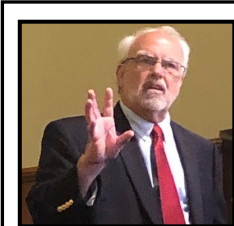




*A Message from:*  
*Rev. Bill Russell*



Pastor Bill Russell

I've enjoyed the last five Sundays as we looked at David and then his son Solomon. Both men were as imperfect as we are, yet God used both in a mighty way. When we look into our own lives, we can see how God has used us, as flawed as we are, to do His work. We never know how or when God will use us, but we do know that He will, because we are His followers and His servants. We need to be ready. He WILL call. Listen closely.

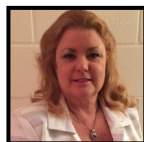


Important Sunday School news that **YOU** need to know about. Please read the article on page 3 of this issue of the *Banner*.

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**TN DISCIPLES WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
By Debra Goodnight



The Tennessee Women's Ministries Cabinet has planned a Fall Retreat with your safety in mind. It will be a 1 day event on Saturday, September 18 at Bethany Hills led by Rev. Dr. Kimberly P. Johnson on **REBIRTH / RE-NEWAL / RESTORATION**.

Please note that attendance in-person at Bethany Hills requires proof of fully vaccinated status be uploaded with your registration form or mailed-in with your mailed registration form. Visit the Events section of the Christian Church in Tennessee web page under TDWM Fall Retreat for the on-line registration form. (<http://tndisciples.org>)

For those of you who are unable to attend in person, you may share the Resource Leader's sessions via Zoom or Facebook Live.

### In-person Attendance at Bethany Hills:

- Saturday, September 18 from 10:00 to 3:00 Central Time
- \$25 per person with Continental Breakfast & Box Lunch included
- Registration Deadline: September 1

Reach out to Debra Goodnight if you need a ride from the Memphis area or if you need a paper form.

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October Yard Sale?

## Vegetable Dinner A Huge Success!



The photo says it all!. After almost two years, Central was once again able to host a Vegetable Dinner.

The photo on the left shows Randy Pennington, as first in line, let everyone know that it

was time to begin the feast.

Food was prepared by Debra and George Goodnight, Carol and Floyd Scarberry, Linda and John Johnson, Mark Rutledge, John Rainey, Connie and John Bennett, and special guests Jim Walker and Diane Senger..

From the photo above you can see squash casseroles, fresh tomatoes, pasta salads, eggplant casserole, carrot and raisin salad, fried green tomatoes, fried okra, baked Brussel sprouts, and much, much more.



## Extend Outreach

### To Central's Outreach Ministry

By Linda Johnson

Recently a very dear lady who had had a lot of disappointments in her life was brought to the attention of the Outreach Committee and put in the hearts of its committee members. She had bare minimum furnishings in her living room area and basically resorted to living in her bedroom, as she had no place to sit and relax. Through donations of time, household goods, furnishings and talents, the Outreach Committee furnished her with a lovely comfortable place to enjoy and are working on decorating the dining room as well. She could not believe the love that was extended to her through our Outreach ministry. When God puts someone in our path to help, that is what we must do. Making a difference is easy when God leads us.



Central helping other!

### Follow Up #1:

## The Dish Washer!

In the August issue of the *Banner* there was an article regarding needed repairs on the 61+ year old dish washer. As promised, here's the follow up.



The Patch

Several washing cycles were done to test to see if "plugging the holes" on the iron swivel arm would work. So far, the patches held. However, the rinse cycle still has a lot to be desired.

The rinse cycle worked for plates and eating utensils. Ketchup was smeared on the inside of the glasses, but the rinse cycle did not clean them perfectly. This may have been too hard of a test, since normally glasses are used for tea, water, or other beverage.

The bottom line is that sooner or later the repair will no longer hold, and a new dishwasher will be needed. Hopefully that won't be until many months from now.

### Follow Up #2:

## THE SURVEY!

In the lower right hand corner of page 8 of the August issue of the *Banner*, there was a request from the staff regarding readership. Readers were asked to call or email their thoughts about the church newspaper. To date here is the tally:

Phone Calls: 1      Emails: 0

The staff thanks the reader for calling in.



There are plans to have a POSSIBLE yard sale on Saturday, October 2nd. Donations for the sale have been coming in so that there should be enough items to have the sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to help cover the cost of repairing the damaged Sanctuary doors.

Why POSSIBLE? It will depend on the weather and the COVID-19 environment. If the sale has to be cancelled the items can be stored in the Summer Sale room (the old "Ceramic Room") on the second floor of the gym.

# Aikido Martial Arts

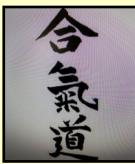


Many of Central's members know that the MidSouth Aikido uses the gym to teach and promote the Japanese martial art Aikido. MidSouth Aikido has been at Central Christian Church since about May of 2010, and has had an influence not only in Memphis, but throughout the United States.

Aikido is a modern Japanese martial arts that practitioners can use to defend themselves while also protecting their attackers from injury. Aikido is often translated as "*the way of unifying life energy*" or as "*the way of harmonious spirit*". According to the founder's philosophy, the primary goal in the practice of aikido is "*to overcome oneself instead of cultivating violence or aggressiveness*".



Aaron Dale, who leads the "dojo", was recently inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame as *Aikido Instructor of the Year* (see photo). The award was presented by the International Martial Arts Council of America.



November 5 - 7, MidSouth Aikido will be hosting a seminar in which martial arts students will be coming to Central from across the country to participate. Andrew Sato Shihan, chief instructor from the Aikido World Alliance, will be coming to Memphis to instruct and mentor students in the Art of Aikido.



## MPD & Aikido? Wow!

Major Roach and 3 precinct officers from the Memphis Police Department (MPD) visited Central to check out the Fellowship Hall and the gym facilities. The MPD is looking for space to teach "new alternatives for protection". And Aikido? There may be classes taught once a week in conjunction with the martial arts program. Talks are under way.



If there has been any time, it is now that you should take the opportunity to *return to Sunday School to learn more from scriptures in the New Testament, especially from the Book of Mark.*

Dr. C. Clifton Black is the author of the Sunday School lessons that Kathy Young is bringing to Central's members. The author has this to say about the Gospel of Mark, and readers of the *Banner* should take note:

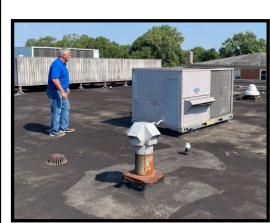
"To come straight to the point. The church has canonized Mark as its Scripture along with some other ancient documents, all of which originated in a world quite different from ours and none of which was first written with us in mind. This fact in itself is important for us to remember in studying the bible: The text is not us. It does clearly mirror our understanding in all respects. Sometimes it addresses us in an alien voice. As a result, we need not jump to

title perceptions of the biblical authors. Nor need we leap to the opposite extreme of asserting such overwhelming knowledge over the Bible that we keep it shut at all points where it offends our modern sensibilities. A more balanced and profitable alternative, I think, is the promotion of an ongoing conversation between the church and its' Scripture, a dialogue that encourages the respectful exchange of different points of view."

As an example how the study of the Gospel of Mark begins, Dr. Black starts the first lesson with scripture from chapter 1, verses 1 through 45. He asks the reader: **If you were to describe the ministry of Jesus, where would you start? With the Sermon on the Mount? With His homecoming sermon in Nazareth? The existence of God before time and space as in John 1:15? No! Mark Begins by narrating Jesus' exorcism of a demon, or unclean spirit, at Capernaum. So, to learn more about the Book of Mark, you're invited to Sunday School. Room abounds for you!**



# The Gym Roof: The Saga Continues!



Large equipment began to arrive early Tuesday morning, August the 10th, along with materials for the new gym roof, four huge dumpsters, and hand tools to remove the old gym roof.

The workday at Central day, however, began before dawn on Wednesday, August the 11th, for custodian John Rainey. Workers would be arriving early to begin removing the old roof so that the new gym roof could be installed. Doors had to be opened, lights in the gym turned on, and time needed to show the workers how to get to the roof.

By 7 a.m., pieces of the old roof were torn away and were lowered to the dumpsters below.



Delivery day at Central; materials and equipment




Above (left) the construction crew sat up a barrier to prevent parking in the back; (right) more roof materials are delivered.



Above left: John Rainey is taking a short rest from "roofing duties". Above right: Central's own Diane Senger shows that she is capable of all kinds of work - including running a huge forklift!



 The first estimated date was "1 day to complete" the project. However, the reality was it took 3 1/2 days to remove the old roof and finish installing the new roof (plus 1/2 for the trim).

Above photos:

#1: A dumpster is lifted up to the roof .

#2: Workers breaking up the old roof to shovel the debris into the dumpster.

#3: There was from 6 to 7 inches of old roof to remove.

#4: Workers removing metal wall that surrounded the old AC unit.



**Remember when?**

The photo to the left has Alan Cook inspecting the old AC unit on the roof above the gym. Take note of the black-tar roof that surrounds Alan Cook and the AC unit. *“Things, there are a-changing”!*

Archeology 1-0-1



Photos above and to the immediate right show the workers removing the many layers of the old gym roof and the debris from their work. The photo on the far right shows a close up of the debris in one of the four dumpsters.

The two photos below show workers installing the new roof and the trim.



Photo above is the new roof on a rainy day. And no leaks below!



## And the Sanctuary Roof?



Take a good look at the photo on the left. You will not see the roof at Central Christian Church looking like this for many a year. Workers from the ARK roofing company arrived early Monday morning, August 23rd, and began removing the slate tiles that had been on the roof for an estimated 75+ years. More to come in the October *Banner*.



**Lost and Found?**

**TEEM** is a lemon-lime-flavored soft drink produced by the Pepsi-Cola Company. It was introduced in 1960 as Pepsi's answer to 7 Up and Coca-Cola's Sprite.

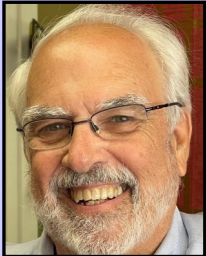
The photo on the left shows the slate tiles from the old Sanctuary roof.

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*September Birthdays*



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Allen Goodnight 9/27



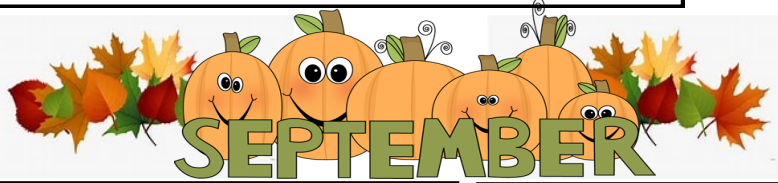
John Johnson 9/13



Not pictured:  
Christine Bethany 9/3



Haley Annable 9/28



Below is the list of those who will serve as Worship Leaders for September:

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|------|------------------|
| Date | Worship Leader   |
| 5    | George Goodnight |
| 12   | Kathy Young      |
| 19   | John Bennett     |
| 26   | Mark Rutledge    |

100 Year Anniversary

Count down to  
May of 2023  
19 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
28	29	30	31			

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Church Calendar for September

- 6 - Labor Day
- 18 - African Violets Meeting
- 18 - TN Disciples Womens 1-Day Retreat
- 22 - Wed Night Dinner
- 22 - Deadline for Banner Articles
- 22 - First day of Fall
- 25 - Paramedic Testing
- 26 - Recital for Students of Layne Wilson



**Masks**

**Required!**

**Because of COVID-19, members and friends at Central are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing while on the church premises.**

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