



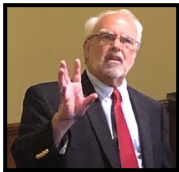
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July 2021



HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Pastor Bill Russell

A Message from Rev. Bill Russell

As we celebrate Independence Day, we automatically think of all things we are free to do. But, we also have the freedom not to do *those things*. We are free to take our coffee black, or with milk; we can have white bread or we can have wheat bread. Those aren't important, but many things are. We are free to be kind, or we are free to be mean. We are free to be happy, or we are free to be grumpy. My point is this: no matter what our age, freedom demands that we make choices. Do we live our faith, or do we just talk it? We celebrate our freedom as Americans and we celebrate our freedom, that Christ gives us, as Christians. How we use our freedom defines us, both as Americans and as Christians. A happy and safe 4th to all of you.

Central Roofing Work



The General Board is very pleased to announce that approval has been given for long overdue roofing work to be done on the gym and sanctuary roofs through the generosity of one of our members, Mark Rutledge, and from the General Fund.

Work to be completed:

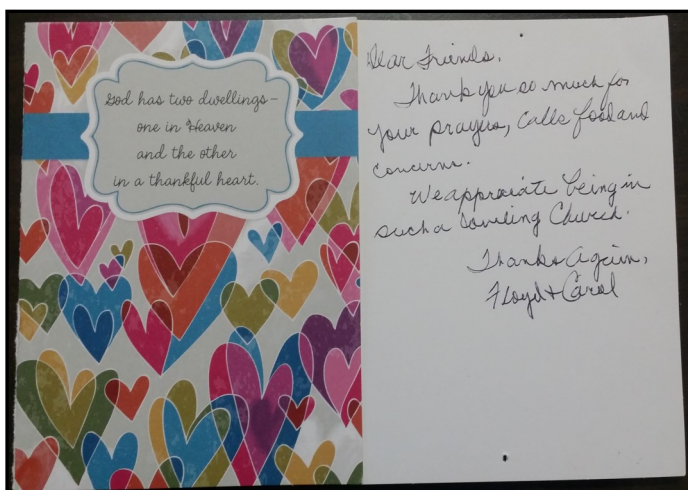
- *A/C Unit Replacement on the gym roof*
- *Removal of non-functioning cooled condenser from the gym roof*
- *Replacing the gym roof*
- *Replacing the Sanctuary Roof including the 2 flat sides and pitched roof*

The approximate total cost of this work is \$157,500 with Central paying \$50,000. The Board recognizes this is a massive undertaking that is absolutely critical to the integrity of our buildings and could not even be considered without Mark's and other's generosity. Therefore, we are inviting all our Members and Friends of Central to donate towards the cost of this massive roofing project. Please send your donations to the church and note it for the **Roof Project**.

Thank you for helping Central!

Debra Goodnight,

2021 Chairman of the Board



A personal note from Carol & Floyd Scarberry

Silent Partner To Central's Outreach Ministry

By Linda Johnson



Harold White

Harold White is no stranger to Central. He is a friend and helper to John and Linda Johnson and has supported many ministries at Central. He has contributed to Central's backpack ministry, School supply collection, the Church Women United's Easter clothing project, Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets, Rachel's Kids, The Compassion Neighborhood Clinic, and any other ministry supported by Central. Most recently he has donated his time and energy to collect, deliver and set up donated furnishings from some Central members who felt God had laid it on their hearts to help. Thanks to one more Central Outreach supporter.

Out and About - At Last!

Pictured on the right is Central's own Quay Butts. The photo was taken on Thursday, May 27 just as Quay was about to leave after delivering a special birthday card to Central's custodian John Rainey. Members at Central hope to see more of Quay when she's able to "get out and about".



Pictured above is Rob Artman proudly presenting the almost-trophy fish he caught at a recent Scarberry fiesta in Snow Lake, Mississippi.



Look who's back at Central! The African Violets Society is once again meeting in the Fellowship Hall the 3rd Saturday of the month.





Repairs, And It Isn't The Roof!

For the past several weeks MLG&W has been repairing/replacing/fixing the old gas line that runs underneath McLean Blvd. Central Christian Church, as it turns out, was the best location to begin the repairs. There's room to bring in heavy equipment, room for digging, and room for the workers to do their work.

No explanations or descriptions are needed to detail what has been happening in front of our church: the photos say it all!

I talked to one of the foremen in charge about the lawn. I was told that MLG&W would take care of "making it right" again. Well, we shall see. More photos in the August issue of the *Banner*.

Mark Rutledge, Chairman of Property & Ground



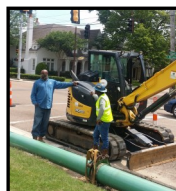
New COVID-19 Protocol

A message from Debra Goodnight:

Central will follow CDC Guidance as follows:

- ♦ Fully Vaccinated: Wearing masks is not required but recommended if you have underlying health issues.
- ♦ Not Vaccinated: Please wear a mask while inside or when in contact with others along with proper social distancing

Everyone is encouraged to continue preventative hygiene such as frequent hand washing & use of disinfectants.



The old church sign on the corner of Peabody and McLean had seen better days. After many repairs and patches made by our custodian, John Rainey, Central has a brand new sign. The new sign is made out of woven material which, hopefully, will last longer than the sign made with canvas.

Old Sign



New Sign



June 16th saw the Fellowship Hall with dinner guests and Central Members. Everyone was given a hearty *Welcome!* at the door by **Cluck Norris**, a very close friend of Linda and John Johnson, the hosts for the Wednesday Night Dinner. Unbeknownst to Mr. Norris, Linda and John, along with help from Mark Rutledge, presented a fried chicken dinner with all the "fixin's" along with several scrumptious desserts. Everyone is now looking forward to the next Wednesday Night Dinner.



The soccer enthusiasts are once again using the gym on Saturday mornings for the sport they love. Players young and old are from all over the globe.

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July Birthdays



Mark Rutledge 7/4



Madison Goodnight 7/7



Rachel Greer 7/24



Kathy Young 7/26

July at Central

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

Date	Worship Leader
4	Debra Goodnight
11	John Johnson
18	George Goodnight
25	Carol Scarberry

Church Calendar for July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 17 - African Violets Meeting
- 21 - Wed. Night Dinner
- 26 - Deadline for *Banner* Articles
- 31 - Paramedic Testing

Count down to
May of 2023
22 Months

May 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Central's Amy Lindeman is starring in the lead role of Donna in the Harrell Theatre's production of *Mamma Mia!* Performances are from July 9th through the 18th. For more information about this upbeat and award winning musical, contact the Harrell Theatre at 901-457-2780. Please join Debra and George at their home on Friday, July 16 at 5:30 for Appetizers and Cocktails. Please RSVP to George and purchase your tickets soon. Amy will be fabulous and is not to be missed!

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