

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

March 12, 2017

Looking into the Mirror

In the Epistle of St. James we read, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was."

What is required in order to look at oneself with true blessing in the mirror of the word?

The **first** requirement is that you do not look at the mirror, in order to inspect it, but that you look at yourself in the mirror ... If there were only a single passage in the Bible which you understood --- well, that is your single concern. You need not sit down and ponder over the obscure passages. God's word is given in order that you may act according to it, not in order that you may practice the interpretation of what you find obscure. ... The **second** requirement is that, in order to see yourself in the mirror when you read God's word, you must be constantly saying, "It is speaking to me; I am the one it is talking about.' ... If God's word is only a doctrine to you, it is no mirror. It is just as impossible to be mirrored in a doctrine as in a wall. ... No, when you read God's word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, "It is talking to me and about me." **Finally**, if you desire to observe yourself in the mirror of the word with real blessing, you must not at once begin to forget how you looked. You must not be the forgetful hearer (or reader) of whom the apostle says that he carefully looked at his own face in a mirror and straightway forgot what manner of man he was. ... The right thing to do is to say to yourself at once: "I shall begin now to prevent myself from forgetting. Now, at this very moment, I make this promise to myself and to God, even if it be but for the next hour or for today. For that length of time it shall be certain that I do not forget". ... Doing it this way is much better than taking too big a bite to begin with, and saying, "I shall never forget". It is much better never to forget to remember than immediately to say that you will never forget.

Soren Kierkegaard

Order of Worship

Jesus let us come to know you – 768 **John Atkison, Song Leader**
Welcome and prayerVirgil Hammontree

The Lord Thy God - 251
I am a Sheep - 533
In Moments like these - 239
How Deep the Father's Love

Communion and Offering **As per schedule below**

Standing on the Promises- 452

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

Sermon – 1 Peter 2:9-10 “Chosen” Virgil Hammontree

Jesus Calls Us – 399

Closing Reminders Song Leader

Send the Light - 650

Closing Prayer **As per schedule below**

[If you are scheduled to serve in any capacity and recognize you won’t be able to fulfill that responsibility please let us know in advance so we can change it in the bulletin.]

<i>Those Serving:</i>	Mar. 12	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	April 2
Lead/ Bread	Jerry Henshaw	John Atkison	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
Fruit of Vine	Francis Jenkins	Brad Oglesby	Jerry Henshaw	Allen Smith
Offering	Mike Wilson	Allen Smith	Alan Powell	Bill Goad
Closing Pray	Jobee Thrasher	Bill Goad	Clint Thrasher	Mike Wilson
Door	Jobee/ Cathy	Cathy Miller &	Alan Powell	Tyler Goad &
Greeters		Della		Gavin

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Brad Oglesby – March 21st

Cathy Thrasher – March 23rd

Clint Thrasher – March 25th

Prayer concerns

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher

Billie Wilson, treatable skin cancer

Vicki Smith, Allen's wife, hip problems

Cheryl Williams, tumor releasing

toxins, waiting to get in Mayo Clinic,

Freida's sister-in-law

Geraldine Addison- at home

Bryan Wyatt, health problems, Jerry's friend

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad

Lynn Antwine – Mandy Duncan's

friends dad – broke his hip



This week we are collecting **microwavable ravioli** for the Henderson

County High School backpacks.

Please contribute if possible.

Cheerful Giving

A mother wanted to teach her daughter a moral lesson. She gave the little girl a quarter and a dollar for church. "Put whichever one you want in the collection plate and keep the other for yourself," she told the girl.

Sunday, when they were coming out of the church, the mother asked her daughter which amount she had given.

"Well," said the little girl, "I was going to give the dollar, but just before the collection the preacher said that God loves a cheerful giver. I knew I'd be a lot more cheerful if I gave the quarter, so I did."

Start Counting

I have a friend in England who is in her mid-eighties. Although she's housebound and frail, she has an attitude of gratitude every time we talk on the telephone. One of her favorite hymns has always been, "Count Your Blessings." So I was concerned when she remarked one day, "I've stopped naming my blessings one by one." But then she continued cheerfully, "My blessings are so many, I'm weighing them ton by ton!"

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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	44
Sunday Night	9
Contribution	\$1,477.00
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 **April 1 at 9:00 am.***

Ignite Your Passion for GOD!

If you find yourself:

- Reluctant to gather with other believers
- Easily finding multiple reasons to miss church services
- Singing songs as empty words on the screen
- Turning to the next quick fix on spiritual growth
- or just plain going through the motions of church

Then you **WILL NOT** want to miss this opportunity to “Ignite your Passion for GOD!” For the next 5 weeks John is leading us through a study that will open our eyes to the things that undermine our interest in things of GOD and discover practical steps we can take to ignite a fire that will bring us into a more meaningful faith. He is very excited to be sharing this experience with you and anyone else with a desire to know GOD!

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 am