

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

December 18, 2016

The Man With the Stick

Part 1

Exodus 4

He came in from the desert looking dusty and little worn. Nothing called attention to him unless you closely looked at the eyes which were clear and sharp. He had been on the road for a long time but he walked with a determined gait as if on a mission.

His first stop was a family matter. He was looking for a brother and the rest of his family. Upon meeting them many questions were posed but something about his demeanor told those speaking with him not to ask too many questions. The man was not rude but he was clearly focused. He possessed an intensity that was unmistakable.

Elsewhere in Egypt another man had other concerns. He was concerned about his legacy. He was a leader and a builder. Since he was boy he had been taught he had a mission to accomplish. He was also taught he was a god among his people. In a land filled with god and goddesses of differing kinds he was thought he was supreme. It was his task to create a paradise out of the land he occupied.

These two men had grown up together. The circumstances were strange. One was adopted by the Egyptian family and the other was born a son. A moment of crisis occurred when Moses realized he was really a son of the slaves being used for all the labor creating the paradise. Used is a kind word. They were being exploited and they were valued as nothing more than property.

Moses had discovered his true identity and tried to help his people. He was rejected them. He ran away and spent a generation creating a new life for himself. Then one day he came face to face with a God; a unique God who was calling him to a mission. He did everything he could to avoid it. But the God calling him was relentless and wanted no excuses. He relented and went to Egypt.

Order of Worship

O Come Let Us Adore Him (264) (Song Leader- **John Atkison**)

Welcome and prayer Virgil Hammontree

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (1005)
 O Little Town of Bethlehem (996)
 Don't Be Afraid
 Come to the Table

Communion and Offering

Wonderful Merciful Savior

Children's Offering / Dismissal Children's Worship

Sermon - Matthew 2:1-2 "Looking for Jesus" Virgil Hammontree

Jesus Paid it All (922)

Announcements

Joy to the World (1018)

Closing Prayer

Those Serving:

	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8
Lead/ Bread	Alan Powell	Bill Goad	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
Fruit of Vine	Brad Oglesby	Clint Thrasher	John Atkison	Bill Goad
Offering	Allen Smith	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison
Closing Pray	Jobee Thrasher	Greg Atkison	Brad Oglesby	Alan Powell
Door	Brad Oglesby &	Alan Powell	John Atkison &	Tyler & Whitney
Greeters	Avery		Gracie	Goad

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

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

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher, has cancer.



I appreciate so much all those who contributed in so many ways to helping make the kids 2016 Christmas

program such a great success. The children were fantastic, did a super job and I couldn't be more proud. Because there were so many who helped and for fear of leaving someone out I'll stay away from listing names but nearly everyone in our congregation played an important role in helping make this a success and I'm so grateful. Thanks so much to the parents and the many who helped.

Freida

Construct a world and it will change over time, and it's unavoidable. People change. Economies change. Governments change. We can debate the nature of that change—whether it's good, bad, or just is. But change is irrepressible and those who don't respond to the conditions of that change eventually die out or waste away.

With one exception...“I am the Lord, and I do not change...”
(Malachi 3:6).

Don't ever make the mistake of confusing the finite things that change with the infinite that do not.

Randy Simmons

Things to remember:



This week we are collecting **instant oatmeal** for the Henderson County High School backpacks.

Please contribute if possible.

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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	34
Sunday Night	52
Contribution	\$1,673.00
Wednesday Bible Study	8

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

Fight for Purity

Psalm 119:9, 11

“How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word...I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Ephesians 6:17

“Take...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

When temptation comes, it is the Spirit of God within us who makes a way of escape. The Spirit of God brings to mind the scriptures that we have memorized and meditated on and he uses them to remind us of the truth of his word and our authority in Christ. The word of God is the “sword of the Spirit”. Just as Jesus resisted the devil in the wilderness by quoting Deuteronomy (“it is written...”), so also, the Spirit of God resists the attacks of the enemy in our lives. Our responsibility is to “hide” God’s word in our hearts so that it is available to the Spirit when we are in the battle. Purity is highly valued by the Lord, and it only comes as we resist the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil with the word of God.

Jesus, thank you for your word and your Spirit. Teach me to fight for truth and purity today.

-Listening to the Word 1yr Devo

Submitted by Freida Hammontree