

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

October 1, 2017

Try Running Again

by: Gus Nichols

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again. In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again – who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting – soon to rise again.

It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will – sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; I Cor. 9:25-27). If one fails he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of “Land of Beginning Again” (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).

Order of Worship

We Praise Thee O God 2 **Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Bill Goad

Standing on the Promises 452
 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 509
 Jesus Let Us Come to Know You 768
 Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone 319

Lord's Supper and Offering.....As per schedule below

I Know that My Redeemer Lives 528

Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins

Sermon Bill Goad

Have You Been to Jesus 904

Announcements..... Song Leader

To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way 867

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Oct 1	Oct 8	Oct 15	Oct 22
Lead/ Bread	Jerry Henshaw	Greg Atkison	Bill Goad	Tyler Goad
Fruit of Vine	John Atkison	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith	John Atkison
Offering	Allen Smith	Jobee Thrasher	John Atkison	Greg Atkison
Closing Pray	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins
Door	Cathy Miller	Clint Thrasher	John/ Tiffany	Greg/ Brenda
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Jobee Thrasher October 2nd

Mike Collins October 4th

Mike & Mary Beth Collins October 4th

Prayer concerns

--- Shut-Ins ---

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

--- Our Sick ---

Etta Jenkins

Lyndall Blue

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad

Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom

Pat Peyton, Allison Wilson's mom

Jim Robards, Lyndall's son-in-law

Geraldine Addison, Tammy's mom

Donna Givens, friend of some of our

members



The food item to bring next Sunday for the schools backpack program is: Ravioli /

Spagetti & Meatballs



Upcoming Speakers:

Oct 8th Jerry Henshaw

Oct 15th Clint Thrasher

Oct 22nd Tyler Goad

Oct 29th Greg Atkison

Please support and encourage all the men who have willingly stepped forward to preach in the interim as we search for a fulltime minister.

For These We Thank Thee by: Loise Pinkerton Fritz

Sunrise and sunset,
Ocean and rivulet,
Wild beast and family pet...
For these we thank Thee.

Parent and little child,
Inchworm and country mile,
Teardrop and friendly smile...
For these we thank Thee.

New bud and fading flower,
Small trees and trees with tower,
Downpour and little shower...
For these we thank Thee.

Blessings and trials too,
Dark skies and skies of blue,
For Your love to see us through...
Father, we thank Thee.

If someone says he can do at 60 everything he did at 20, he probably wasn't doing much at 20.

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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	17
Sunday Night	n/a
Contribution	\$776.00
Wednesday Bible Study	n/a

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*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Aug-Oct) is G. Atkison. The secretary is J. Atkison. The next mtg. is **Oct. 8 at 5:00 pm.***

Wednesday Night Class

10/4 – Always Be Ready... (This will be the final lesson of this series)

Tonight – No Service Tonight

“Hot Chocolate”

A group of graduates, well established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation turned to complaints about stress in their work and lives. Offering his guests hot chocolate, the professor went into the kitchen and returned with a large pot of hot chocolate and an assortment of cups: porcelain, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite, telling them to help themselves to the hot chocolate.

When they all had a cup of hot chocolate in hand, the professor said, notice that all the nice looking, expensive cups were taken, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. The cup that you're drinking from adds nothing to the quality of the hot chocolate. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was hot chocolate, not the cup; but you consciously went for the best cups..... And then you began eyeing each other's cups.

Now consider this: Life is the hot chocolate; your job, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The cup you have does not define, nor change the quality of life you have. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the hot chocolate God has provided us. God makes the hot chocolate and man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything that they have.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. And enjoy your hot chocolate!!!