

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

July 23, 2017

## Christ and Costs

By Ron Thomas

It is a tragic thing to see that people who want to be Christian refuse to embrace what the Lord said with regard to costs. The Lord is not interested in one's money, or possessions; He is interested in the person. Has that individual, however, taken the same interest in the Lord? In Luke 14:25-27, the Lord is rather plain spoken about what is required of one who wants to enjoy the blessings of heaven. Each person must take up the cross of Jesus. This is NOT some vague notion of being a good person; no, it is hardly that.

Think about what it means to take up the cross of Jesus by thinking about what Jesus Himself did while He walked on this earth. Are you prepared to do that?

He was, first, committed to the Father's will (John 17:4). This is a comprehensive plan for one's life. That means that all other commitments are secondary and, in fact, there is no commitment like one's commitment to the Father's will. Second, this cost was an embracing of not only “what,” but the “why.” To become a Christian is to become a “what” (if you will); you have a new name. The “why” component gets to the depth of one's knowledge, love and trust. When Abraham was declared righteous by God (Genesis 15:6), it was not because of a mere surface belief. It was a commitment to Him who held Abraham's very breath in the palms of His hands. Abraham well understood what he was doing, where he was being led (or going), and why he went that way. This is why he is called the “father of the faithful.” Third, it is not only a life-change for the one who has a clear understanding of the “why,” it is also a perspective on what is important in life.

If one's desire and emotion is planted firmly in things of this world, then the Lord will not be the fruit produced in life. If one desires to plant two seeds in order to get the best of both worlds, then salvation is lost –and this applies especially to Christians!

# Order of Worship

Wonderful City of God ..... **Tyler Goad, Song Leader**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer..... John Atkison**

Rejoice in the Lord Always  
Refiner's Fire  
Salvation Belongs to Our God  
He Bore it All        351

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

He is Able to Deliver Thee

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

**Sermon .....John Atkison**

Have Thine Own Way 552

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

Sweet Adoration 253

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

## *Those Serving:*

	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>Aug 6</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>
<b>Lead/ Bread</b>	Bill Goad	Tyler Goad	Clint Thrasher	Greg Atkison
<b>Fruit of Vine</b>	Logan Thrasher	Allen Smith	Bill Goad	John Atkison
<b>Offering</b>	Clint Thrasher	Francis Jenkins	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
<b>Closing Pray</b>	Jobee Thrasher	Greg Atkison	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins
<b>Door</b>	Cathy Miller	Greg/ Brenda	Jerry/ Marie	John/ Gracie
<b>Greeters</b>				

## *Birthday's and Anniversaries!*

Cooper Lee Herrin – July 28th



### **Upcoming Speakers:**

July 30<sup>th</sup> Jerry Henshaw  
Aug 06<sup>th</sup> Kyle Wilson  
Aug 13<sup>th</sup> Jobee Thrasher  
Aug 20<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  
Leslie Goad, Bill's dad  
Delorma Atkison, Greg's mom  
Pat Peyton, Allison Wilson's mom  
Jim Robards, Lyndall's son-in-law

### **Special Contribution**

July 30<sup>th</sup> will be another one of this year's 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. A large percentage of that Sunday's contribution will go toward early pay off of our building loan. Another portion will go toward benevolent initiatives. Please make a special purpose in your heart for that day.

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

### **Quotes**

When it is good versus evil, or right versus wrong, neutrality is a sin.

Don't compare your goodness with other men's goodness, but with the goodness of the Man from Galilee.

There are no losers with Christ and no winners with the devil

If your faith will not take you to worship, what makes you think it will take you to heaven?

Still religion, like still water, is the first to freeze

Give God what's right, not what's left.

God does not ask you to go where He does not lead

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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	25
Sunday Night	9
Contribution	\$1131.00
Wednesday Bible Study	7

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*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Aug-Sept) is G. Atkison. The secretary is J. Atkison. The next mtg. is **Aug 6 at 5:00 pm.***

## Wednesday Night Class

Upcoming topics in the Randy Simmons audio series:

7/19 – What does the biblical teaching on Suicide?

8/02 – What does it mean to be submissive in marriage?

8/09 – Gambling and the Lottery

## Tonight – to be announced

### **Tell me just one thing about her**

In Acts 16:14, there are four things stated about a woman in order to describe her to the reader. First, her name was Lydia. If that was all we knew, we wouldn't actually know her. Second, she was from the city of Thyatira. Now you know a little more, but not much. Third, she was a seller of purple. Now you know what she does, but what do you actually know about her — who she really is, what kind of person she is? Here's the fourth descriptor: she was "a worshiper of God." That is not telling us merely "what" she was doing at that riverside—that is telling us "who" she is and the depth of her character.

What do people know about you? How would people describe you? If someone were to tell another person just one thing about you, what would you want it to be? Sure, your name, where you're from and what you do for a living might be a start, but that's not who you are! If someone were to tell just one thing about you, could they say, "Oh, he/she is a worshiper of God!"?