

Central Christian Church **Banner**



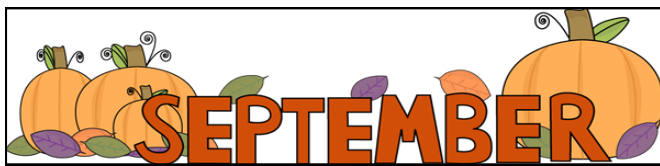
September 2020

A Note from our Pastor, Rev. Bill Russell



It's amazing. I hear unanimous agreement about something in our world today: NOBODY likes anything associated with Covid-19. We all are experiencing the same things, even if we have avoided the disease, and the impact is not positive. Disappointment, anxiety, loneliness, we are experiencing them all, yet we cannot let them erase the joy God wants and has for His people. Folks, this is when we need to count our many blessings. We know they outnumber the negatives surrounding us right now, and we need to be intentional about seeing them. I

urge you when you're feeling down, sing, or at least hum, one of our great hymns, Great Is Thy Faithfulness. God has NOT left the building, and He is still very much in control. I'm ready to see each one of you, soon! Stay well and hum!



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August Primary Held

TODDLER NEWS

Emersyn Greer Annable And Family



Pictured below is a wonderful picture of a loving family. Paula and Haley Annabel are holding their beautiful daughter Emersyn.



Pictured Above, 9 month old Emersyn sitting on Grand Ma'ma Rachel's lap with mother Haley Annabel



Who could miss such a great opportunity to find out how our “young’uns” at Central Christian are doing! Having reached out to Haley and Paula Annabel, the church received pictures and the following message from Haley. Marvelous!

Life could not be better! Parenting is the BEST thing in life , Paula and I are truly in love and this is the greatest feeling in the world!

Even through all the scariness of this virus we have been so blessed to have all this special bonding time with Emersyn. The hardest part has been that we are not able to spend a lot of time with family, but we are hopeful for the future to be brighter in the days ahead.

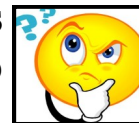
Paula will begin virtual teaching with SCS on August 31st, so we will adjust to that change, but we are blessed.

MEMBER UPDATE

John Bennett suffered a TIA on Friday, August 21 and, after a brief stay at Methodist Hospital, is resting comfortably at home.

THE BIG REVEAL

In the August *Banner* there was a portrait gallery of Central's members and friends with masks on. The task at hand was to guess "who-is-who" behind the mask.



Beginning on page 4 of the August *Banner*, going from left to right, here is the big reveal:

Row 1: Quay Butts, Allen Goodnight, Nanda Noordermeer

Row 2: Layne Wilson, Bill Russell, Dorothy Feimster

Row 3: John Bennett, Carol Scarberry, Rachael Greer,
Debra Goodnight

Row 4: Randy Pennington, Kathy Young

Continuing on page 5:

Row 1: Wesley Goodnight, Connie Bennett, Floyd Scarberry

Row 2: Mark Rutledge, Linda Johnson, Michael Simmons, Brad Lot

Row 3: Rob Artman, ???, Clay Artman

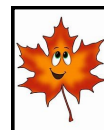
Row 4: John Johnson, George Goodnight, John Rainey,
Micki Artman



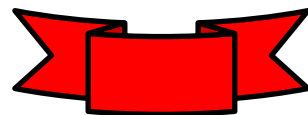
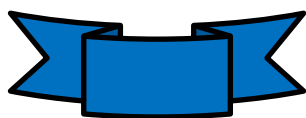
As for ??? on row 3 of page 5 of the August *Banner*, here is an anagram of the name of the mystery person: EHNAPD WROBN? Can you guess who this friend is of Central Christian Church?

MORE OF "MASK-ERADERS"

In the August *Banner* there was the possibility that someone would be missed in our gallery of masked members and friends of Central Christian Church. So, here are two more. Can you guess who they are? Answers are hidden in this issue of the *Banner*.



CENTRAL PREPARES FOR AUGUST ELECTION



Pictured (top row): John Rainey placing distancing signs in Fellowship Hall; Diane Senger volunteered to wash the outside windows; Mark & John placing distancing markers outside along the breeze way.

August Election at Central

Central Christian Church is a precinct for Shelby County elections. This year a primary election was held on Thursday, August 6th. Voting started at 7:00 a.m., and ended at 7:00 p.m. that evening. However, preparations for the election started a day earlier than normal. This year, instead of setting up the Fellowship Hall the morning August 6th at 6:00 a.m. on election day, preparations began on Wednesday morning August 5th. (Continued on page 5)



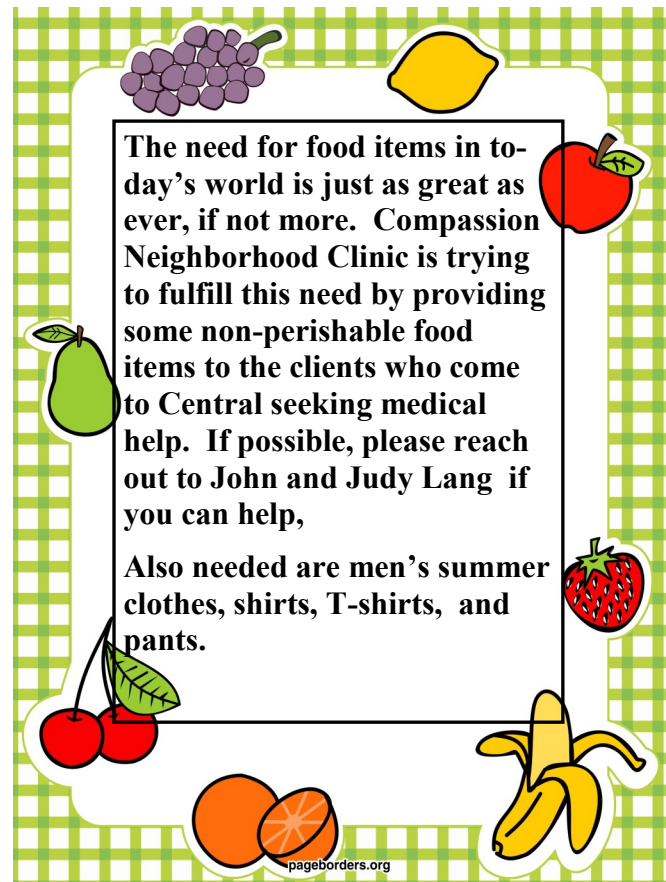
(Above) John assisting election crew in setting up for the election.

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN MARK RUTLEDGE

Maybe I'm too much of an optimist, but I can't help it. When the crew was videotaping the worship service for Sunday, August 23rd, I prepared a container full of summer vegetables, both as a display in front of the communion table and as a reminder of our Vegetable Dinners we have had each August. Not to be deterred, I asked our minister, Bill Russell, to say that the display is a "footnote" to set Wednesday, August 18, 2021, as a date for our next Vegetable Dinner. Please do so!

I'm also optimistic about worshipping once again together as brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm sure we soon will, but I'm also cautious. There's more to come in the next issue of the *Banner*.

COMPASSION NEIGHBORHOOD CLINIC



AUGUST ELECTION DAY (Continued)

A crew from the Shelby County Election Commission arrived before 9 o'clock and began to set up the voting machines and other polling places within the Fellowship Hall. This year, because of COVID-19, the crew placed plexiglass in front of each station where poll workers would be interacting with voters. Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. voting ceased and the election crew began to dismantle equipment, signs, and helped with cleaning and disinfecting areas within the Fellowship Hall.

"SIGNS" OF THE TIMES

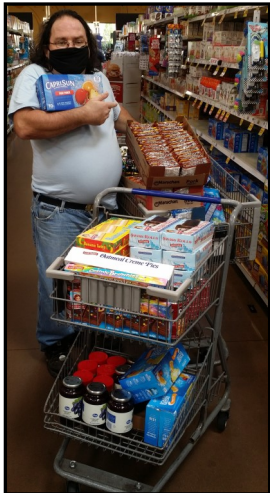


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OUTREACH



Fill'er up with
food!

Rachel Greer recently reached out to members at Central to help feed home-bound families in the Binghampton neighborhood. Her request was to provide lunches and snacks to young kids as they start the new school year.

Members of the Outreach Committee contacted Central Board members to determine an amount to spend. At first \$150 was suggested by Outreach, but our church family suggested an amount of up to \$300!

The photo on the left shows John Rainey filling up two baskets of food and snack. The photo on the right shows Carlos, who works at Rachel's Florist, unloading the food which Rachel Greer distributed to the kids.



Carlos was ready and
glad to help!

September at Central

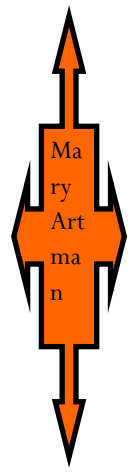


Birthdays
Christine Bethany
9/3
Bill Russell
9/4
John Johnson
9/13
Allen Goodnight
9/27
Haley Annabel
9/28



**Church Calendar for
September**

7-Labor Day
14-Compassion Clinic
22-Autumn Begins
28-Compassion Clinic



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