



## Message From Pastor Bill Russell



## Disciple Churches Working Together

Sunday morning, when I turned onto McLean from Peabody, the first thing I saw was the new sandwich board sign for Central, announcing our time of worship, 9:00 AM. Then, immediately I noticed the newly refurbished doors into the sanctuary which are beautiful. And, a little later, as I walked to the front of the church, I saw the magnificent new flooring in the center of the altar area. It was a great way to start Sunday and I want to thank George Goodnight, Mark Rutledge, and Rob and Micki Artman for getting all of these things done, as well as several other things that are in progress. We have many talented folks who so willingly share their time, talents, and resources, and we all need to say THANK YOU to them! And, to cap off a wonderful day, Dorothy Feimster came forward to become an official part of our church family. Welcome Dot, welcome. It was a great day; praise God from whom all blessings flow.



Members from Collierville Christian Church, Kingsway Christian Church, and Central Christian Church met Saturday morning a few weeks ago to help support the STOP HUNGER NOW project within the Shelby County Community and around the world.

Photos from the event show workers preparing to fill bags with grains, spices, and checking the weight to ensure the correct amount of food.

Diane Senger, a member of Kingsway Christian and Administrative Asst. at Central Christian, helped with the weighing. (See lower left photo). Mark Rutledge of Central's Outreach Committee also helped fill the food bags.



*And, on the inside:*

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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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## Wow! What A Birthday Surprise

Friends and family gathered together on Tuesday, August 30th to wish Carol Scarberry a happy 77th birthday. Carol is currently recuperating from surgery and is going through rehab at Ave Maria Nursing Home in Bartlett. Everyone gathered around and sang happy birthday before enjoying delicious servings of cake and ice cream provided by Debra and George Goodnight. Happy Birthday Carol!



In upper left photo everyone gathered together to give birthday wishes to Carol. In the lower left photo is George Goodnight assisting Carol in cutting her delicious birthday cake.

## Mr. Bateman to the Rescue!

For many months the brick and concrete sign at the corner of Peabody and McLean has been in need of repairs. The bricks that lined the top of the sign had deteriorated and needed replacing. To the rescue came Mr. Brad Bateman, a retired mason who knew exactly what to do. In the first photo is the sign before repairs. In the second photo Brad is preparing the mortar and in the third photo he is completing the final touches. The fourth photo shows the Central Christian Church sign early morning the next day. Many thanks to retired mason Mr. Brad Bateman for a job well done!



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*Christian One Liner:*

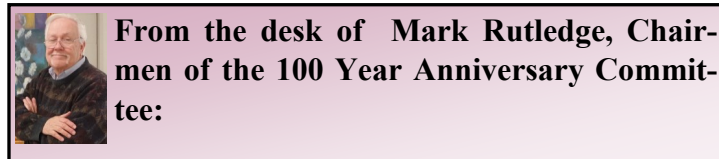
The good Lord did not create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close!



*Mark Twain once wrote:*

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.





As I reported in the September issue of the *Banner*, plans for celebrating Central's 100th anniversary are still taking place. Currently decisions are being made regarding how the new sound system will be a part of the celebration. Kathy Young has volunteered to help with the various messages that will be brought to the service. Debra Goodnight has volunteered to help with the catering needs.

I contacted Christ City Church to see if their members could help with preparations and serving needs in the Fellowship Hall after the service has ended. Mandy Grisham (contact with Christ City) has confirmed that her church members will be glad to help wherever possible. Their help will ensure that all members of Central Christian will be able to enjoy the entire celebration in the Sanctuary without having to work in the Fellowship Hall. God Bless Christ City Church.

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



A gentle reminder that it is a little over 6 months before May 5th, 2023. But who's Counting!

## ... And A Mystery Solved!



World renowned Detective Waldo Gumshoe was put into immediate action upon his return from a cold case in Iceland. Another misdirected package had arrived to the Central Christian Church address, and the addressee was the same person for whom another package was misdirected. Detective Gumshoe, along with his trusted bloodhound Barry, started canvassing the area around the church. While on the hunt for the owner, Waldo ran into Angie, the neighborhood U.S. Postal Carrier. After a brief conversation, Barry, the trusted hound began barking and had his head pointing to Angie. It turns out that Angie knew the correct address of the person the package belonged to. Waldo and Barry quickly made a trip down McLean to the correct address and delivered the package to the rightful owner. Case #203-A was closed thanks to the U.S. Post Office and Ms. Angie the postal carrier.



## It Found A New Home!



Several years ago a gas heater was installed in Walker Hall. Due to age and broken parts, the heater was no longer working and beyond repair (think \$\$\$). The gas line was capped off and the unit allowed to sit. One weekend when cleaning and repairs were being done, the heater was removed from Walker Hall and was ready to go out the door. A visitor to Central saw the unit and asked to have it. Central graciously gave it to him: he originally installed it! The gentlemen said he could repair the heater and use it to heat areas where he works.



## Sept. 10th: A Busy Weekend ....

### Christ City Church's *Spruce Day*

By Mandy Grisham

Christ City Church had a Spruce Day on Sept. 10th to help prepare for the 100th anniversary next spring! Twenty three people divided into six work crews. The crews painted bathrooms, deep cleaned the Walker Hall kitchen, took a truckload of donations to Goodwill, pressure washed the church signs, and cleaned the children's ministry rooms.

(Photos by Pete Parker, *Banner* staff)



In the above photos Christ City members prepared for some touch up and cleaning on the second floor. Bulletin boards were also being updated.



Left photo shows the young crew breaking down boxes of unwanted cookies. Right photo shows Mandy Grisham making plans to recycle cardboard boxes.



P.S. There's an interesting back story about the cookies.

## Soccer At Central Christian

Soccer is one of the world's most favorite sport. When time permits on Saturdays, soccer players from the Memphis area and several players from various South American Countries enjoy playing the game at Central Christian.







## ... Also At Central Christian



**"If you plant it, they will come ...."**

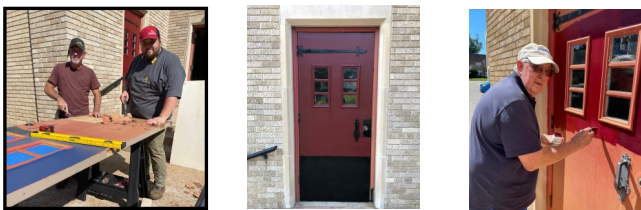
Saturday September 10th was a slightly rainy day, but the weather did not deter the Memphis African Violets Society (MAVS) from having a plant sell at Central Christian Church. The photos above show members in the Fellowship Hall preparing tables to display their plants that the members themselves grew. At first attendance was modest, but by 10:00 a.m. many plant lovers had stopped by to look over the plants and to shop. Besides African Violets, other home grown plants such as ferns and "Mother in Law Tongue" (also know as "Snake Plant") was also available for sell.



They don't make stoves like the one in the photo on the left. The stove is the original stove that was installed in 1923 or 1924 in what today we call the Walker Hall Kitchen. Soon it will find a new home. Stay tuned!

## George Goodnight To The Rescue!

For some time there was a great debate and re-search as to how to repair the two damaged doors leading into the Sanctuary. George Goodnight, through many phone calls and meetings, was able to find a reputable and talented crew to repair the doors. The lower right photo shows George Goodnight doing some paint testing before making a final decision. Scott and Allen are shown repairing the entry door.

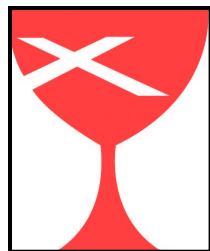


## Aikido Martial Arts National Convention at Central

Once again Aikido Martial Arts is putting Central Christian as a focal attention for their National Convention to be held from Nov. 4th through the afternoon of Nov. 6th. Registration this year will be limited to 50 participants and to 5 or 6 instructors and test committee members. Testing will be done in order that participants may achieve their next Aikido level. Testers and instructors will be coming from throughout the United States.

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## Happenings in October 2022 & More

### Happy Birthday!



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Gloria Jeffrey 10/26

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

Date	Worship Leader
2	Debra Goodnight
9	George Goodnight
16	John Johnson
23	Mark Rutledge
30	Kathy Young

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

### Did someone mention Thanksgiving?

Well, it's not official just yet. However, November 24th will be here before you know it. No date has been set to have a Wednesday Night Family Dinner, but lets keep our calendars open for a Thanksgiving Dinner.

On the Calendar's  
Horizon:



Nov 8 - General Election  
Nov 11 - Veteran's Day  
Nov 24 - Thanksgiving

### Church Calendar for October

30 - Trunk or Treat - Christ City  
31 - Halloween

### Volunteers are need-

ed! Tuesday, November 8th is a State and Federal Election day in Shelby County. Central Christian Church is a voting precinct. If you can help give out water and greet the voters, please contact Mark Rutledge via the church phone 901-276-2708. And don't forget to vote!



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