



THE CENTRAL CHALICE - MAY 2020

Central Christian Church(Disciples of Christ) Springfield, TN



My dear friends,

I miss you. I miss our time together, our worship, our communion, the good food at fellowship meals, your smiles and hugs, all of our communal life. We (the executive committee) are hoping to resume worship on May 31, which is Pentecost. Of course, all depends on how things are going with the reopening of businesses between now and then. We will let you know for sure when we have more data to work with.

In the meanwhile, plans are ongoing. You will read elsewhere the board decisions and the plans for some upgrades to our building. It has been a while since fixing up the place has been a priority so this seemed like a good time to get some important repairs done. Our wonderful janitorial team has been deep cleaning the education wing and cobwebs are gone (at least, for the moment) and things are looking bright and shiny.

Most importantly, plans are in the works to attack the problem of water seeping through the basement walls. This is quite an undertaking to put it mildly. Water is a wonderful thing when it's in the right places but not when it is seeping through walls. Thanks to Jack Dunn and Mark Calvert-Rosenberger for doing the research, interviewing contractors, and making recommendations.

All of this is a part of long range plans. Before the virus attack, we were in the process of rethinking our purpose, our mission, and how God is leading us into a new phase of life for our community of faith. Although we have not finished the process of discernment, I think we had all agreed that the building itself needed some attention. Where we go from here, we will have to wait and see. As one of our board members stated, "I think we are doing these things to be ready for whatever God has in mind for us in the future." What a marvelous and exciting thought. Keep that in mind if you encounter a big mess next time you come to the church.

I am ever grateful to be your pastor.

Love and peace,



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CHURCH SAFETY

Several months ago the Board moved to install a couple of ways to monitor access to our building during times of group meetings, worship services, ect. This was in response to a discussion about the church property being a safe space when guests and members are present. It is part of our stewardship to help you and others feel they are in a place of sanctuary when visiting our building.

A request was made to provide a simple system by which we can monitor the building during meeting times. In response, you may have noticed a couple of additions have been added at the Oak St. and Fifth Avenue doors. The Fifth Avenue sanctuary door now has a doorbell that can be rung when a person is a little late for worship. It emits a tone. From the inside a person can see who is at the door. The Oak Street door has a camera /doorbell which does essentially the same thing. When our secretary or pastor is alone in the building, doors can be locked for security. If someone wishes to enter, they can ring the doorbell and can be seen on one of several screens (computer and cell phone).

Once the congregation begins to meet on a regular basis, all doors, except the sanctuary door will be locked just before 11:00 a.m. At 11:10, the sanctuary door will be locked and those wishing to attend services will need to ring the doorbell for access. A person will be responsible to monitor that door. Clear signage will appear at both doors explaining these procedures.

It is the Board's hope that you will not find these security measures to be overly cumbersome. If

Prayer Concerns:

Jaxon Scott Bowman has the Chicken pox. He is scheduled to have his cleft palate surgery on May 21. Please, pray for Jaxon and Mom, Sarah (Parker) and Dad, Tim Bowman.



Jaxon has shown great resilience for his whole little life. He is a happy little boy with a wonderful, loving family. The world's victims of the Covid-19 disease and their families and friends. Doris Beesley, Dick and Linda Dean, Dot Woodard, Jim Wilhite, Tracy Holman, David Miller, Barbara Ray, Ruth Bollinger. Joe Turner, Northway Church of Dallas, TX, Richard Gibbs, Ned Rogers, Mike Lynch, Baby Grace,

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays:

7— Tyler Jackson
10 — Ian Heusser
11 — Sara Parker
16 — Delores Traugher
28 — Beth Herscher
30 — Erin Pavloff

Anniversaries:

31 — Sid and Alicia Burton

A Letter from our Chairman of the Board:

Central Christian Church Members:

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy in this time of uncertainty.

I wanted to take a moment and let you know that while we have not been able to meet at 'the corner of Fifth and Oak,' there has been a lot going on with respect to the future of our church. Members of the Executive Committee have been meeting on a regular basis to talk about the future of the congregation, including when we will meet again and how we should continue a journey 'along the Yellow Brick Road.'

Part of that activity has included a look at church properties and what we should be doing in these difficult times.

On May third, the committee and the entire church board held a session and took several actions that you should be aware of going forward.

First, the board approved the expenditure of roughly \$28,000 to correct moisture and water issues in basements of the old and new (educational wing) sections of the building. The Executive Committee sought several bids to correct the issue and recommended employing B-Dry, Inc. to do that work that will cause some disruption as they do work on the floors and walls of both basements to correct those issues. The funding for that work will come from a General Fund CD the church has for such purposes.

That work is expected to begin later this month and will require around two-to-three weeks to complete once it begins. It will cause a lot of dust in the building during that time.

The board also approved roughly \$2,800 to strip buff and wax the floors in the education wing and the old basement, after the work on the basements is completed. Funding of that project is being funded through the Memorial Gifts Fund.

The board took these actions after some discussion, believing they are good stewardship of our resources and the future of the congregation.

With those improvements, no final date is set for us to return as a congregation to the building, but members will be notified as soon as a safe date can be set.

Continue to lift up in prayer our congregation, its leadership and all those you know who need it in these times of uncertainty.

Yours in Christ,

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Central Christian Church Cupboard

Please remember that we are continuing the collection of food items for our Central Christian Church Cupboard. These are boxes filled with specific items for area families who might need them. There is a list setting out the specific items needed. Help yourself to a list. If you would prefer someone do the grocery shopping for you, monetary donations are also very welcome. You can bring your food items or \$\$ donations to church anytime. We will store the food items in the

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