

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

November 27, 2016

## Whose Story Are We Speaking?

John 1:1

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

“We can say anything we want to about Scripture.”

Many people say this...and they say it often. It is as though the Bible was “their” book; their story. We need to assert this truth. It is our story...it is about us. This is true. We live in a free country. “We have the right to our opinion...no one can silence us.” Only the most dogmatic among us would deny this or try to take away the “voice” of those speaking.

But it is also God’s story. He gets a voice. When books are published they are normally copyrighted. This means we cannot change the story without the author’s permission. It is common courtesy to consult the person the book is about or the author who wrote it.

The Scripture is not “our” book; it is God’s book. He inspired it. He is its’ creator. When we comment on it He must be consulted or at least acknowledged.

We must give an account of the motive(s) or process that led us to the conclusions we reach. We cannot do whatever we want to with it or say anything we want to about it. We have to defend what we do and say. We have to show that we have at least consulted the author.



# Birthday's and Anniversaries!

December Anniverary

Dickie & Lyndall Blue.....December 20

## 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

Kim O'Daniel

"If there is anything better than being loved, it is loving."

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A slip of the foot you'll soon recover, but a slip of the tongue may last forever.

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If it's not in the Word forget what you heard.

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"We must not change the message; the message must change us."  
(Galatians 1: 6-9

# 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.

Men's meeting next Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 am at the building.

This week we are collecting



**microwavable macaroni and cheese** for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute

if possible. Items are distributed to school each week.

**Central Church of Christ****5490 Airline Road****Henderson, KY. 42420****(270) 831-0757**[www.centralchurchchrist.com](http://www.centralchurchchrist.com)**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	13
Contribution	\$1,432.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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

I Resisting Temptation  
By Travis L. Quertermous

Temptation is a daily fact of life. All of us are faced with making decisions between right and wrong every day. Even Jesus Christ was tempted. Hebrews 4:15 says of our Lord, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." So we learn that it is not a sin to be tempted, but it is sinful to give in to temptation.

What is the source of temptation? In answering, we must emphasize that God never entices us to sin! James 1:13 says, "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." James went on to explain that the source of our temptations are our own weaknesses (James 1:14-16). The devil is called "the tempter" in the Bible because he preys on those weaknesses and entices us accordingly to disobey God.

Satan once tempted Jesus Christ in three different ways as recorded in Matthew 4:1-11. Every time, He countered Satan's Temptations by quoting Scripture. He answered the devil's lies with God's truth! In Ephesians 6:17, the word of God is called "the sword of the Spirit." It is the one weapon Satan has no answer for. God gave it to us to overcome the tempter and his schemes.

James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Psalm 119:11 says, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Friends, how is your spiritual swordsmanship?

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