

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

November 13, 2016

Finding Lost Things

Luke 15:1-32

Finding lost things is a risky proposition. It means we have to go looking. The shepherd in the parable knows his sheep is lost. He finds it necessary to go looking for the one who is lost. This means he has to leave the other sheep at risk in the wilderness. Searching in the wilderness is hard and stressful. But the only thing that matters is finding the one lost sheep. Do we have what it takes to make this decision? Leaving the other at risk is troubling. But having one lost is unthinkable. In the end nothing matter but finding the one who is lost and the joy that comes in finding it and bringing it back safe.

Finding lost things demands diligence. The coin was the smallest things we can imagine. Think about a penny lost upon a dusty dirt floor. It would be very hard to see and harder to find. It says she lit a lamp and swept the entire house. I remember losing things at my home. I could tell you exactly where I left them but I am unable to find them. I lost my keys Sunday night. I took everything out of my pockets and then out of my briefcase. I still did not find the keys. Then I remembered I had left them in the car in the parking lot. I went right out and found them exactly where I had left them. In the end nothing matters but finding the keys.

Finding lost things requires Compassion. The father did not have to accept the demand of the younger son. He could have simply declined. But he gave him what asked for and let him go. What was it like for the father to watch the son walk away? God gives all of us the freedom to choose our direction. The son was immediately in trouble. He went far away from everyone and everything he knew. Things went badly and he found himself in dreadful need. At that moment he finally realized what he had given up. He remembered the generosity of the father with everyone at home. In that moment he knew what he needed to do. It is time to go home. He would make no demands. He would simply ask to be accepted and care for as another employee.

Compassion made the father generous beyond his expectations. A ring, a robe and shoes let him know he was really home and accepted. The father's compassionate heart would not accept less than full and complete restoration.

Order of Worship

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Tyler Goad, Song Leader

Welcome and prayer**Virgil Hammontree**

Jesus Calls Us

Jesus Is Well and Alive Today

More Precious Than Silver

Come Share the Lord

Communion and Offering

As per schedule below

Each Step I Take

Children's Offering for fresh water filters (Helping Hands International)

Sermon – John 5:30 “Choosing the Will of the Sacrificing Father.”

Virgil Hammontree

Burdens Are Lifted at Calvary

Closing RemindersSong Leader

Closing Prayer

As per schedule below

Those Serving:

| | Nov. 13 | Nov. 20 | Nov. 27 | Dec. 4 |
|----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Lead/ Bread | Alan Powell | Bill Goad | Tyler Goad | Jobee Thrasher |
| Fruit of Vine | Francis Jenkins | Brad Oglesby | Alan Powell | Bill Goad |
| Offering | Jerry Henshaw | Greg Atkison | Allen Smith | John Atkison |
| Closing Pray | Greg Atkison | John Atkison | Francis Jenkins | Clint Thrasher |
| Door | Allen Smith | Bill & Tammy | Greg Atkison & | Cathy Miller & |
| Greeters | | Goad | Zachary | Della |

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

November Birthdays

- 21.....Dickie Blue
- 22..... Allen Smith
- 24.....Steve Duncan

Things to remember:

If you haven't already done so, pick up your new church directory from Marie or Greg. There are revision sheets available for those who have already picked up their directory. Keep Marie informed of any changes you may have to the directory.

Prayer concerns

- Dickie and Lyndall Blue
- 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, recovering from surgery
- Billie Wilson

Jobee and Cathy would like to meet with current teachers for about 10 minutes immediately following services today.



Our annual Christmas program is quickly approaching. December 11th at 6pm will see our children perform the

meaning of Christmas. Dec. 10th we will have a dress rehearsal (time TBD). Please let Freida or John know asap if your child will be participating. This year we would like to update our props so we are scheduling a work day for one or more of the following dates. Nov. 19th, 26th, Dec. 3rd at 9 am. We will be painting and building as we did for VBS, but a much smaller scale. Please encourage our children and others to participate and attend this wonderful presentation on the meaning of Christmas.



This week we are collecting **microwaveable macaroni and cheese** for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

"It's EASIER to fool people than it is to convince them they have been fooled."

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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:

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Worship | 51 |
| Sunday Night | 12 |
| Contribution | \$1,414.00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 10 |

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

Great Job Kids !!

23 filters and still Counting

