

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

February 12, 2017

I Never Intended To Quit

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of "quitting" the church. I reminded him that he had:

- 1) Withdrawn his presence from the worship services. He had failed to sing, pray with fellow Christians, to partake of the Lord's memorial supper and the fellowship of the saints.
- 2) Refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation.
- 3) Withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work.

Then I asked, "What else would you have to do in order to 'quit' the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will be necessary to 'quit' the church?"

As the true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why, Brother Nichols, I have quit already, haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it...but I've quit the Lord and His church! I'll tell you right now...I'm coming back." He did, too. At the next service, he was restored and three years later, he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, but many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you quit attending services, quit boosting the program of activities planned by the overseers and quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget, you need to be restored.

"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25)

Gus Nichols

Order of Worship

We're Marching on to Zion (869) ... **Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

Welcome and prayerVirgil Hammontree

- My Hope is Built on Nothing Less (538)
- Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (390)
- More Love To Thee (700)
- Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone (319)

Communion and Offering **As per schedule below**

I Will Sing of My Redeemer (513)

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

Sermon – Ephesians 2: 4-10 “Grace”

There is a Fountain Free (909)

Closing RemindersSong Leader

O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink (540)

Closing Prayer **As per schedule below**

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

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Logan Thrasher – February 14th

Cathy Miller – February 23rd

Greg Atkison – February 24th

Loralei Duncan – February 27th

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 **microwavable ravioli** for the Henderson County High School

backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

Truth Vs. Tolerance

By Cecil May Jr

The primary virtue of the postmodern age is tolerance, but with a new definition. Tolerance no longer means allowing legal religious freedom for all, treating people of different religions with respect and gentleness, and opposing persecution or discrimination.

The “modern’ definition of tolerance in this “postmodern age means considering all views equally valid. We must not only accept and be nice to those with different views, we must refrain from any attempt, however gently or reasonably (a “bad word” to postmoderns), to change their mind. Any suggestion that one view is better than another or, especially that one is true and the other is false, is “intolerant.”

Influenced by this prevailing attitude, many modern evangelicals in television interviews equivocate when asked whether Jesus Christ is the only way to salvation. Jesus, of course, said he was. Some of “us” equivocate when asked whether baptism is necessary to salvation.

Presenting a positive image has become more important to some than biblical truth.

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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	21
Sunday Night	NA
Contribution	\$1350.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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*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.***

The Silence of Scripture

The well-known Bible expositor Leon Morris once said the silence of the Scriptures are just as much due to inspiration as are its statements (commenting on Hebrews 7:3). This is an important recognition by him (many other Bible students have recognized the same). For unity to be maintained by God's people, they must go to the Scriptures and be unified on what is said, not on what is not said. Unfortunately, many want people to be unified when they go beyond what the Scriptures reveal. It can't be done.

What this great Bible expositor said did not originate with him; it was true long before he lived. In Hebrews 7:14, the Scriptures said that Moses spoke nothing concerning the priesthood of Jesus. Under the old covenant, God's priests came from Levi. When God said the tribe of Levi would be His priestly tribe, He did not need to say who was excluded—it was understood (cf. Leviticus 10:12 and strange fire). We, on the other hand, seem to want God to specify that which is forbidden before we accept it as something to not be done. Many feel as if man has not enough information to make good judgments. Evidently, the Lord thought He said all He needed to say on particular topics. For us to go beyond what He said is to be presumptuous.

When God has revealed Himself on a topic, He is obligating us to follow His lead. He has not given us the prerogative to lead where He did not express himself, that is, in things religious.

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