

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)

SermonJerry Henshaw

Announcements..... Song Leader

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

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

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

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



Guest Speakers:

May 28th Jerry Henshaw
June 4th Bill Goad
June 11th Clint Thrasher
June 18th 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 or contact Tyler or Whitney Goad. Financial assistance is available for those who would like to go and need help.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday June 4th 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

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)

Summer Sunday's

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