

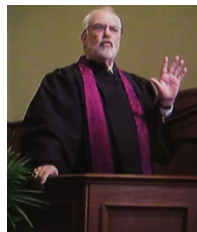


2022

AUGUST

Vegetable Dinner!

Message From Pastor Bill Russell



Pastor Bill Russell

As I worked on the Sunday, July 24th message about the Lord's Prayer, I saw myself in that three year old boy in the grocery cart who was interested only in getting some chocolate chip cookies. For himself. Sometimes I'm only interested in me, and when we get that way, and we all do on occasion, the devil's working in us. When we do, there is an easy solution: look around; there is always someone who has more urgent needs than we do. That's when God expects us to reach out. That's what Jesus' followers do.

Christian One Liner:

When you get to your wits end,
You'll find that God lives there.



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& G.B.N.F.

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"Hey! Is it your birthday?"

STOP HUNGER NOW Volunteers Needed

Communities facing hunger still need to meet their basic needs today. STOP HUNGER NOW is a safety net program that provides nourishment as well health services supporting the difficult journey out of poverty. As communities continue to experience a lack of access to food, volunteers are working to expand their efforts to consistently provide nutritious food.

Volunteers are needed to support the STOP HUNGER NOW project within the Shelby County Community. A special event will be held at Collierville Christian Church, 707 N Byhalia Rd. Collierville, TN . Please arrive on Saturday, August 20 by 9:00 a.m. to help unload the truck and begin packing meals. Usually work is completed by noon. See you there!



Oops ... Our mistake!



In the July issue of the *Banner*, there was a misprint of Rachel Greer's birthday. The date is July 24th, not July 14th. The staff wishes Rachel a Happy (Belated) Birthday. (Rachel's photo on the left.)

School Already?!



Yep! Monday, August 8th will be the first day of the new school year for Memphis and Shelby County School students. For several years Central Christian Church has given a helping hand to students in need of school supplies. This year is no different. Central will be collecting funds to donate to *Rachael's Kids* so that needy students receive their school supplies.

To make a donation, please send your check to:

Rachel's Kids

2486 Poplar, Memphis TN 38112

Rachel Greer (at Rachel's Florist) will be in charge to make sure that the school supplies are gathered and distributed to the students.



A Fantastic 4th/6th of July Wednesday Night Dinner!

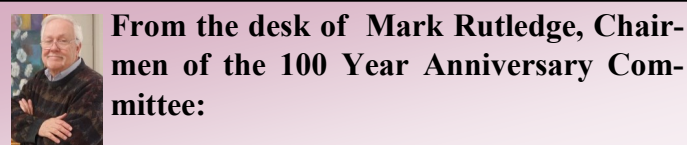


World renown chefs George and Debra Goodnight prepared an outstanding "4th of July" picnic celebrated as a Wednesday Night Dinner on July 6th. As the photo on the left shows, everyone had several items to choose from (hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken), and also included a tasty and delicious pasta salad and a baked potato bar. Dessert? Definitely! Everyone had their favorite Sundae!



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From the desk of Mark Rutledge, Chairmen of the 100 Year Anniversary Committee:

As I reported in the July issue of the *Banner*, plans for celebrating Central's 100th anniversary are taking place. Behind the scenes are musical experts helping decide the music for this special occasion, as well as individuals helping with how the Sanctuary will be used for the program. There "may" be work done to help "spiffy up" the Sanctuary, which might include painting and repairing damaged pews.

There is a lot of work to be done And, yes I know May the 5th 2023 looks months away, but a majority of the work has to be completed by the end of October. Why? The reason is that November, December, and most of January are full of holiday events - and no one really wants to work on a committee during that time.

I'll be asking individuals to help with the following tasks:

- *Collecting items from the past for display purposes*
- *Prepare a mailing list - both email and U.S. Postal*
- *Take photos of the Central's history (see below for more info)*
- *Sign up individuals to welcome guests*

Non-members of our church are also welcomed to help.

Central's History

The plan is to present a slide show of various times of Central's history at the beginning of the celebration service. Photos will be displayed on a pull-down screen located in the front of the Sanctuary.

More to come in the Sept. issue of the *Banner*.

Worth Repeating:

Offertory Thought on Sunday, July 17th

by George Goodnight



When we were younger, most of us couldn't donate a lot of money because, after family obligations, there wasn't much left. So we G. Goodnight donated what time we could and the labor of keeping this church open and sharing this corner with our neighborhood and city. As our church has matured, so have we. And those of us still here are now able to give more monetary gifts as we cut back on our physical involvement. Things have definitely changed, but the spirit that emanates from this location is still strong, and even though the difference that is made is not the same, it still is large and important. Be thankful for that as we receive our tithes and offerings.



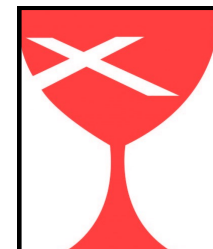
Many of our readers may not know that the sound mixer located at the back of the Sanctuary is G.B.N.F. (Gone, But Not Forgotten). Several weeks ago the unit stopped working and Sound Lab was called in to help resolve the problem. The sad news is that the sound mixer no longer works and cannot be repaired. This leaves Central Christian without a sound system in the Sanctuary. However, the Chairman of Property and Grounds is working on a solution. The staff at the *Banner* will keep you informed.



Sound Mixer

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Happenings in August 2022

Happy Birthday 



Wesley Goodnight 8/1



Clay Artman 8/28



Tallulah Campbell 8/29



Carol Scarberry 8/30

Church Calendar for August

- 4 Voting in Tennessee <<<<!
- 17 Vegetable Dinner at 6:30
- 20 African Violet Meeting

Below is the list of those serving as Worship Leader for August

Date	Worship Leader
7	Kathy Young
14	John Bennett
21	Debra Goodnight
28	George Goodnight



Mark your calendars for Central's annual vegetable dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17th. The menu will consist of delicious, home-cooked vegetable dishes prepared by family and friends of Central. If you would like to provide a dish for all to enjoy, please speak with Debra Goodnight. The cost for the meal is a modest donation of \$7.00. Hope to see you at the dinner on August 17th!

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