

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

July 30, 2017

A rich man was very near death and he was grieved because he had worked so hard for all he had and wanted to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him.

An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. “Sorry, but you can’t take your wealth with you.” The man begged the angel to speak to God to see if He might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him.

The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him. Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase, packed it as full as he could with gold bars, and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward, he died and showed up at the gates of heaven. The angel at the gates saw the suitcase and said, “Hold on, you can’t bring that in here!” The man explained to the angel that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with God.

Sure enough, the angel checked it out, came back, and said, “You’re right. You are allowed one carry-on bag, but we’re supposed to check its contents before letting it through.” The angel opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, “What, of all the items you could’ve brought, you brought pavement!”

If your treasures are on earth, each day brings you closer to losing your treasures. But, if your treasures are laid up in heaven, each day is bringing you closer to your treasures.

Today is one of this year’s 5th Sundays and is “Special” in that a large portion of today’s contribution will go toward early pay off of our building loan and various benevolent activities. Please give generously today and support this effort.

Order of Worship

Christ For the World We Sing 626

Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader

Welcome and Opening Prayer..... Jerry Henshaw

A Wonderful Savior 508

Oh, How I Love Jesus 574

The Lords, My Shepherd 134

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross 383

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

I'll Be a Friend to Jesus 699

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

SermonJerry Henshaw

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling 947

Announcements..... Song Leader

How Beautiful Heaven Must Be 885

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	July 30	Aug 6	Aug 13	Aug 20
Lead/ Bread	Tyler Goad	Clint Thrasher	Greg Atkison	Bill Goad
Fruit of Vine	Allen Smith	Bill Goad	John Atkison	Jerry Henshaw
Offering	Francis Jenkins	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher	Allen Smith
Closing Pray	Greg Atkison	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins	Clint Thrasher
Door	Greg/ Brenda	Jerry/ Marie	John/ Gracie	Clint Thrasher
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Pam Oglesby - August 7th
Raysha Johnston - August 8th
Sarah Musarra - August 9th
Mike Wilson - August 9th
Ethan Wilson - August 13th
Simon Chevalier - August 21st
Bobbi Dorris - August 21st
Tammy Goad - August 23rd
Gracie Atkison - August 30th
Jerry Henshaw - August 31st

Alan & Allison Wilson - Aug 15th
Allen & Vicki Smith - Aug 30th

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
Etta Jenkins, Deaconess Hospital



Upcoming Speakers:

Aug 06th Kyle Wilson
Aug 13th Jobee Thrasher
Aug 20th Greg Atkison
Aug 27th Tyler Goad

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

It Depends Upon You and Me and People Like Us

The average age of the great world civilizations has been two hundred years. All great nations have passed through this sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith.
- From spiritual faith to great courage.
- From courage to liberty.
- From liberty to prosperity and material abundance.
- From selfishness to complacency.
- From complacency to apathy.
- From apathy to dependence.
- From dependence back again to bondage.

Where does our civilization, these great United States of America, stand in this cycle? Our country is a few decades older than the average. Are we following the cycle? It is not inevitable. But it depends upon you and me and people like us, and our relationship to God. With God's guidance and strength - not to mention His love and grace - we can change the world. Remember that the Christian's hope does not rely upon statistics and formulas, but upon God and our faith in Him.

-- Amadeus Geoff [AKA Gerald Cowan]

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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	30
Sunday Night	n/a
Contribution	\$1157.00
Wednesday Bible Study	5

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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:

8/02 – What is the biblical teaching on Suicide?

8/09 – What does it mean to be submissive in marriage?

8/16 – Gambling and the Lottery

Potluck today immediately after services. Everyone is invited!!!!

----- No service tonight -----

Everybody needs a compliment

When Abraham Lincoln died from that gunshot wound more than 150 years ago, he was carrying a number of things in his pockets. Inside his brown leather wallet was a Confederate five-dollar bill and as many as nine newspaper clippings, which contained complimentary things to say about the President who had just endured a very tough reelection campaign. Think about that. He was not carrying these clippings to stroke his ego; Lincoln was not that kind of guy. He was carrying these clippings with him to help reassure him and cheer him up.

The President of the United States needed to be encouraged and feel appreciated. We all need to be encouraged and feel appreciated! A gracious compliment can go a long way! "A kind word cheers [the heart] up" (Prov. 12:25). "A word spoken in due season, how good it is!" (Prov. 15:23). Not for ego's sake, but for the sake of encouragement, it does feel good to have "someone else praise you" (Prov. 27:2). There is a difference between flattery and a genuine compliment. Who can you compliment today? Whose day can you enrich?