

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

February 19, 2017

## Opening the Door

It daily becomes more apparent that God's respect for the freedom of our affections, thoughts, and purposes is complete. It is part of that respect for our freedom that He never forces upon us His own gifts. He offers them, but unless we actively accept them, they remain ineffective as far as we are concerned. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock" --- that is always the relation of God our Redeemer to our souls. He has paid the whole price; He has suffered the atoning death; yet still He waits till we open the door of our hearts to let in His love which will call our love out. He never breaks down that door. He stands and knocks. And this is true not only of His first demand for admission to the mansion of the soul; it is true also of every room within that mansion. There are many of us who have opened the front door to Him, but have only let Him into the corridors and staircases; all the rooms where we work or amuse ourselves are still closed to Him. There are still greater multitudes who have welcomed Him into some rooms, and hope that He will not ask what goes on behind the doors of others. But sooner or later He asks; and if we do not at once take Him to see, He leaves the room where we were so comfortable with Him, and stands knocking at the closed door. And then we can never again have the joy of His presence in the first room until we open the door at which He is now knocking. We can only have Him with us in the room that we choose for Him, if we make Him free of all the house.

William Temple

# Order of Worship

Surely the Presence of the Lord ... **John Atkison, Song Leader**

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

Great are you Lord

Ancient Words

Faithful Love

When we meet in Sweet Communion

**Communion and Offering**

**As per schedule below**

That's Why We Praise Him

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

**Sermon – Ephesians 2:14-16 “Peace”**

Just As I Am

**Closing Reminders .....Song Leader**

Hand in Hand with Jesus

**Closing Prayer**

**As per schedule below**

## Those Serving:

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

## Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Cathy Miller – February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Greg Atkison – February 24<sup>th</sup>

Loralei Duncan – February 27<sup>th</sup>

### 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

Etta Jenkins back in hospital

Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher

Jerry Burroughs heart surgery recovery



This week we are collecting **microwavable macaroni and cheese**

for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.

#### Recent Guests

Tim Midgett

1102 Atkison Street

Henderson, KY 42420

Maybe you've heard about the family that became fed up with life in the big city, so they decided to move to the country and try their hand at living in the wide open spaces. Intending to raise beef cattle, the family purchased a large, western ranch. About a month later, some friends came to visit and inquired as to what they had named the ranch. The husband said, "Well, I was partial to the Flying-W. My wife wanted to call it the Suzie-Q. One of our sons liked the Bar-J and the other suggested the Lazy-Y. So we compromised and now we call it the Flying-W, Suzy-Q, Bar-J, Lazy-Y Ranch." When one of the friends asked, "Where are all of your cattle?" The man replied, "Uh...we don't have any. None of them survived the branding!"

THOUGHT: Some things should never be compromised. That's especially true when it comes to our MORALS.

***"Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, and GODLY in the present age" Titus 2:12***

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to persuade my wife to marry me" (Winston Churchill).

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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	27
Sunday Night	7
Contribution	\$920.00
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 **Mar.18 at 9:00 am.***

## A Secret No One Could Keep

By Tim Woodard

Dick Marcear writes about the beginning of the Anaconda Mining Company. It all started long ago when a group of prospectors set out from Bancock, which was then the capital of Montana, in search of gold. After many hardships they were overtaken by Indians, who took their good horses and left them with only a few limping old ponies. The Indians told the prospectors to return to Bancock, and they threatened to overtake and kill them if they ever saw them in their region again.

They felt their efforts had been wasted. Discouraged and heartbroken, they started back home. Along the way, they stopped beside a creek. One man picked up a stone from the creek bed, examined it, and, said, "It looks like there may be gold here." The others heard him, and together they panned about \$50 worth, a great sum in those days.

As they returned to Bancock they vowed not to tell one soul about their discovery. No one else was to know. Quietly they re-equipped themselves with tools and supplies for a return trip to retrieve more gold. But, to their surprise, when they left to go back to that creek, three hundred men followed them! They questioned each other. Which of them had broken the vow? Each insisted he had told no one. When they asked the men who followed them, the only explanation they could ever find was that their beaming faces had betrayed their secret.

Christians do not have a secret to hide, but a treasure to share. We have found the true gold, the "pearl of great price," and there is plenty for everyone. Let those around you know it, not only by your words, but by your beaming face and your life transformed by your knowing Jesus. "Now when [the Jewish leaders] saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished and recognized that these men had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13)."

"You are the light-of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give, glory to your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14, 16)."