



## AUGUST EVENTS

Aug 07-Allyn's Ordination-4:00pm

(Vine Street CC)

21-Allyn's Last Sunday

Dozier Picnic—4:00pm

26-Elders Meeting-12:10pm



### Dozier Potluck Picnic Aug 21 4:00pm

God has blessed us over and over with the young people He has loaned us over the last few years. Allyn has most certainly been just that, a blessing. He is a joy to work with and his love for his job and his God shines through him all the time!! And can he cook? YES, he can!! COME let him know how YOU feel about him!! (You can tell how I feel already!)

### *Christian Church in TN* COMMISSION ON ASSEMBLY

### WE ARE ONE—Race and Reconciliation

Dear Disciples of Christ (My Brothers and Sisters)

Jesus Said in John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are MY DISCIPLES, if you love one another.”

We cannot love each other until we get to know each other. In order to know each other we must deliberately reach out to each other. A great way to get to know each other is through serving together.

The Theme for the 2016 Regional Assembly is “WE ARE ONE: Race and Reconciliation” and we want this to be more than colorful words printed on paper. We want to take this opportunity to serve “AS ONE”. As Disciples of Christ, let’s make “We Are One” our practice and our reality. We strongly believe in the importance of Service. There is not a better way to demonstrate this than through actually serving together. Our goal is to engage in Service Projects, the month of September, prior to the 2016 Regional Assembly in October.

We are requesting the help of all Congregations in the East, West and Middle areas to support and engage in Service Projects. Although it would be ideal for every Congregation to commit, this is strictly voluntary. We suggest that you select a Congregation that you do not currently have a relationship with. On the back page is a list of ways your Congregation can get involved.

My Bear Brothers and Sisters, I am so excited about what God is going to accomplish through our service together and the 2016 Regional Assembly. Through Service, we want our communities not only to witness our “oneness”, but to experience it. As we serve together, our love for each other and our relationships will be strengthened and relationships with those we serve will be established.

Be Blessed,

Minister Stella Hollis, New Direction Christian Church (Memphis Tennessee)

2016 TN Regional Assembly Service Subcommittee Chairperson

## From the Desk of Allyn Maxfield-Steele

Erin and I have barely begun to pack. Given her responsibilities in hospital chaplaincy and my normally busy schedule, we find ourselves looking around the house and wondering how it will actually happen. It'll be a dash to the finish line, for sure, just in time for her to start classes at Virginia Theological Seminary on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Even more so, we are grieving the coming departure from our friends and communities here in Tennessee. We are not fearful of the future, because we feel held by God, by our friends, and our communities. Rather, we are mourning the transformation of our present, and so we are learning to accept that change—no matter how positive it is—can still come with a sense of loss.

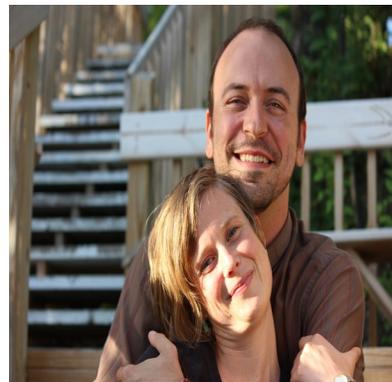
And for us, our sense of loss is directly related to our awareness of the many blessings this past year has presented to us. My time with you has been such a significant part of that. As we've been reflecting on the last year, we know that:

- ◆ we have felt incredibly supported as the two of us continue to deepen our ministerial practices;
- ◆ we have felt welcomed and invited into your lives;
- ◆ we have experienced the joyfulness of worshipping God with you, celebrating with you, and giving what we can to the life of this community;
- ◆ we have eaten well over our share of delicious food (and are still working through the canned goods from our “pounding”!);
- ◆ we have seen God at work in the life of God's people here in this place, in this season of your lives together; and
- ◆ we have felt God's love through each of you.

For all of that and more, we can only say *Thank You*. If you find yourselves in Virginia, please do not hesitate to give us a shout. We can only hope to extend the same hospitality you have shown to us.

But in the meantime, we hope we can see you once again at the **annual Dozier Picnic!** We've scheduled it this year on **August 21<sup>st</sup>**. We'll gather at **4:00 pm**, eat at **5:00 pm**, and start our singing at around **6:00 pm**. Rumor has it that a rare encore performance will occur that evening, but you'll have to come and see (and hear) for yourselves!

Grace & peace,  
Allyn



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**Prayer Concerns:**

Margaret Kermicle	Sandi Reid
Jared Thigpen	Charlotte Bell
Josh Thigpen	Clay Riggins
Hugh Akerman	Stanley Brown
Mike Montgomery	Betsy Felts
Robert & Erica Scott	Jean Baker
(Missionaries for 1yr)	Brenda Fulbright
Doris Everett	Anna Bell Sanders
Adam Cowan	Kristin Mackings
Amanda Sells and Family	Vincent Bagwell Family
Bonnie Bell Family	Wayne Bracey Family



**August Birthdays:**



02-Carney Kermicle  
Merrill Clifford  
05-Will Worsham  
06-Hanna Clayton  
08-Gary Dilliha  
18-Beth WOODard  
20-Amy Morris  
24-Haley Murdock  
26-Cheryl Dunn  
30-Olivia Dilliha



**Anniversaries:**

09-Tom and Doris Beesley  
31-Daniel and Leslie Calvert

**Samaritan's Purse—A New Season Begins**

Year five for Operation Heal Our Patriots—our ministry to wounded military personnel and their spouses—begins in just a few weeks.

I'm looking forward again this year to seeing the impact on lives and families as couples come to Samaritan Lodge Alaska for a week of wilderness activities and Biblically based marriage enrichment classes led by our staff chaplains.

More than 200 men and women have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior through this ministry, and over 230 couples have rededicated their marriages. We give God the glory.

We are committed to caring for these husbands and wives as long as they need our help. Recently, we had 240 couples attend a reunion in West Virginia, and it was encouraging to hear how God is continuing to work transform their lives. Please pray for our veterans and their families and those participating this summer.

<b>August</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Invitation To Communion</b>	<b>Tom Beesley</b>	<b>Linda Dean</b>	<b>Janie Calvert</b>	<b>Tom Beesley</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>JoseyBell Felts</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Gregory</b>	<b>JoseyBell Felts</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Gregory</b>

**August Servants**

**Worship Leader:**  
Tom Beesley  
**Presiding At Table:**  
Allyn Maxfield-Steele  
**Offering /Serving:**  
Tom Beesley  
Fisher Davis  
Janie Calvert  
Billy Reynolds  
**Communion Clean-Up / Greeter:** Linda Dean

# Central Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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## Calling All Cooks!

As you know, Sunday, August 7, 2016, at Vine Street Christian Church, is Allyn's ordination service at 4:00. Central is co-hosting the reception/potluck after the service. Vine Street is providing the meat and drinks for the event and Central is providing the desserts, while others will bring potluck items.

**WE NEED YOUR CAKES, COOKIES, AND PIES!**

Approximately 100+ people are anticipated to attend. Please call Cheryl (384-4707) before Saturday, August 6, and let her know what kind/how many dessert(s) you can provide. If you are planning to attend the ordination, you can take your dessert with you. If you are not going to attend, please have your desserts at Central no later than 1:00 on Sunday, August 7, and Cheryl and Jack will take them to Vine Street. A table will be set up in the upstairs hall of the education building, near the water cooler, where you can leave your goodies!

Thank you so much. cd

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