumn Evening in
Central Gardens

Birthdays

9th
Betty Jones

Randy Pennington

15th
Sarah Jane Smith

26th
Gloria Jeffery