

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

December 25, 2016

## The Man With the Stick

Part 2- Exodus 5-12

After he met with His relatives and the other people God sent him to deliver he finally went and met with Pharaoh. This was awkward. They had grown up together. They had been members of the same household and knew each other. The scruffy looking shepherd looked at one of the gods of Egypt and said, “The God I know and serve is saying to you, “Let My People Go Right Now.””

Pharaoh was not impressed. He wanted to know who this new, unknown God really was and why he should even listen. We have many gods in Egypt but I have never heard of this God you are allegedly speaking for. Why should I listen to him? I think I will just make your working conditions harder to punish you for this laziness.

He immediately made their labor harder. He told the guards to let them gather their own materials for making the bricks. The people began to complain to Moses that this is what they feared. The God of Moses was making their labor harder.

Moses called out to Yahweh and asked what this meant? Yahweh told Moses this was exactly what He expected. He would now take care of Pharaoh’s arrogant rebellion. God told Moses He would take care of Pharaoh.

Moses was told to follow God’s directions precisely. 10 times he went and warned Pharaoh that trouble was coming for him and his nation. 10 times he ignored the warning Moses brought him. At the end of the 10 plagues Egypt was utterly ruined and they begged the Israelites to leave. The significance of the plagues was the defeat of all the gods of Egypt. The Egyptians even gave them all their wealth in order for the people to leave. (Exodus 12:35-36).

This is the pattern with God. He does not act without warning in an arbitrary way. He always gives warning of His actions and provides a way for people to repent and comply with His revealed will. But often we have trouble hearing the voice of God because we have to be attuned to Him to hear His voice.

Virgil Hammontree

# Order of Worship

The First Noel ..... **Tyler Goad (Songleader)**

Welcome and prayer ..... **Virgil Hammontree**

O Come All Ye Faithful

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Hark! The Harald Angels Sing

O Sacred Head

Communion and Offering

As per schedule below

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

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

**Sermon – “Mary, Did You Know” (Luke 1:38)**

Joy To The World

Closing Reminders ..... Song Leader

O Holy Night

Closing Prayer

As per schedule below

## Those Serving:

	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	<b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>Jan. 15</b>
<b>Lead/ Bread</b>	Bill Goad	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher	John Atkison
<b>Fruit of Vine</b>	Clint Thrasher	John Atkison	Bill Goad	Allen Smith
<b>Offering</b>	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	Clint Thrasher
<b>Closing Pray</b>	Greg Atkison	Brad Ogelsby	Alan Powell	Francis Jenkins
<b>Door</b>	Alan Powell	John Atkison &	Tyler & Whitney	Greg & Brenda
<b>Greeters</b>		Gracie	Goad	Atkison

# Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Cyrus Bryant – January 5th

## 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.

“Nearly all men stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.” - Abraham Lincoln

“A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows you are slightly cracked” – Bernard Meltzer

What seems essential today may not even be important tomorrow.

# Things to remember:



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

Love One Another

John 13:34, 35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Our testimony to the world is the evidence that Jesus' love is being expressed through our lives. The love of Christ was demonstrated in consistent forgiveness despite personal betrayal and rejection. This love washed others' feet and served them in the most simple of ways. In calling them to demonstrations of love, Jesus was shifting the focus of witness from theological debates to ethics and lifestyle. Sacrificial love is now defined for all history by Christ's willingness to die for the sins of the world. His love moved him to act with actions that restored and healed others. We are called to live the same way!

Lord Jesus, I yield to your love and invite you to fill me with your spirit so that I too can love others the way you have loved me.  
Listening to the Word 1yr Devo

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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**

Sunday Worship	31
Sunday Night	6
Contribution	\$1,426.00
Wednesday Bible Study	8

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**Being a Part of Jesus' "Family"**

**By Edd Sterchi**

I'm sure you've seen the commercials advertising a certain cell phone company's "family" plan. It boasts that you can add as many of your friends and family (thus the term "family") as you want to your plan. They make the claim: "the more people you add, the more you save."

Well, Jesus has an even better "family" plan. He wants you to be a part of His "family." Because with Jesus, it's not just being a friend or a family member – it is the benefits of both!

Jesus wants us to be His friend. Friends are close, supportive, confidants whom we choose to be with. Jesus is willing to be our friend, no matter what's in our past (Matthew 11:19; Proverbs 18:24).

Jesus wants us to be in His family. Families are a group of people united by something shared. There is a special bond and love in families. Jesus invites all to be a part of His household with all of the blessings (Romans 8:16-17; Hebrews 2:11- 12).

Being a part of Jesus' "family" plan has the greatest of benefits – for the more He adds the more He saves! Are you a part of Jesus' "family"? Notice what it takes for us to be a friend and family member with Jesus: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:14). "For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:50).

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