

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

May 28, 2017

**FREE FOR WHAT?**

**By A. Jay Kelley**

"You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13.

There are three things that jump out at me in this passage. First, Christians are called for freedom, not bondage. Second, grace is not a license to sin. Finally, idle hands are the devil's workshop.

Many of the brethren do not understand that Christ has called us out of the penalties of sin and into a state of grace that exists, not because of our performance, but his. In other words, to doubt one's salvation is to doubt one's Savior. Man's performance has nothing to do with salvation; the salvation was brought by God. I know; faith without works is dead, but it still isn't the works God is looking at, it's the faith that produces the works.

Some argue both for and against the former proposition based on the idea that we would therefore be free to sin. That is precisely the argument that Paul addresses in both Galatians and Romans. Freedom from sin's penalty is not a get-out-of-jail-free card; however, it is far from it. The grace of God makes man responsible for his own destiny. No, I don't mean we can earn salvation, but it is certainly our choice whether we want God's grace or not! God's grace will not cover the presumption that we are free to do as we please because we are saved.

Some are probably wondering where that third point came from. Paul places a live of service in direct opposition to carnality. He does so in other letters when he encourages industry as a prevention for gossip. If we want to avoid all sorts of sin, we need to be busy doing what is right. But it's more than just being busy. We need to be busy about the Lord's work. Any work can help avoid boredom, but only God's work can help avoid sin.

# Order of Worship

**Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Jerry Henshaw**

**Lord's Supper and Offering.....As per schedule below**

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

**Sermon .....Jerry Henshaw**

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

**Closing Prayer ..... As per schedule below**

## *Those Serving:*

	<b>May 28</b>	<b>June 4</b>	<b>June 11</b>	<b>June 18</b>
<b>Lead/ Bread</b>	Tyler Goad	John Atkison	Logan Thrasher	Bill Goad
<b>Fruit of Vine</b>	Francis Jenkins	Jobee Thrasher	Alan Powell	Tyler Goad
<b>Offering</b>	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	Francis Jenkins	John Atkison
<b>Closing Pray</b>	Logan Thrasher	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	Logan Thrasher
<b>Door</b>	Francis/ Etta	John/ Tiffany	Alan Powell	Tyler/ Whitney
<b>Greeters</b>				

## Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Jobee & Cathy Thrasher – June 2nd  
Bill & Tammy Goad – June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler & Whitney Goad – June 6<sup>th</sup>



### Guest Speakers:

May 28<sup>th</sup> Jerry Henshaw  
June 4<sup>th</sup> Bill Goad  
June 11<sup>th</sup> Clint Thrasher  
June 18<sup>th</sup> Greg Atkison

## 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  
Bryan Wyatt, health problems, Jerry's friend.

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad  
Jean Jenkins – Heart rhythm issues  
Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom  
Pat Peyton – Allison Wilson's mom  
Jerry Henshaw – test

### Quotes:

"If you would master temptation, let Christ master you".

Spencer Johnson said, "Happiness is not having what you want, it's wanting what you have."

God grades on the cross, not on the curve.

### Western Kentucky Youth Camp

Coming in June. You can get information from their website [wkyc.org](http://wkyc.org) or contact Tyler or Whitney Goad. Financial assistance is available for those who would like to go and need help.

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

#### Topics we'll discuss:

- Update from the Hiring Committee
- Financial update
- State of the church at Central

If you have other items you'd like to have discussed please see Jobee, Bill, or Jerry prior to the meeting. Every member should give their best effort to attend this meeting and support the work and activities of our congregation. **Everyone is asked to bring a finger food** to enjoy together after the meeting. Hotdogs and buns will be provided.

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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	N/A
Contribution	\$780.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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*The men's chairman for the next quarter (May-July) is J. Henshaw. The secretary is G. Atkison. The next mtg. is **June 3 at 9:00 am.***

## No Bible Study Tonight

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## Wednesday Night Class

Upcoming topics in the audio series are:

5/31 - What Happens At Death?

6/07 - Can a Christian Be a Good Citizen? (Part 1)

6/14 - Can a Christian Be a Good Citizen? (Part 2)

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## Summer Sunday's

Starting in June. A schedule of events and speakers will be communicated soon.