

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

August 21, 2016

Something to consider:

When I was a child, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. And I remember one night in particular, when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to dad for burning the biscuits. And I'll never forget what he said: “Honey, I love burned biscuits.” Later that night, I went to kiss Daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, “Your momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides — a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!”

You know, life is full of imperfect things...and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else.

What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences – is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

Church of Christ
Grand Blanc, MI

The Central Church of Christ is a family of believers striving to “seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness” (Matt. 6:33) We are united in spirit, brotherly love and prayerful expectation of the joy and peace to be found in Christ our Savior both now and forever.

Order of Worship

Covenant of Love	Tyler Goad, Song Leader
Welcome and prayer	Virgil Hammontree, Minister
He Is My Everything	
More Precious Than Silver	(273)
Hear Me When I Call	
Come Share the Lord	(364)
Communion and Offering	As per schedule below
Be With Me Lord	(778)
Hilltops of Glory	
Children's Offering for fresh water filters (Helping Hands International)	
Sermon – "Faith is Made Evident by Actions" (James 2:22-24)	
Bring Christ Your Broken Life	(911)
Closing Reminders	Song Leader
Beyond This Land of Parting	(870)
Closing Prayer	As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	<u>August 21</u>	<u>August 28</u>	<u>Sept. 4</u>	<u>Sept. 11</u>
Communion,	Alan Powell	Greg Atkison	Jobee Thrasher	Tyler Goad
Offering and	Bill Goad	Brad Oglesby	John Atkison	Francis Jenkins
Closing Prayer	Francis Jenkins	John Musarra	Alan Powell	Greg Atkison
	John Atkison	Allen Smith	Jerry Henshaw	John Musarra
Door	John Atkison &	Bill Goad &	Greg Atkison &	John Musarra &
Greeters	Gracie	Gavin	Zachary	Della

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

August

21.....Simon Chevalier
 21.....Bobbi Doris
 23.....Tammy Goad
 30.....Gracie Atkison
 31.....Jerry Henshaw

15.....Alan and Allison Wilson
 30.....Allen and Vicki Smith

September

1.....Francis Jenkins
 1.....John Musarra
 6.....Mary Beth Collins



Congratulations

Dominic Alan Musarra was born July 19, 2016 weighing 7 lb. 15 oz. Congratulations to John, Sarah, Della, Cathy and all their family members.

Prayer concerns:

Dickie Blue at home

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris at Redbanks

Sarah Musarra asks for prayers for Villisa Wolf who lost her husband to cancer. She has 10 year old triplets.

Marie Henshaw has asked us to remember Del Payne who is very ill with cancer.

Nancy Petiowski is having complications from diabetes.

Hunter Robertson and his family

Family of Mike Coleman, retired Alcan employee who passed away Wed.

Things to remember:

* SUMMER SUNDAY TONIGHT!!

Good fellowship, devotional, prayer and discussion about our new fall class curriculum and fall VBS. Everyone is encouraged to come and support those working to move us forward with our education and youth programs. In order for us to think clearly, please bring a *finger food*. **Tonight, 5:00 at the building.**

* **Men's meeting** Saturday August 27th at 8:00 am at the building.

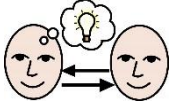
* **Congregational meeting** Sunday August 28th at 5:00 pm at the building. We had a great turnout in June and hope we can have as good or better participation this time. Do your best to attend and learn about the various works being initiated and support these initiatives anyway you can. Our agenda is as follows:

- introduce our ministry leaders
- each ministry leader will present actions they've started or are planning in their assigned area and review how they're addressing the feedback we received from the last congregational meeting.

We're planning finger foods and fellowship after the meeting so check the sign-up sheet out at the audio-visual corner of the auditorium.

Our statistics:

Sunday Worship	38
Sunday Night	14
Contribution	\$1,979.00
Wednesday Bible Study	8



I need your ideas and suggestions concerning landscaping around the building

and on our property. My plan is to begin incorporating some improvements this fall and continue each spring and fall for the next 2 to 3 years as our budget permits. For me, low maintenance is very good. Added color and height variation around the building is also good. I'd like to do some work in late September so get me your ideas asap. Greg

FYI – all men serving on the Lord's table:

Beginning today we will have 4 men serving communion, 2 in the middle and 1 on each side. The one that does not lead a prayer during communion and offering will have the closing prayer.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Bible Study

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Bible Study

*To join the church text messaging services send @kce9 to 81010.
Then follow the directions*

WHAT HOWARD LEARNED IN HEARTBREAK

Howard Rutledge, a United States Air Force pilot was shot down over North Vietnam during the early stages of the War. He spent several miserable years in the hands of his captors before being released at the war's conclusion. In his book, *In The Presence of Mine Enemies*, he reflects upon the resources from which he drew in those arduous days when life seemed so intolerable:

“During those longer periods of enforced reflection, it became so much easier to separate the important from the trivial, the worthwhile from the waste. For example, in the past, I usually worked or played hard on Sundays and had no time for church. For years Phyllis (his wife) had encouraged me to join the family at church. She never nagged or scolded, she just kept hoping. But I was too busy, too preoccupied, to spend one or two short hours a week thinking about the really important things.

Now the sights and sounds and smells of death were all around me. My hunger for spiritual food soon outdid my hunger for a steak. Now I wanted to talk about God and Christ and the church. But in Heartbreak's (the name POWs gave their prison camp) solitary confinement, there was no preacher, no Sunday school teacher, no Bible, no hymnbook, no community of believers to guide and sustain me. I had completely neglected the spiritual dimension of my life. It took prison to show me how empty life is without God.”

It took the presence of a POW camp to show Rutledge that there was a center to his private world that he had been neglecting all of his life. The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man (Ecc.12:13)

Gordon MacDonald, Laings church of Christ