



Ash Wednesday Services



On March 2nd, members from Central Christian Church, as well as members from Kingsway Christian and Lindenwood Christian, will be celebrating Ash Wednesday at First Baptist Church, located on the corner of East Parkway and Poplar. Services will begin at 6:15 p.m. Please make plans to attend.

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Hey, is it your birthday?

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Message From Rev. Bill Russell



Pastor Bill Russell

It seems impossible that we are about to begin another Season of Lent together. Lent is quite special to me since that is when God, and you, called me to serve here at Central some ten years ago. For me, it has been a wonderful 10 years together and I treasure the fact that we have grown together.

And growing together is what Lent is about, growing together with God. I urge you to find some area of discipline that will strengthen your walk with Christ and your closeness to God. Read more, pray more, meditate more, find something that will move you into a closer relationship with the Savior. To the Christian, Lent is a holy, valuable time. I look forward to once again share this experience with each of you as we take this journey together. May this be a blessed time for all of us.

Arts & Craft Specialist Found



In the February issue of the *Banner*, a request was made to help restore the stable and various pieces of the display pieces for



Central's Christmas creche. John Bennet, whose artistic talents are well known at Central, contacted the church and volunteered to work on the restoration.

Members at Central Christian extend a hearty "Thank you, John!" for taking on this project. Although Christmas is over 8 months away, it doesn't hurt to complete such projects early, and not wait until the last minute.



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Two Churches Working As Partners

Throughout the month of March Central Christian Church and Christ City Church will be partnering to help each other. Christ City will be sponsoring a yard sale with the East High School Girl Scouts in the McLean parking lot on Saturday March 5th. Central will assist in helping to set up for the sale, and will have its own small area for yard sale items.

Beginning Thursday, March 3rd, Christ City will be welcoming worshipers seeking a place for quiet, prayer, and contemplation in the Garden Chapel. The Chapel will be open each Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. during the Lenten Season. Central Christian will help with maintaining the Chapel and Chapel Garden.



A Wedding Story With A Happy Ending?

This wedding story began on a Sunday afternoon back in early January of this year. The time was about 1:30 p.m. and all church services had been completed. Church workers were busy locking doors and turning off lights when there was a knock on the door leading from the breezeway. Mark Rutledge, of Property and Grounds, answered the door to an unexpected visitor. It was Joseph Humphreys, one of the electricians who had previously done repair work around the church. He had a favor to ask.

Joseph and Mark sat down to talk. It appeared that Joseph was greatly impressed with the membership at Central Christian. He asked if the Garden Chapel was available for a small, intimate wedding on a Saturday in January. The date was agreed on and everything was going to plan. However, guess what?! (To be continued in the April issue)

"Soup'er Sunday": A Success!



It had been almost two years since the "Great Chefs" were able to bring their scrumptious home-made soups to share with their fellow members at Central Christian Church on *Soup'er Sunday*.

Sunday, Feb. 13th saw four world-renowned chefs bring the following tasteful treats:

- Chef Debra Goodnight - Potato Soup
- Chef John Rainey - Bayou Chili
- Chef Mark Rutledge - Seafood Bisque
- Chef George Goodnight - BCD Chili

Photos on the right show a few of the highlights from the soup feast. Overheard at the feast were comments such as "Can't wait until next year's *Soup'er Sunday*" and "How did the chefs make such wonderful soups!"



Not only *Soup'er Sunday* was celebrated, but also Valentine's Day, since it fell on the following day. In the upper left photo the "Valentine Holiday Tree", decorated by John Rainey, greeted everyone entering the Fellowship Hall. The upper right and lower left photos show members of the church enjoying soup made by Central's chefs. In the lower right photo, desserts came from the talents of Bill Russell, Connie Bennett, and Debra Goodnight.



THE CASE OF THE MISGUIDED PACKAGE



Waldo Gumshoe

It happened on a Tuesday, the day was bright and sunny and all the ice had melted from the previous week's ice storm. As the Property and Grounds Chairman (Mark Rutledge)

was driving away from the church to deliver food to a shut-in, he noticed a mysterious package had been left at the door leading into the Narthex. He contacted Central's Administrative Assistant (Diane Senger) to have custodian John Rainey collect the package.

Upon returning from his errand, Mark was told that the package had been mistakenly delivered. The address on the package was 503 S. McLean Blvd, and was addressed to a Ms. Ann Harris. A "503" address did not exist on McLean Blvd. Without hesitation, Diane Senger contacted Central's own private investigator Waldo Gumshoe to help deliver the package to the rightful owner.

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Gumshoe did the logical first steps to look up Ms. Harris on-line, but no success.

Waldo contacted the delivery service Amazon Prime to let them know that their package had been misdelivered. "I couldn't believe what an Amazon's assistant told me," said Waldo Gumshoe in dismay. "The assistant said for me to keep the package or throw it away."

Not to be outdone, Mr. Gumshoe contacted his many secretive resources and was able to learn the company Ms. Harris works for. (Note to readers: Waldo would not disclose how he discovered this fact. It remains a mystery.) Her office later contacted Ann about Central having her long awaited packaged. Ms. Harris came to the church to collect her package and to thank Central for the extra effort made to contact her.

Ms. Harris opened the package that was sent to her by her aunt, and showed its contents to those present. Readers may find a photo of the contents on page four of the Banner.

The Case of the Misguided Package will continue in the April issue of the *Banner*.



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

**Don't
FORGET!**



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.

OOPS!

The staff would like to make amends to Haley and Paula for omitting a photo of their son, Hudson, in the February issue of the *Banner*. Hudson's birthday was February 15th. Happy belated birthday Hudson!



Hudson Annabel, at 1 year



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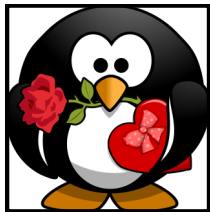


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Happenings in March 2022



Micki Artman 3/20



Connie Bennett 3/21



Henry Lindeman III 3/28



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

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

Church Calendar for March

1 - Mardi Gras
2 - Ash Wednesday
12 - Work Day
13 - Time Change
17 - St. Patrick's Day
19 - Paramedic testing

100 Year Anniversary

Count down to
May 5th of 2023
14 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
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The photo shows the contents of the "Misguided Package" (plant not included). Read the complete story on pg. 3 of the *Banner*.



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