

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

April 30, 2017

## **An Honorable Discharge**

**By Donna Richmond Wittlif**

In order to receive an honorable discharge, a service member must meet or exceed high standards, both in his duty requirements and in his conduct. He must also finish his tour of duty unless he is physically or mentally disabled because of his service.

Christians might say that we seek an honorable discharge from this life. Our stay on earth is a time of testing. Will we stay true to our leader, Jesus Christ, or will we desert Him and go AWOL? Do we read God's commandments in the Bible and obey them? Does our conduct give glory to God and a good name to His church? If we fall, can we fix our eyes back on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and follow Him?

A bad conduct discharge is the most severe type of military discharge. Usually a person who gets a bad conduct discharge serves time in prison. He is not eligible for any service benefits such as health insurance. God, too, has a bad conduct discharge. Those who do not obey Him get no benefits. They are unprofitable servants, and are cast out into the outer darkness, where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:30).

Jesus has promised a rich reward to those who faithfully serve Him. May we, like Paul, be able to say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them that have loved his appearing" (II Timothy 4: 7, 8). Only then will we have an honorable discharge.

- Donna Richmond Wittlif, the founder and first editor of BulletinGold, lives in Denver, CO.

## Order of Worship

Here I am to Worship ..... **John Atkison, Song Leader**

**Welcome and Open Prayer.....Virgil Hammontree**

How Great is our God

Shout to the Lord

In Moments Like these

The Lord's Supper

**Communion and Offering**

**As per schedule below**

Humble Yourself

**Children's Offering / Dismissal Children's Worship**

**Sermon "The God of All Grace" 1 Peter 5: 6-11 Virgil Hammontree**

What a day that will be

**Announcements..... Song Leader**

Lead Me to Some Soul Today

**Closing Prayer**

**As per schedule below**

### Those Serving:

	<b>April 30</b>	<b>May 7</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Lead/ Bread</b>	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher	Greg Atkison	Clint Thrasher
<b>Fruit of Vine</b>	Greg Atkison	Allen Smith	Francis Jenkins	Brad Oglesby
<b>Offering</b>	Brad Oglesby	Bill Goad	Jerry Henshaw	Alan Powell
<b>Closing Pray</b>	Francis Jenkins	Alan Powell	Brad Oglesby	Jobee Thrasher
<b>Door</b>	Greg/ Brenda	Jobee/ Cathy	Jerry/ Marie	Cathy Miller
<b>Greeters</b>				

## Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Vicki Smith – May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Leslie Goad – May 12<sup>th</sup>  
Remi Bryant – May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Hunter Robertson – May 21<sup>st</sup>

John & Tiffany Atkison – May 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry & Marie Henshaw – May 24<sup>th</sup>  
John & Sarah Musarra – May 26<sup>th</sup>



This week we are collecting **instant oatmeal** for the Henderson County High School backpacks. Please contribute if possible.



Everyone is invited to stay today and join us for lunch immediately following services and show our appreciation to **Virgil and Freida** for their service and contribution to this church for the last 12 years.

**There will be no service tonight.**

## Prayer concerns

### --- Shut-Ins ---

June Thrasher at Redbanks  
Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)  
Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103  
Clinton Jones, friend of Brenda's

### --- Our Sick ---

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher  
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

Today is our second 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year. A large portion of today's special contribution will go toward paying off our building loan and benevolent initiatives. Please give generously from "**God's pie**".



## Guest Speakers for May:

May 7<sup>th</sup> Clint Thrasher  
May 14<sup>th</sup> Tyler Goad  
May 21<sup>st</sup> Jerry Henshaw  
May 28<sup>th</sup> John Atkison

**"EARTH'S SADDEST DAY AND GLADDEST DAY WERE JUST.....THREE DAYS APART!"**

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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	28
Sunday Night	15
Contribution	\$1,388.00
Wednesday Bible Study	4

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

*Then follow the directions*

*The men's chairman for the next quarter (May-July) is J. Henshaw.*

*The secretary is G. Atkison. The next mtg. is **May 7 at 5:00 pm.***

As a young lawyer, Abraham Lincoln was approached by a wealthy man to help settle a dispute. The rich man had loaned \$2.50 to a poor neighbor, and now he wanted his money back. Unfortunately, the neighbor couldn't pay, so the rich man wanted to retain Lincoln's services to sue.

Lincoln took the case and charged the man \$10 in advance. Lincoln then gave the poor man \$5, and instructed him to pay back the loan. He did and was able to keep the remaining \$2.50 for himself. The rich man got his money back and the loan was cleared. The poor man paid his debt his and had extra money to show for it, and Lincoln made a \$5 fee.

The story reveals a lot about people's attitudes toward money. The rich man lost more than he had gained, but his books were cleared and his pride was satisfied. Since Lincoln didn't mind sharing, he was able to solve the problem without going to court. The poor man cleared his credit and maintained some dignity.

Money is a tool. It is important and even empowering, but it is not life. The proper perspective of money can bring greater happiness than the money itself.