

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

October 16, 2016

The Decision for the Christ

When I was of age to receive confirmation and full membership of the church, I was told to choose a passage from the Bible as the expression of my personal approach to the Biblical message and to the ... church. ... When I chose the words, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden", I was asked with a kind of astonishment and even irony why I had chosen that particular passage. For I was living under happy conditions and, being only fifteen years old, was without any apparent labour and burden. I could not answer at that time; I felt a little embarrassed, but basically right. And I was right, indeed; every child is right in responding immediately to those words; every adult is right in responding to them in all periods of his life, and under all the conditions of his internal and external history. These words of Jesus are universal, and fit every human being and every human situation. They are simple; they grasp the heart of the primitive as well as that of the profound, disturbing the mind of the wise. Practically every word of Jesus had this character, sharing the difference between Him as the originator and the dependent interpreters, disciples and theologians, saints and preachers. Returning for the first time in my life to the passage of my early choice, I feel just as grasped by it as at that time, but infinitely more embarrassed by its majesty, profundity, and inexhaustible meaning.

Paul Tillich

Order of Worship

Holy Ground	(100)John Atkison, Song Leader
Welcome and prayer		Virgil Hammontree, Minister
Listen to our Hearts	(810)	
I Love You Lord	(239)	
We Saw Thee Not	(342)	
Communion and Offering		As per schedule below
Just a Little Talk with Jesus	(959)	
Victory in Jesus	(470)	
Children's Offering for fresh water filters (Helping Hands International)		
Sermon – “Called to Live in the Light” (John 3:1-19) Virgil Hammontree		
What a Day	(916)	
Closing Reminders		Song Leader
This World is not my Home	(957)	
Closing Prayer		As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Oct. 16	Oct. 23	Oct. 30	Nov. 6
Lead/ Bread	Tyler Goad	Bill Goad	Alan Powell	Greg Atkison
Fruit of Vine	Alan Powell	Allen Smith	Jerry Henshaw	Jobee Thrasher
Offering	Brad Oglesby	Greg Atkison	John Atkison	Tyler Goad
Closing Pray	Jobee Thrasher	Francis Jenkins	Brad Ogelsby	Bill Goad
Door	John Atkison &	Tyler Goad &	Brad Oglesby &	Thrashers
Greeters	Gracie	Gavin	Avery	

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

October Birthdays

25.....Della Musarra
26.....Caleb Puckett
29.....Billie Wilson

Anniversary

30.....Francis & Etta Jenkins



Thank you to everyone who gave of their time and their finances to support our Vacation Bible School. We

averaged about 35 people each night with 16 of those being kids. I'm so grateful to everyone for their contribution and their support to make it a great success. John

Prayer concerns

Dickie and Lyndall Blue

Freida Hammontree

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Mike Collins, back problems

Allen Smith's mother, Donna

Shane Richmond, surgery at Deaconess on Monday 10/17

Sherry Rashidian and a friend traveling overseas

Things to remember:

Our last **5th Sunday** of 2016 is coming up this month. The contribution on these 4 Sunday's will be used to pay off our debt early, benevolent initiatives to help those in need and general checking to pay our bills. Please pray about it, plan for it and support it. God is good. There will be a fellowship meal following Sunday morning service.



This week we are collecting microwavable ravioli for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

Nobody can go back and make a new beginning or undo anything that has been done. But we can always start again at the present moment, correct things that are wrong and start doing what is right and make a brand new ending.

The church directory is almost ready to print. If there have been any changes in your profile since you filled out the directory sheet, please contact Marie Henshaw with the updated information.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

9:30 AM Sunday school

10:30 AM Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Bible Study

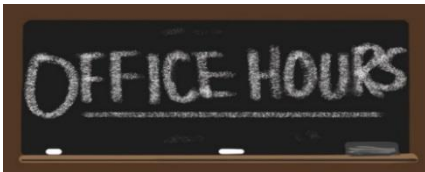
Wednesday:

6:30 PM Bible Study

Our statistics:

Sunday Worship	29
Sunday Night	34
Contribution	\$1,047.00
Wednesday Bible Study	36

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



Virgil will be in his office from 9:00 to 1:00 every Tuesday thru Friday. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Last week, after preaching about the “Fear of the Lord” a friend posted the sermon title on his Facebook page, and a young lady asked him, “Fear? Why fear?” When he posted the sermon notes he had taken, she responded by saying, “I’m sorry I asked! That’s extremely sad to me. I will never fear my god.”

This is the mentality of your average 21st century believer. Everything is love, and if everything is not love, then it is wrong. Should we be surprised that the dominant expression of tolerance in today’s world is “Love Wins”?

Here’s the hard truth: Love doesn’t always win. The Bible teaches that we are to teach the truth, in love. So if we have love, but not truth, there is no victory.

When so-called Christian people adopt half of the gospel, the result is a self-directed religion in which nobody can instruct me on my own righteousness, nobody is called out for their sin, and nobody feels an obligation to work for the Kingdom.

When we’ve only bought into the love and grace of God, there is no accountability in any area of my life, because it’s my own, and nobody else’s business.

The amazing thing about the fear of the Lord is that it is a quality we desire. It’s not a quality to fear in itself. The fear of the Lord is simply the proper perspective of God’s holiness that keeps me from violating that relationship.

One thing it doesn’t do, however, is sell well with the public. Sometimes there are things that need to be heard which aren’t entirely comforting, but they’re necessary.

In Jeremiah’s day, the false prophets taught whatever the people wanted to hear, and the people would eat it up. Then Jeremiah would speak the truth, and everyone looked around at each other and said, “Can we get rid of this guy?” May we never be afraid to speak the truth, In love, regardless of whether it’s popular or not.

Sean McAfee, Gulf Coast C of C