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This time last year, we were welcoming 2020 with open arms. To say that 2020 was a disappointment is an understatement. I pray that we do not look at the coming year negatively, heavily influenced by 2020. We don't know what the new year will bring. We do know that Emmanuel will be with us, in good times and bad. There will be opportunities and blessings, joys and celebrations. There will also be sadness, hurt, and disappointment.

The promise we all have for the new year is God's loving presence with us. Let's step forward eagerly, waiting to worship together, to serve together, to fellowship together. God has promised us abundant life. Let's go love it together. Happy New Year, friends

"Hope and faith flower from the cheerful seeds of the old year to the sprouting garden of the new year's dawn." Terri Guillemets

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Recently overheard comment from one of the Banner staff members: "I would quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter."

### IN-PERSON WORSHIPING AT CENTRAL

In December the Board decided unanimously to wait until the COVID-19 situation improved in the Memphis area. Hopefully, sometime in the spring, Central



will once again be open for in-person worshiping.

## BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2021

All Board Members at Central need to mark their calendars for Wednesday evening, January 20th from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The date is set aside for the first Board meeting of the New Year. The meeting will be via conference call.

As a reminder the conference number is:

602-580-9862 Access code: 2576798

# Message From Debra Goodnight Chairperson of the Board



Dear Friends:

As we begin the New Year, we want to thank God for bringing us safely through 2020 and for those servants at Central who helped sustain the church in 2020. To our Minister, Bill Russell – he has continued to guide and lead us on our spiritual journey with thoughtful worship messages and Bible Study. God has planted Bill firmly at Central to be a Blessing for such a time as this!

We also thank Diane Senger, John Rainey, and Layne Wilson as they fulfilled their staff positions at the church during very difficult times. Thanks go to Mark Rutledge for leading the church in spectacular fashion as Chairman of the Board in 2020. Mark, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for all you did in 2020! Lastly, to George Goodnight for his dedication to taping & uploading the Bible Study & Worship Services on YouTube weekly since March – it was a huge effort and greatly appreciated!

We want to thank our Members & Friends for your offerings during 2020 – you have made it possible to maintain the missions and the upkeep of the church, underwrite the salaries, pay all the expenses and start 2021 with a cushion in the bank account. We are grateful for your generous giving!

The Lord has certainly blessed Central during this year & we give him All the Glory! We will navigate 2021 together with God's help and guidance.

May God bless and protect each of you! Pray for each other and pray for Central!

Grace & Peace in 2021,

Debra Goodnight, Chairperson of the Board

## PRESENTING NEXT YEAR'S LEADERS AT CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The *Banner* is proud to announce the leaders who will help direct and maintain our church for next year (2021). They are:

**Board Officers:** 

Chairperson-of-the-Board: Debra Goodnight Chairperson-Elect: John Johnson Financial Secretary: George Goodnight Treasurer: John Bennett Secretary: Linda Johnson **Trustees:** 

John Johnson John Bennett Kathy Young

#### **Church Officers (Elders)**

#### **Chairperson: Mark Rutledge**

Debra Goodnight George Goodnight John Bennett Linda Johnson John Johnson Mary Artman (Emeritus) Carol Scarberry Kathy Young

## Church Officers (Deacons)

#### **Chairperson: Randy Pennington**

Floyd Scarberry Connie Bennett Dorothy Feimster Micki Artman John Rainey Wesley Goodnight Brad Lott Michael Simmons Clay Artman Allen Goodnight

#### **Committee Chairpersons**

Buildings & Grounds: Mark Rutledge with George Goodnight & Wesley Goodnight
Christian Education: Kathy Young
DWM: Micki Artman
Evangelism: Bill Russell
Outreach: John Rainey
Fellowship: John Bennett
Wednesday Night Dinner: Linda Johnson
Membership: Carol Scarberry
Wedding Liaison: Diane Senger
Communication: George Goodnight
Events Coordinator: Mark Rutledge

## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECTS FOR 2020



Thanks to more people than we would ever be able to mention in this article the DWM Service Project for December 2020 was once again a true blessing. This years' service project was truly a joint effort that included in no particular order, the Women's Group at Faith Christian Church, Kingsway Christian Church, CCC DWM and of course, our always faithful congregation and their donations to our ministries. Thanks to all we were able to donate \$1,000.00 to Rachel's Kids for gift cards for 10 families to help with Christmas.

Thank you to all who were so generous this year with your prayers and blessings! Micki Artman, President DWM

Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering, 'Dt will be happier.' Alfred Lord Tennyson



For the past several month, Central's video crew has been taping worship services so that members can worship safely from home. The above photos were taking at two different tapings. Now, put on your "Sherlock Holmes" hats. Can you deduct which photo was taken for which Advent service?

### **PICTORIAL HIGHLIGHTS** OF OUR 2020 CHURCH YEAR



Right: Quay Butts, Dorothy Feimster and Carol Scarberry at the March Bake Sale

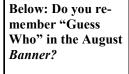
Left: George Goodnight at the February "Souper Sunday"





Above: Floyd Scarberry– Caught the big one in May.















Left: The staff appears on the front cover of the December issue of the *Banner*, wishing everyone at Central Christian Church a Merry Christmas.



Below: John Bennett shows off wood-working talents in the October *Banner*.



Left: Emily Goodnight, Anne Russell, Bill Russell at the June 7th "Baby Shower Parade"



Above: Central's own Diana Senger appeared in the September *Banner* by washing windows before an upcoming election.





Above: Paramedic testing begins in November.



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## OUTREACH: REACHING OUT TO THOSE IN NEED



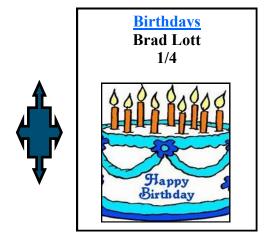
In recent issues of the *Banner*, John Bennett showed off his wood -working talents as well as his knitting skills. Knowing there is always a need to help those less fortunate, John took the initiative to knit hats and socks to help with Outreach at Central. The photo on the left shows just a few of the items that John created. Members at Central also donated purchased socks, gloves, and clothing to give to anyone asking for help in addi-

tion to handing out Snack Bags.

The Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who help support Outreach this year. "We couldn't have done it without you!", says John Rainey, Chairman of Outreach. At right is a colorful example of John Bennett's handy work.



## January at Central





### <u>Church Calendar for</u> <u>January</u>

- 1 New Years Day
- **5** Compassion Clinic
- 18 Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Compassion Clinic
- 20 Board Meeting
  - 6-7 pm via conf. call



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