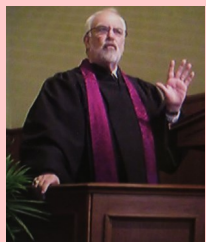




Message From Pastor Bill Russell



Pastor Russell

It's amazing how quickly the year has sped by and here we are staring the holiday season in the face. Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times, there's a lot of happiness and joy, but with many folks there's just a lot of stress. With the holidays, for some, comes sadness and melancholy. Many emotions arise during the holidays. I hope as we move through the calendar during the next two months that we remember that the word "holiday" is a combination of the two words, "holy days". The Old Testament gives us many days that were holy to the Jewish people and became holidays for them, days set apart and dedicated to thanking God for His goodness. For the Christian, the day celebrating the birth of Christ, Christmas, is one of our two holiest days in the year. As we go forward, let's remember that these holidays ARE holy days, days when we thank God for all that we have and for the gift of His son. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

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.



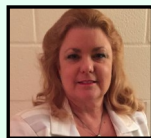
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Debra Goodnight Received TN Merit Award

Debra Goodnight, a leader and longstanding member at Central Christian Church, was honored with the Tennessee Disciples Merit Award for 2022 at the Regional Assembly in Nashville on Friday, Oct 7. The award was presented to Debra by the Disciples' Regional Minister Dr. Crystal Williams.



When presenting Debra's award, Dr. Williams said:

"Thank you, Debra, for your love and faithfulness to the women of our region and beyond. This is the reason why you were chosen to receive this award, now! You are a faithful child of God. One who leads well. You are admired by many, and your work has spoken well for itself. Thank you, for exemplifying what a Woman of beauty, grace, character, and love looks like. Thank you, for leading the Disciple Women a closer walk with Jesus and deeper relationship with one another."

And, on the inside:

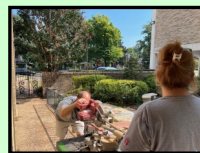
Pg. 2, Happenings at Central Christian

Pg. 3: Central's 100 Year Anniversary

Pg. 4: Church Calendar and "Hey! Is it your birthday?"



Sanctuary Improvement: Flooring



Micki, Rob and Clay Artman, along with Wesley Goodnight, have donated their time and resources to improve the chancel area. In late September and early October work was done to lay new flooring where the old choir pews were. The old, bare flooring was painted black to cover up years of use, but the Artman team felt it was time to "spruce up" the chancel area. The top photos are Micki and Rob cutting the floor pieces outside in the Chapel Garden. The bottom photo shows how the floor currently looks in front of the communion table. There is a wee bit more flooring to lay. More info and photos will be coming in the December issue of the *Banner*.



Central Christian's Outreach For Thanksgiving



John Rainey, Chairman of the Outreach Committee, has started plans for raising funds for Central's traditional fund raiser for Thanksgiving. This year Central will be collecting cash donations to help support *Rachel's Kids*, an organization that helps feed and support needy families in the Binghamton area. Rachel Greer, who heads *Rachel's Kids*, will distribute the funds as needed.

Donations have already been pledged by support groups using the church's facilities, groups like the African Violets Society and others. Please help the Outreach committee with your donations from now through Sunday, November 20th. Donations may be made each Sunday during worship, or may be sent directly to the Central Christian Church, 531 S. McLean Blvd, Memphis, TN 38104.

Artisan at Work:

John Bennett



John Bennett

John Bennett, one of Central's noted artisans and craftsmen, applied his talents and skills in repairing and refurbishing the Christmas Crèche. The Crèche was presented in 1971 by Mr. & Mrs. Harold Dupree in memory of their parents, and has adorned the Sanctuary every year during Christmas. Many of the pieces of the crèche were difficult to replace or find. John took the initiative to give Central's Crèche a new look.



Before repairs



After Repairs

During Advent John recommends that you take a closer look inside the Crèche to see the original art work.

Improvements: Lighting

Sanctuary Lighting

For several months the overhead lighting that lit the area around the Worship Leader's pulpit had been out. Due to scheduling issues and manpower needs, Ellendale Electric had to put the repairs on hold until both technicians and equipment could be available.

A few weeks ago the electricians were able to bring a scissor lift to be able to safely replace the lighting. Not only did the crew replace the burned out lamps, they had to move a few of the pews in order to place the lift in the correct location. While the opportunity was available, the crew also adjusted the lighting that focused on the communion table and the area around it. No longer would Pastor Bill Russell or Elders be in the dark.



Parking Lot Lighting

A special lift was necessary to replace the light and photo electric cell on the McLean parking lot area. And, wait until you see the new lighting that brightens up the dark corners of the parking light.





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

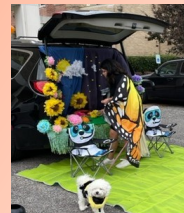
As I reported in the October issue of the *Banner*, plans for celebrating Central's 100th anniversary are still taking place. Currently decisions are being made regarding display of items relating to church history. Of course volunteers will be needed to help with the displays (Hint! Hint!).

More news to be reported in the December issue of the *Banner*.

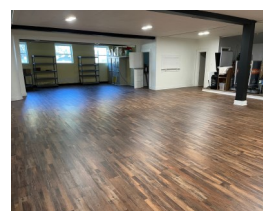
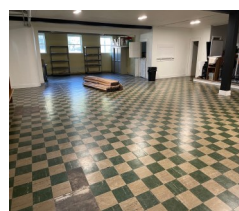
Trunk O' Treat!



Sunday, October 30th, under the leadership of Katie Woodruff, members from Central Christian Church, Christ City Church and Aikido Martial Arts partnered in holding an early "Trunk O' Treat" in the McLean Parking lot. Participants spruced up their cars with Halloween decorations and "spooky" décor. The "Treat" was held a day earlier than October 31st because of school night and other commitments from the church families. As you can see by the photos, a good, "sweet" time was had by all. Top row of photos is Christ City Church members, bottom left Central Christian, bottom right Aikido Marial Arts

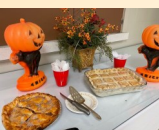


Walker Hall Floor Renewed!



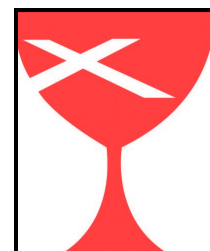
Wednesday Night Dinner: An Early Halloween Treat

Central's own Pastor Bill Russell treated all of the Wednesday Night Dinner guests to a Bar-B-Que feast. Everyone who attended filled their plates with pulled Bar-B-Que pork, baked beans, coleslaw, and corn on the cob. Scrumptious desserts were provided by two of Central's well known chefs Connie Bennett and Linda Johnson.



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Happenings in November 2022 & More

Happy Birthday!



Diane Senger 11/18



Debra Goodnight 11/26

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

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

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



Don't forget to set you clocks back one hour before you retire Saturday Nov. 5th, or you'll arrive at church an hour earlier than expected.

Church Calendar's Horizon:



Nov 4, 5, 6 Aikido National Convention
Nov 6 - DST Ends
Nov 8 - General Election
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day
Nov 16 - Wed. Night Dinner
Nov 24 - Thanksgiving
Nov 27 - First Sunday In Advent



The photo on the left is a close up of the Tennessee Disciples Merit Award received by Debra Goodnight. More about the award is on page 1.

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