

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

July 02, 2017

Beware of “Cotton Candy”

When I was very young the highlight of every year was going to the county fair. One of the things I remember most was my first taste of that amazingly sweet treat called “cotton candy.” Cotton candy was first introduced to the world at the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis and was called “*Fairy Floss*”. At that fair, more than 68,000 boxes were sold for the equivalent of six dollars in today’s money. I loved cotton candy.

My impressions of it? (1) It was so fascinating and attractive. (2) Everyone was talking about how good it was. (3) At first taste, it was so sweet, but then it disappeared in my mouth. (I did not know it was mostly air mixed with two tablespoons of sugar). (4) It promised so much and gave such instant gratification that I wanted more and more.

Now think of the many parallels between my impression of cotton candy and the nature of sin. Sometimes great lessons come from the simplest sources.

Sin and cotton candy are so fascinating and attractive.

Think about the fruit in the first garden. Think of David’s view of Bathsheba from his rooftop. We so often sin when our hearts lust for what we see (Jas. 1:14). However, there is far more to sin when we look at the larger picture.

Sin and cotton candy are enjoyed by so many.

That expensive cost of the floss in St. Louis did not keep individuals from buying it. So many thought that if others found it so “rewarding” they just had to try it, regardless of the cost. There are many on that broad way toward destruction (Matt. 7:13-14). There is that Divine instruction about following the multitude (Ex. 23:2).

Sin and cotton candy both promise so much and deliver so little.

There is almost no nutritional value to cotton candy—it is nothing but air. Sin properly understood is in reality nothing but “fluff” that brings eternal destruction. When sin is finished it brings death and bondage (Jas. 1:15; 2 Pet. 2:20).

Sin and cotton candy both create a longing to have more and more.

Every sin can become an addiction which brings us into bondage and is so addictive. Sin seems to satisfy but only for such a short time. The real choices are instant gratification or eternal reward.

Isn’t it strange how often great spiritual or eternal truths come from such simple sources!

By Dan Jenkins

Order of Worship

Doxology **Tyler Goad, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Clint Thrasher

Christ For The World We Sing

The Lord Thy God

A New Creature

When We Meet In Sweet Communion

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

Teach Me Lord To Wait

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

Sermon Clint Thrasher

Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary

Announcements..... Song Leader

Be Still and Know

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Lead/ Bread	John Atkison	Jerry Henshaw	Jobee Thrasher	Bill Goad
Fruit of Vine	Jobee Thrasher	Allen Smith	Francis Jenkins	Logan Thrasher
Offering	Logan Thrasher	John Atkison	Greg Atkison	Clint Thrasher
Closing Pray	Bill Goad	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
Door	Jobee/ Cathy	Jerry/ Marie	Tyler/ Whitney	Cathy Miller
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Dominic Musarra - July 19th

Cooper Lee Herrin - July 28th

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

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad

Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom

Pat Peyton, Allison Wilson's mom

Quotes:

Some witty person has suggested that America's number-one energy crisis is Monday morning - how to get on track again at work and do something productive. One might also say the number-one spiritual crisis for the church is Sunday - what to do on the Lord's day.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.



Guest Speakers:

July 9th Tyler Goad

July 16th Bill Goad

July 23rd John Atkison

July 30th Jerry Henshaw

Please support and encourage all the men who have willingly stepped forward to preach in the interim as we search for a fulltime minister.

Men's meeting this Saturday, July 8th at 9:00 am at the building.

Let Me Be Aware by: Miriam Teichner

God -- let me be aware!

Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,

Just getting somehow safely through the days,

Not even groping for another hand,

Not even wondering why it all was planned,

Eyes to the ground, unseeking for the light,

Soul never aching for a wild winged flight,

God, let me be aware!

God, let me be aware!

Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,

Let me walk seeing their horror and stain,

Let my hands, groping, find other hands,

Give me the heart that divines, understands,

Give me that courage, wounded, to fight,

Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light;

Oh keep me eager just to do my share,

God, let me be aware!

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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	22
Sunday Night	10
Contribution	\$830.00
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 **July 8 at 9:00 am.***

Tonight – Fish fry starts at 5:00 along with **kite flying** for anyone who wants to bring a kite. John Atkison will bring the devotional. Everyone bring a side dish or desert or both if you so desire and maybe your chairs since most of our time (weather permitting) will be outside weather permitting. Come support this good time of fellowship.

Wednesday Night Class

Upcoming topics in the Randy Simmons audio series:

7/05 – What is the Biblical Position on Homosexuality (Part 1)

7/12 – What is the Biblical Position on Homosexuality (Part 2)

7/19 – What does the bible teach about Euthanasia and Mercy Killing?

Summer Sunday's Schedule

All events, 5pm @ building unless other location is specified