

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

February 5, 2017

Faith in God in Adversity

It is indeed natural to us to wish and to plan, and it is merciful in the Lord to disappoint our plans, and to cross our wishes. For we cannot be safe, much less happy, but in proportion as we are weaned from our own wills, and made simply desirous of being directed by His guidance. This truth (when we are enlightened by His Word) is sufficiently familiar to the judgment; but we seldom learn to reduce it to practice without being trained a while in the school of disappointment. The schemes we form look so plausible and convenient that when they are broken we are ready to say, What a pity! We try again, and with no better success; we are grieved, and perhaps angry, and plan another, and so on; at length, in a course of time, experience and observation begin to convince us that we are not more able than we are worthy to choose aright for ourselves. Then the Lord's invitation to cast our care upon Him, and His promise to take care of us, appear valuable; and when we have done planning, His plan in our favour gradually opens, and He does more and better for us than we could either ask or think. I hardly recollect a single plan of mine, of which I have not since seen reason to be satisfied that, if it had taken place in season and circumstance just as I proposed, it would, humanly speaking, have proved my ruin; or at least it would have deprived me of the greater good the Lord had designed for me. We judge things by their present appearance, but the Lord sees them in their consequences; if we could do so likewise, we should be perfectly of His mind; but as we cannot, it is an unspeakable mercy that He will manage for us, whether we are pleased with His management or not; and it is spoken of as one of His heaviest judgments, when He gives any person or people up to the way of their own hearts, and to walk after their own counsels.

John Newton

Order of Worship

We Have Come Into His House **Tyler Goad, Song Leader**

Welcome and prayerVirgil Hammontree

Unto Thee, O Lord

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The Lord Thy God

Communion and Offering

As per schedule below

Where Could I Go?

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

Sermon – Ephesians 1:11-14 “The Blessings of Being Christ.”

Who at the Door is Standing?

Closing RemindersSong Leader

Where No One Stands Alone

Closing Prayer

As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Feb. 19	Feb. 26
Lead/ Bread	Alan Powell	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
Fruit of Vine	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw	Alan Powell	John Atkison
Offering	Brad Oglesby	Allen Smith	Bill Goad	Francis Jenkins
Closing Pray	John Atkison	Francis Jenkins	Brad Oglesby	Jerry Henshaw
Door	Alan Powell	Bill/Tammy	John & Gracie	Tyler/ Whitney
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Logan Thrasher – February 14th

Prayer concerns

Lyndall Blue and her family
June Thrasher at Redbanks
Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)
Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103
Allen Smith's mother, Donna
Kim O'Daniel
Billie Wilson
Etta Jenkins back in hospital
Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's
Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher
Jerry Burroughs heart surgery recovery

Things to remember:



This week we are collecting **sealed fruit cups** for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

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Fellowship and Super Bowl at the building **tonight at 5:00.**
Bring finger foods.

Fanny Crosby

The grave of Fanny Crosby, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, has a Simple marker that reads, "Aunt Fanny-She Hath Done What She Could."

Fanny Crosby was blind from six weeks of age because of a Mistreatment by a man claiming to be a doctor. Yet she wrote more than 9000 hymns, such as: Blessed Assurance; All the Way My Saviour Leads Me; I Am Thine, O Lord; Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross; Praise Him, Praise Him; Rescue the Perishing; To God Be the Glory" and Tell Me the Story of Jesus, to name a few.

Although blind, she was the guest of six presidents and a personal friend to Grover Cleveland. Her 9000 hymns were set to music by every popular American tunesmith of the nineteenth century and still blesses the church of Jesus Christ in our day.

Someone has said, "It doesn't take much of a man to be used of God. It just takes all of him."
The Sower

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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	32
Sunday Night	NA
Contribution	\$2,833.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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

Then follow the directions

*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Feb.- April) is Bill Goad. The secretary is Alan Powell. The next mtg. is **Feb. 18 at 9:00 am.***

By Sean McAfee

You might not know that this nation's oldest university, Harvard, was founded in 1636 primarily to meet the necessity of having qualified ministers to spread the gospel. The original curriculum included Hebrew, haldean, and Syriac. Daily exercises engaged students in translating Hebrew to Greek, and back again.

After it, came Yale, of which one of the founding presidents of the university penned this: "Above all, have an eye to the great end of your studies which is to obtain the clearest conception of divine things and to lead you to a saving knowledge of God in his son, Jesus Christ."

Princeton's founders said, "What we all aim at in the founding of this college is the advancing of the kingdom of this blessed Jesus."

Columbia University, originally called King's College, had one chief aim: to teach and engage the children to know God and Jesus Christ and to love and serve him in all sobriety, godliness and righteousness of life with a perfect heart and a willing mind."

Brown University was created to train ministers; Dartmouth to spread Christianity among Indians.

Time has sure changed things. It's amazing to see how these universities have gone from being founded on Christian ethics and ideals, to becoming some of the most academically and morally liberal universities in our nation today.

The call to persevere in faith is a lifelong challenge. May we withstand the tests of culture and the trials of life while continuing to pursue righteousness and holiness.