



May 2021

From Rev. Bill Russell



Pastor Bill Russell

us, they've all been a part of our lives for a long time and we tend to overlook their importance because we've just become accustomed to it or them being there. I have discovered how seldom I said thank you to Anne, how often I forget to say thank you to you and so many others, how I am lax in expressing my gratitude to God for all that He has done for me. Let me remind you a word of thanks is never out of order, a word or sign of appreciation is always proper, and a word of gratitude to God is part of what we, as Christians, are supposed to do. Give thanks, give good words, give affection, all with a grateful heart. Don't take anything for granted.

I've learned many things over the last three months, some good and some not so good. One of those things is that I, and I strongly suspect all of us, take so very much for granted. All of the things that we have, much of what we do, many of those dear to



The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles. This year Pentecost falls on Sunday, May 23rd.

May 2023?

What's so important about May 2023?

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Flash News!!

Kathy Young announced that beginning May 2nd, Sunday School will once again be in session. Bring your Bible as Kathy begins lessons from the New Testament. Sunday School begins right after Fellowship.

(Masks Required)





Pentecost Offering May 26 & 23, 2021

The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

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May of 2023 is just a mere 24 months away. For those who were at Central

May 5, 2013, it was the 90th anniversary of Central's ministry at the corner of Peabody & McLean. In 24 months, it will be our 100th anniversary! There are no immediate celebration plans at the moment, but it doesn't hurt to be "thinking" about what we might want to do to celebrate such a momentous occasion.



The above photo is the program from the 90th anniversary.

More of Palm Sunday

Due to space constraints in the April issue of the *Banner*, not all Palm Sunday photos could be displayed. Greatly appreciated were "Welcome Back!" gifts to all who attend our first in-person worship service in over a year. The gifts were from Debra and George Goodnight.



Above photo, John Bennet is holding a palm branch before entering the sanctuary.



Photo on the left are some of the "Welcome Back" gifts. Tasty treats inside awaited the lucky recipient.



Remember - our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

Monday, May 31st is Memorial Day. Let us remember all the women and men who have severed our country so that we may enjoy our freedoms and way of life.

Her Faith Ministries In Action!

Ladies of the Tennessee Western Area (Disciples of Christ) are planning a virtual fund raising event to benefit *Her Faith Ministries*. The plan is to have a Silent Auction on Facebook, with all the proceeds go to the Ministry. Items may be donated from now until Saturday, May 1st. Donated items may have a specific minimum starting bid. Central's Micki Artman will be designing the Facebook page for this important project. Please contact Debra Goodnight for more information.

Below are some of the donated items



Photo on the left is a *Ducks Unlimited* bag, shirt, vest and waterproof phone case.

Photo on the right is *Anna & Ava Sunglasses* and case.



Photo on the left is a *Stillhouse Cooler* and an outdoor folding chair.



From Mark Rutledge Chairman, Property & Grounds

The “Big 100”

On page 2 of this issue of the *Banner* there’s an article about celebrating Central’s 100th anniversary in two years from now. To some of us, that may seem a long time away; but to me, it’s just around the corner!

In anticipation of “The Big 100”, preparations have begun, not on the event itself, but in making sure that our church facilities are in the best possible condition. It may take a while to get everything into ship-shape, from top to bottom, from the roofs to the lower floors.

Needed Repairs: Outside



Mother nature has already given Central Christian Church a tap on the shoulder when an outside water pipe burst Friday evening, February 19th. Repairs were not completed until the following Tuesday. Both the outside sealing tiles and insulation need replacing.

Needed Repairs: Inside

About the same time of the pipe burst, the hot water tank in the kitchen decided that it no longer wanted to work. The bottom of the tank was rusty and leaked water into the kitchen.

Thanks to Wesley Goodnight’s recommendation, a reliable company helped with the repairs.



Left, the rusted hot water tank; Center, spot under the counter next to dishwasher; Right, the new “Booster Heater”.

A Brief Church History

Central Christian Church is a very active church which has been ministering to the world for over 98 years. What we refer to as the *Education Building*, was built around 1923, and was used as the Sanctuary and Sunday Schools. In the mid-forties, the

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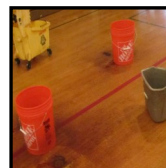
center section of the Sanctuary with the slate roof was added, and later the left and right wings of the Sanctuary were added. The early sixties saw more expansion with the addition of the gym and Fellowship Hall.

Immediate Repairs

Over the years repairs were done to patch a roof here and there, which resolved the problem. However, it has now come time where more serious and immediate attention is needed regarding roof repairs.

Not only are there continuous leaks in the Sanctuary, and the roof above the Peabody Entrance, but there are leaks in the gym as well. Our custodian (John Rainey) has to monitor all these areas just about every day in order to keep the areas “picked up”.

Leaks from the roof are damaging the gym floor, Aikido mats, plus there are leaks around the gym ceiling lights. Plaster is falling from ceilings in the gym showers due to leaks.



Left and right photos, deteriorating plaster ceilings in the gym showers. Center: “leak catchers”.

With the help and direction of Wesley Goodnight, the church has received estimates to replace the entire gym roof. Bids have been received to remove two non-working A/C units and install a new one.

A Personal Message

I’m not the only one who has experienced the love and friendship that the Church (the people) and the church (the buildings) has given me over the past years. I have been blessed (to lift words from the Bible) “beyond measure” spiritually, emotionally, and financially. I have, therefore, pledged to substantially help meet the cost of the upcoming roof repairs. If you are able to help financially, your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Stay Tuned!

There’s more upcoming news about needed repairs in the June issue of the *Banner*.

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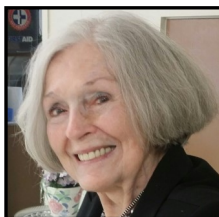
Michael Simmons
5/2



Linda Johnson
5/8



John Bennett
5/11



Dorothy Feimster
5/11



John Rainey
5/28



May at Central

Below is the list of those who will be serving as Worship Leaders for May:

Date	Worship Leader
2	Mark Rutledge
9	John Bennett
16	Debra Goodnight
23	John Johnson
30	George Goodnight



Church Calendar for May

- 1 - May Day/Kentucky Derby
- 5 - Cinco De Mayo
- 9 - Mother's Day
- 22 - Paramedic Testing
- 23 - Pentecost Sunday
- 30 - Elders Meeting After Fellowship
- 30 - Board Meeting After Elders Meeting
- 31 - Memorial Day



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