

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

February 2022

Message From Rev. Bill Russell



Pastor Bill Russell

Friends,

When we think of February, we think of Valentines Day, and a special day for showing love. But love is more than a box of candy or a bouquet of flowers, and it's certainly more than one day invented probably by Hallmark Cards or a greedy jeweler. Paul, in chapter 13 of 1 Corinthians, tells us that *love* is a life style, a life style patterned after Jesus, a life style that defines who we are and to whom we belong. I wish all of you a happy Valentines Day, and I hope that each of you feels overwhelmingly loved, not just by your family and friends, but by God himself. Remember Paul's word: *The greatest of these gifts is Love.*

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Week of Compassion Feb. 20th thru 27th



Week of compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gifts to Week of Compassion bring hope out of despair, find blessings amid devastation, and help transform loss into new life. Your contributions bring tangible relief and change the course of lives.

When you give, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.



Wait! It's not Easter yet, but

Yep! Sunday, April 17 is Easter this year. So, as the pundits say: "What's up with that?". Well, it just so happens that Ash Wednesday will be on March 2nd, AND you need to plan ahead. Ash Wednesday service will be held at First Baptist Church at 6:15 p.m. This year Central Christian Church, Kingsway Christian Church, Lindenwood Christian Church, as well as First Baptist, will worship on Ash Wednesday at First Baptist.

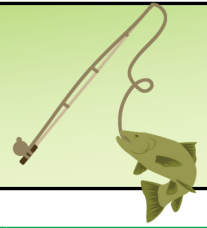


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Remembering *Floyd Scarberry*



Our hearts go out to the passing of a good friend and church member Floyd Scarberry, husband of Carol Scarberry. Floyd passed away January 22nd at his home after battling cancer for many months. Until his retirement a few years ago, he drove big-wheeled trucks throughout the United States, from the East Coast to the West Coast, as well as a few deliveries into Canada. Everyone who knew Floyd also knew that he was an avid fisherman. From his home in Ashland, MS, he took many friends out onto Snow Lake, not only to fish, but to enjoy the wonders of living at Snow Lake. Members at Central Christian Church extend their love and sympathy to Carol and all her family.



Arts & Craft Specialist Needed

For fifty years the Christmas Creche has been displayed to the joy of all who have seen it, along with figurines of the royal family, three kings, shepherds, camels, and sheep. A plaque on the front states that the Creche was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Harold D. Dupree "In the Memory of their parents", and is dated 1971.

Time has begun to take its toll on the stable. It is in need of repairs at the base (see photo on the right) and of "spiffing up" (i.e. paint?) of the stable. Christmas of 2022 is a little over 10 months away, but it doesn't hurt that the repairs be completed ahead of time - and not wait to the last minute!



If you, or someone you know, can help with the repairs, please call the church at 901-276-2708 and let the church know.

.... And the Mystery Continues!



Waldo Gumshoe, Central Christian's personal private investigator, is still on the trail of the mysterious doner or doners who leave items outside at the kitchen door. Recently, custodian John Rainey was taking trash out to the garbage bins, and noticed that someone had dropped off more items for the church. As you can see in the photo to the left, festive plates and dinnerware, along with clothes, jackets and very expensive looking tennis shoes, were left at the door. Speaking to the Cub Reporter on the *Banner*, Waldo said he hoped to solve the mystery sometime within the next two years. The Outreach Committee and Facility Usage Chairman continues to thank those who donate items to the church.



Soup'er Sunday is Feb. 13th!

Don't forget to sign up as one of the chefs who will bring an award-winning soup to Soup'er Sunday. Contact Mark Rutledge to sign up.

The Memphis Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Monday and Friday at Central starting at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcomed.





Disclaimer: Because of the “you-know-what” pandemic, future projects and activities at Central may have to be canceled or postponed. However, members at Central are encouraged to “keep the faith” and keep looking forward.

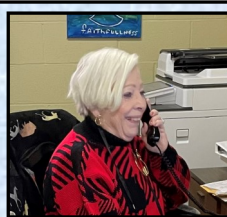
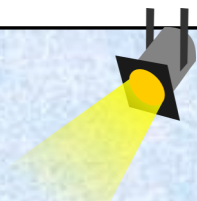


**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

A helping hand is requested for friends and members of Central Christian Church. Saturday, March 12th will be designated as *Church Work Day*. Projects such as cleaning up storage areas and prep work for the upcoming April 9th yard sale. Work is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m., which will include a light lunch.

Spotlight on:

Diane Senger



Central has one of the most dedicated Administrative Assistants. Beside manning the phone, ensuring payroll is done and bills are paid on time, Diane Senger also finds the time to serve on the Olive Branch Board of Adjustments these past 10 years. Adding to these activities, when time allows, Diane wears the hat of a real-estate agent in Mississippi. Oh yes! Let's not forget to mention that Ms. Senger is also the Editor in Chief of Central Christian's *Banner* newspaper. Kudos go out to Diane for a job (jobs!) well done.

CENTRAL ARTISAN AT WORK



Model John Rainey (left),
Artisan John Bennett (right)

John Bennet, one of Central's many artisans, has once again been busy creating works of art. This time John has knitted some very colorful scarves and hats as part of Central's Outreach to help those who are in need of warm clothing.

Recently there have been donations of money and yarn. John didn't waste time to get his knitting skills going.

In the photo, John Rainey became the “display model” to show the scarfs that John Bennett knitted. Notice that the scarfs are not the usual width, but half the normal size. When the Cub Report from the *Banner* inquired as to why the change, John replied “They scarfs are easier to wrap around and are not as bulky.”

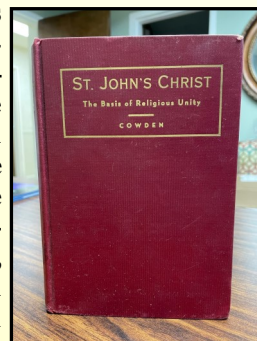
The Outreach Committee and members at Central would like to thank John for helping those in need.

From the “PUN” factory: There was an artist who carried his paint brush around with him wherever he went. If he met someone he didn't like, he would give them the brush.



Better Late Than Never?

A few days ago the United States Post Office delivered an unexpected package along with a handwritten note and a check. In side the package was a book entitled *St. John's Christ* (see photo on the right). On the inside cover of the book was stamped: Central Christian Church, 1821 Peabody Ave, Memphis, Tenn. The book had been checked out from the church library.



Along with a \$20.00 donation was a letter addressed to the church, which stated:

When going through some of my parents books, I found this one. So sorry we've had it so long.

My parents were Albert and Beverly Tucker. They were the first couple married in the “new sanctuary” - 1941!

The small gift (donation) will not cover the late fee on this book - that would probably take my life savings.

God Bless Central Christian Church. I have so many found memories of growing up at Central.

Sincerely, Sydney Williams

Many thanks go out to the Williams family for not only returning the book, but also for bringing a laugh and a smile to Central Christian Church.

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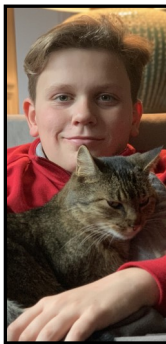
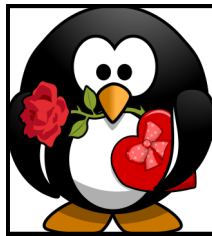
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Happy Birthday!



Mary Artman 2/5



Russell Lindeman 2/6



George Goodnight 2/23



Below is the list of those serving as
Worship Leader in February:

Date	Worship Leader
6	Mark Rutledge
13	George Goodnight
20	John Bennett
27	Debra Goodnight

Church Calendar for February

2 - Groundhog Day
13 - "Soup'er" Sunday
14 - Valentine's Day
21 - President's Day
26 - Paramedic testing
TBD - Wed. Night Dinner

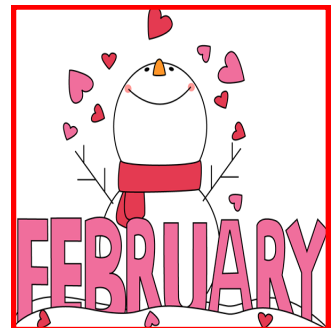
100 Year Anniversary

Count down to
May 5th of 2023
15 Months

May 2023

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Look forward to reading the March issue of the *Banner*. There will be announcements for help in various activities and work around the church. Of course, it will depend on weather and "you-know-what" pandemic.

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