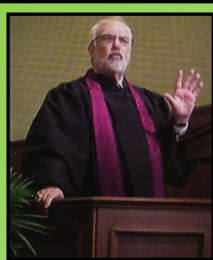




Message From
Pastor Bill Russell

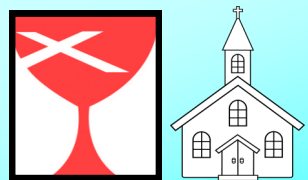


Pastor Russell

There is a hymn that most of us have known for a while, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee". During our journey through Lent, I would suggest that you let that hymn roll around in your heart and mind as we go from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. May this hymn remind all of us who we are and whose we are. May it remind all of us that our faith grows as our relationship grows with God, and that our relationship grows as we serve God. Lent is a time of looking inward as we, at same time, reach out to others. And, we will sing together as we journey through the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 22nd, members from Central Christian Church, as well as members from Kingsway Christian and Lindenwood Christian, celebrated Ash Wednesday along with members at First Baptist Church. Pastors from each church participated in the evening's service. The above photo was taken after the Ash Wednesday service.



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Helper to the Rescue:
Carol Scarberry

With many tasks remaining to be done before May 12th, Chairman of the Anniversary Committee (Mark Rutledge) needed an extra hand to help with the mailing of "Save the Date" postcards. When talking to Carol Scarberry on the phone, Carol mentioned that she was available to help with the mailout. Mark quickly accepted her offer and went to see Carol at Kirby Pines.



Carol & Mark

Nothing seems to get Carol Scarberry down, even after recovering from extensive surgery. Carol and Mark sat down at one of the dining room tables at Kirby Pines and began placing address labels and stamps on the post cards. Not only was the task completed, but a good time and conversation was had by all. Thank you Carol Scarberry!

Daylight Savings Time starts when???

That soon?! (page 6)

We hope to see you next Sunday at Central Christian Church:

Worship begins at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m.

There's a smiling face waiting to greet you. See you next Sunday?



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



In just a little over two months Central Christian Church will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary. With the help of Debra Goodnight and Micki Artman the Fellowship Hall and outside tables are going to look spectacular.

In the February issue of the *Banner* I mentioned that DJ Rockin' Robin will be hosting the music when we meet for food and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. Remember: Don't forget your dancing shoes and your appetite.

In the April issue of the *Banner* I hope to give you more information regarding food and beverages - particularly A.B.C.s (more about that later). Also, if the *Banner* roaming photographer Pete "Spidie" Parker is available, I might give you a hint about how the Fellowship Hall "might" look (it's a work in progress). There's an article in the middle of page 4 you need to "sit down" and read.

You Gotta be Kidding!

No sooner than custodian John Rainey had gone to the back parking lot to say goodbye to members from the Memphis Contract Bridge Club than another surprise of clean clothes appeared at the kitchen door. Of course detective Waldo Gumshoe is looking into the matter.



John looks at the wonderful and beautiful clothes someone donated.

Easter Services in April

Easter falls on Sunday, April 9th this year. As part of our Christian tradition, there will be two special services to remember the sacrifice that Christ made for us all. Here are the services you will want to attend April 6th and 7th:

Maundy Thursday, 6:00 p.m. at Kingsway
Good Friday, 6:00 p.m. at Lindenwood

Worth Repeating:

Offertory Thought on Sun. Jan. 22nd


By Kathy Young

When the prophet Jeremiah received his call he was very young. God had to encourage him and tell him not to be afraid in spite of his youth. This encouragement was vital for Jeremiah to get started on his career of preaching and prophesying.

Encouragement is very important when you are young, so that you won't give up before you even get started. Encouragement is also important when you are not so young. The worst that can happen at any age is to feel that nothing you do is important. Which sometimes happens when you get old and your ability to contribute to the well-being of the community of faith begins to shrink, along with your muscles and bones and brain matter.

The service of the offering is one of those things that helps us to understand that age doesn't matter when you are serving God and others to the best of your ability. The smallest little child's hand can drop a coin in the plate, and the shakiest old wrinkled hand can write a check or tap a few computer keys. Each offering is important in the eyes of God and each offering helps the church and its outreach





"Soup'er Sunday" on Feb. 12th

One of Central's best loved tradition always happens on Super Bowl Sunday. That tradition is well known as "Soup'er Bowl" Sunday in which some of Central's world renown chefs bring their soup creations to be enjoyed after Sunday morning worship. Though there was a light turnout this year, the soups and desserts were enjoyed by all. Here is the list of soups and desserts that were enjoyed:

Soup	Created by Chef
Ham & Corn Chowder	George Goodnight
Fajita Soup	John Rainey
Seafood Bisque	Mark Rutledge
Chicken Pot Pie Soup	Linda Johnson

Dessert	Created by Chef
Brownies	Bill Russell
Cheese Cake	Linda Johnson

An extra treat was presented by Debra Goodnight. Debra brought a savory cheese dip with tortilla chips - scrumptious!

One disclaimer note: Mark's *Seafood Bisque* was not homemade, but the culinary efforts of Café Society. There were no complaints from anyone!



Above photos and the photo on the left show two of the homemade soups and the desserts that were enjoyed by all.

Randy Pennington (shown in the photo on the far left) gives a *thumbs up* for all the soups and desserts that were provided. Far right photo shows some of Central's members as they enjoy *Soup'er Sunday*.



Members of the Memphis Contract Bridge Club didn't want to miss enjoying Valentine's Day and to celebrate the birthday of one of the club's members.

The Bridge Club members borrowed a "holiday tree" from Central Christian, decorated it with hearts, teddy bears, and photos of their members. The photos were attached to a playing card and hung on the tree for all to see. The photo on the far right shows a few of the members around the decorated "holiday tree".



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





Painting Still Needed

Donations are still needed to help cover the cost of painting the Sanctuary and Peabody entrance walls. To date \$1,930 has been pledged toward the \$7,250 cost of the painting. If you would like to make a donation toward this project, please contact the church by calling 901-276-2708.




Mark Your Calendars!


Anniversary Work Day Sat. April 29th
From 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 pm.

Linda Johnson to the Rescue!

In the January and February issues of the *Banner* a request was made to help find someone who knew about floor buffers. Linda Johnson came to the rescue and found someone who will be able to help with preparing the Fellowship Hall and Admin floors for the May 12th 100th Year Anniversary. The Property and Grounds team wishes to thank Linda for helping to get the work done. Thanks Linda!



Linda Johnson



Anniversary Preparations

On Monday, February 6th, an 18-wheeler truck pulled into the McLean Blvd. parking lot to unload a gift. The gift was 45 new chairs for seating in the Fellowship Hall on May 12th, the day Central Christian Church will be celebrating its 100th year anniversary. Cedrick, the driver of the 18-wheeler, unloaded the chairs and placed them at the breezeway sidewalk. However, it took the Property and Grounds crew a wee bit of time to unpack "the gifts".



The left photo above is Cedrick preparing to unload the new 45 chairs. Truck driver Cedrick and custodian John Rainey posed for the camera while Mark Rutledge later began to unpack the chairs.

MORE Anniversary Preparations!

José Fernandez of Panamex Home Improvements helped to improve the looks of the church by painting the trim and doors around the building that houses the Gym and the Fellowship Hall. José's skills also include building platforms for where the Kingsway Christian Church Choir will be on Friday, May 12th. The platforms will be located on the floor where the communion table is located.



One More Look at Winter 2023

The photo to the right was taken just after the January ice storm. The tree is on church property at the corner of McLean and Carr.



Well, A "PUN" Me!

For a garbage collecting service, business is always picking up.





Spring Cleaning

Came A Little Early

Saturday, Feb. 12th was a very busy day at Central Christian Church. Central, along with Christ City Church, planned a work day to clean up various parts of the church. John Rainey and Mark Rutledge (the Property and Grounds team) worked on cleaning the Fellowship Hall kitchen while Christ City worked on cleaning Walker Hall and the second floor of the Educational Building. Christ City also did some “touch up” painting in the boy’s and girls rest rooms. (also see article below)



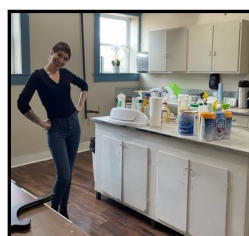
In the above photos John Rainey helped line some of the kitchen shelves as well as go through some of the cookware. The upper right photo is Alyssa Wolf, a helper sent by Christ City to help John and Mark with cleaning the kitchen.



More Spring Cleaning!

With the great weather on Saturday, Feb. 12th, Christ City Church took advantage of cleaning and repairing various locations around the church area.

As you can see by the photos to the right, the “vacuum crew” as well as expert painters and several adult and a few *not-yet-adults* helped with the cleaning. Notice that the outside windows of the Walker Hall kitchen was given a good cleaning, as well as the Walker Hall kitchen itself. Additional photos show the children’s Sunday school rooms were neatly arranged.



Easter Services at Christ City Church

Here is a list of Easter services at Christ City.

All services will be held in the Sanctuary at Central Christian.

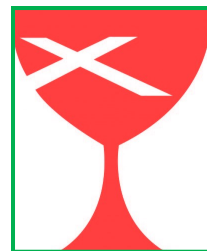
Thur. April 6 Maundy Thursday service 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Fri. April 7 Good Friday service 5:30pm - 7:30pm



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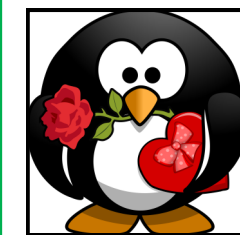
Happenings in March 2023 & More



Micki Artman 3/20



Henry Lindeman III 3/28



Connie Bennett 3/21



Worship Leaders

For March 2023

- 5 Kathy Young
- 12 George Goodnight
- 19 Debra Goodnight
- 26 John Rainey

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will reward them for what they have done. Proverbs 19:17

Church Calendar's Horizon:

- Mar. 3 - Employee Appreciation Day
- Mar. 12 - Daylight Savings begins
- Mar. 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20 - March Equinox
- Mar. 22 - Wednesday Night Dinner

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Sunday, March 12th!



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