

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

November 20, 2016

God Comes With Us

Matthew 28:18-20

The heart of the Gospel is God coming to His creation with redemptive purpose.

Jesus calls His disciples to come to him in Galilee where He called them. They came to him with all of their failures and doubts. They needed reassurance from the teacher who called them.

Jesus begins to validate His choice of them by telling them they were still his chosen ones. He assures them that all of the power of the Father will follow them wherever they go. God will be the one who goes before them and opens every door and confronts and defeats every enemy. Jesus wants them to be totally confident of the Father's presence with them. They will never be on their own.

Jesus told them to go and never to be afraid. Their mission was to proclaim God's redemptive presence and power. It was to teach those they met about the meaning the kingdom becoming present in their lives. The command to baptize those they taught and baptized carried with it the meaning that transformation was necessary to grasp the meaning and the power of what the Gospel. That they were to baptize "...in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,..." means that the entirety of the Godhead is present in the evangelistic endeavor.

The last thing Jesus wants them to know is the character of the God they are serving. "I am with you always..." Many times they would wonder, just we do, if God was really present. Sometimes His presence is difficult to experience. The fear and the doubt of the moment constrict our heart and our vision. In that moment we chose to act with confidence and resolution and fulfill the task to which we have been called. Courage is not the absence of fear...it is fear that has said its prayers.

We pray. We remember. We chose to act with resolution and carry out the mission.

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

November Birthdays

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

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
- Kim O'Daniel

Maturity is dependability. It is keeping your promises and coming through rather than breaking your promises and then confusing the issue with alibis.

Pride is the most peculiar disease known to humans. It makes nearly everybody sick except the one who has it.

Things to remember:

New church directories are still available from Marie, Brenda or Greg. There are also revision sheets available for those who have already picked up their directory. Keep Marie informed of any changes you may have to the directory.



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. We will also need help decorating. Please encourage our children and others to participate and attend this wonderful presentation on the meaning of Christmas.

Thanks to **Mike Wilson** for cleaning our church sign and helping pressure wash and scrub the front of our building. It looks GREAT! If you appreciate how much better it looks, let him know.



This week we are collecting **instant oatmeal** for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible. Items are distributed to school each week.

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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 30

Sunday Night 10

Contribution \$1,251.00

Wednesday Bible Study 9

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

It Is Enough

By Steve Higginbotham

It seems we are always wanting more. No matter the subject, and no matter how much we already have, we seem to always want more. But when is enough, enough? **Can we be content with “enough?”**

Is it enough to have a car, or must we have the latest model? Is it enough to have a house, or must we have a “nice” house? Is it enough to clothe ourselves and our children, or must we have a certain brand of clothing? Is it enough to meet our financial obligations or must we have additional money to “play” with? Is it enough to be a servant of God, or must we be in the spotlight?

It’s really this last point I want you to consider. Have you ever heard of Quartus? He’s probably unknown to you by name, but he’s mentioned in the Bible. What the Bible records about him is remarkable. He had no particular fame. He didn’t slay a giant or survive a fiery furnace. In fact I know of nothing that this man did that would cause him to be remembered. But here’s what the Bible says about him: **“Gaius, my host and the host of the whole church greets you. Erastus, the treasurer of the city greets you, and Quartus, a brother” (Romans 16:23).**

Did you catch that? “Quartus, a brother.” Nothing more; just a brother. But that’s enough, isn’t it? Whatever else I may or may not be able to achieve in life, if I can just be remembered as **“a brother in Christ,”** it will be enough!

- Steve Higginbotham preaches for the Karns Church of Christ in Knoxville, TN.