

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

January 22, 2017

Ancient Words, Living Faith

As our society advances in many ways, it is interesting to see old methods renewed at the same time. With the high cost of fuel prices, Beluga Shipping has attached a computer SkySail to its ocean liner. The power which sent ancient ships filled with pilgrims to America hundreds of years ago is now being used to aid the transporting of cargo. The hope is that it will save \$1,600 a day in fuel per vessel.

Ancient Words Living Faith: Today we strive to live a life of faith. The only way we can be faithful is to learn and live ancient words of our God ([Romans 10:17](#)).

Judah was on a path of desolation. Jeremiah was God’s prophet urging them to repent in order to be spared the destruction of Jerusalem. He said in chapter 6 of his book,

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,” says the LORD.

16 Thus says the LORD: “Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, ‘We will not walk in it.’”

Do you ask for the “old paths?” We do live in a time where new and modern, or advanced and technical are often arrogantly considered best. In many areas it is an improvement – but not in all areas. Can you honestly say with a heart of conviction, “The guidance of the Word of God in Christ’s Testament, which is nearly 2,000 years old, is my authority?”

If ancient words stop being our guide, we stop believing sin is wrong and shameful. Our spiritual fall and demise has happened, yet we might not even be aware of it. The only solution is to read the Word of God. Stand in it. See what God says. Demand instruction no newer than God’s voice recorded by inspiration. And say “We will walk in it.” The only way to have living faith today is to fill our sails with ancient words!

David Shannon, Mt. Juliet Church of Christ

Order of Worship

Step by Step (15) (Song Leader- **Jobee Thrasher**)

Welcome and prayer **Virgil Hammontree**

We Praise Thee O God (2)
There Stands a Rock (558)
There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (477)
By Christ Redeemed (366)

Communion and Offering

I'll Live in Glory (895)

Children's Offering / Dismissal Children's Worship

Sermon -John 8:12, "Light." **Virgil Hammontree**

Hark the Gentle Voice (907)

Announcements

When the Roll is Called Up Yonder (852)

Closing Prayer

Those Serving:

Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Feb.12	
Lead/ Bread	Bill Goad	Jerry Henshaw	Alan Powell	Clint Thrasher
Fruit of Vine	Alan Powell	Francis Jenkins	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw
Offering	Allen Smith	Jobee Thrasher	Brad Oglesby	Allen Smith
Closing Pray	Tyler Goad	Clint Thrasher	John Atkison	Francis Jenkins
Door	Clint Thrasher	Allen Smith	Alan Powell	Bill & Tammy
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Gableil Duncan – 24th

Alan Powell – 25th

Alex Johnson – 25th

Mandy Duncan – 31st

Prayer concerns

Lyndall Blue and her family

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Allen Smith's mother, Donna

Kim O'Daniel

Billie Wilson

Etta Jenkins

Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher

When Sorrows Come

When sorrows come, and they will,

It seems life's roads are all uphill.

The winter sky is always gray,

But spring is only weeks away,

When all the trees you thought were
dead

Shall wear new leaves and buds of red.

The snow will melt upon God's earth

And all shall marvel at new birth,

When everywhere the eye can see

The earth declares His majesty.

When sorrows come, and they will,

Have faith, my friend, and peace, be
still.

Things to remember:



This week we are collecting **microwavable macaroni and cheese** for the Henderson County

High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

Our first 5th Sunday is in 2 weeks. Plan to give generously on that day. We'll have a **fellowship meal** at the conclusion of our worship service with **everyone invited to stay**. The theme for the meal will be **soup/chili**. A sign-up sheet is at the audio booth. We'll have a brief devotional following the meal and **there will be no service that evening**.

Fellowship and

Super Bowl

at the building on **Feb. 5th**
at 5:00. Bring finger

foods. A sign-up sheet

is at the audio booth.



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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

Our statistics:

Sunday Worship	31
Sunday Night	9
Contribution	\$1,348.00
Wednesday Bible Study	8

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

The men's chairman for the next quarter (Feb.- April) is Bill Goad. The secretary is Alan Powell. The next mtg. is Feb. 18 at 9:00 am.

I'll Keep On Till They Quit

By Alan Smith

There once was an older man who went out jogging. He was running around a track that circled the high school football field while the team was conducting their practice. When the football players began running their sprints up and down the field, the man said to himself, "I'll just keep running until they quit." So they ran. And he ran. And they kept on running. So he kept on running.

Finally, in total exhaustion the man had to stop. When he stopped, an equally exhausted football player walked over to him and said, "Boy, I'm glad you finally stopped, Mister. Our coach told us that we had to keep running wind sprints as long as the old guy was jogging!"

It seems to me that we can sometimes find ourselves in a similar kind of situation when it comes to anger and conflict. We have a disagreement with someone and get into an argument. Voices get raised. Neither side wants to be the first to give in, to stop speaking in anger. Everyone has the attitude, "I'll just keep on till they quit." So the other party stays mad. So we stay mad. And on we go, eventually finding ourselves emotionally and even physically exhausted by the ongoing animosity.

Let me challenge you to do something very difficult. The next time you get in an argument, be the first to give in. Be the first to stop the yelling and the name-calling. Be the first to say, "I'm sorry." It's the quickest way to stop the vicious cycle.

Have a great day!

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger."
(Proverbs 15:1)