

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

August 13, 2017

## **Assessing Our Lives**

by: Dennis Russell

We need to spend some time every now and then just assessing our lives. When we do it, it would be good to think about the differences Christ has made in our lives. If all you do when you come to church is to think how far you fall short of God's ideals, you can become very discouraged and depressed. If I, like the prophet of old Amos, held up God's plumb line for you to measure the crookedness of your life by the straightness of God's plumb line, you would get depressed. None of us is perfect. Each of us continues to fall short daily. What would your life look like if your life were to be stripped of all God's work and influence?

We are a blessed people. It is good when we gather in worship to think about what your life has been like in Jesus Christ, and to envision all of this suddenly being stripped away. This would indeed motivate us to reflect on the benefits we have enjoyed.

As we assess our lives, it is good to consider God's continuing activity in our lives. What is God doing now? What kind of plan does he have for me in the future? It is so much easier to look back and see how God has worked in the past than it is to see Him at work today. Time and distance often give us a better perspective. The apostle Paul reminds us that in the Christian life there is a dynamic in our relationship with God. It's a relationship that is alive, growing, and open-ended.

Dennis Russell preaches for the Foster Road Church of Christ in Santa Maria, California.

## Order of Worship

**Songs to be Announced.....Bill Goad, Song Leader**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Jobee Thrasher**

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

**Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins**

**Sermon .....Jobee Thrasher**

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

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

### *Those Serving:*

	<b>Aug 13</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>Sept 3</b>
<b>Lead/ Bread</b>	Greg Atkison	John Atkison	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw
<b>Fruit of Vine</b>	Kyle Wilson	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith
<b>Offering</b>	John Atkison	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	John Atkison
<b>Closing Pray</b>	Francis Jenkins	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	Bill Goad
<b>Door</b>	John/ Gracie	Clint Thrasher	Bill/ Tammy	Cathy Miller
<b>Greeters</b>				

## Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Ethan Wilson – August 13<sup>th</sup>  
Simon Chevalier – August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Bobbi Dorris – August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tammy Goad – August 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Gracie Atkison – August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry Henshaw – August 31<sup>st</sup>

Alan & Allison Wilson – Aug 15<sup>th</sup>  
Allen & Vicki Smith – Aug 30<sup>th</sup>



### Upcoming Speakers:

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> Alan Wilson  
Aug 27<sup>th</sup> Tyler Goad  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Clint Thrasher  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup> John Atkison

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

### 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 ---

Etta Jenkins  
Lyndall Blue  
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  
Hunter Robertson



With school starting back this week we will again contribute food items to the schools backpack program for under-privileged kids.

The item to bring next Sunday is:  
**"Mac and Cheese Cups."**

The tombstone of Thomas Jefferson has an epitaph that he wrote himself. It says, "Here is buried Thomas Jefferson, Author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Statutes of Virginia for Religious Freedom, and Father of the University of Virginia." There is no mention of the fact that he had been President of the United States, Governor of Virginia, Secretary of State, and Ambassador to France. He told his daughter, "The things that are not on my inscription are things the people did for me. The things that are on it are those things I did for the people."

Can you imagine being President of the United States and not putting that in your epitaph? An even more important question is this – if you could only put in your epitaph the things you did for people, what would be in it?

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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 28

Sunday Night n/a

Contribution \$3,980.00

Wednesday Bible Study 8

*To join the church text messaging services send @kce9 to 81010.*

*Then follow the directions*

*The men's chairman for the next quarter (Aug-Sept) is G. Atkison.*

*The secretary is J. Atkison. The next mtg. is **Aug 13 at 5:00 pm.***

## **Wednesday Night Class**

Upcoming topics in the Randy Simmons audio series:

8/16 – Gambling and the Lottery

8/23 – What does the bible teach about Angels & Demons?

8/30 – What is the Unpardonable sin?

## **Tonight – Men's meeting @ 5:00**

**Children's Sunday Contribution** – just a reminder that we have switched where the children's Sunday contribution will be spent from the water filters at Helping Hands International to **West Kentucky Youth Camp**. The cabins at the camp no longer meet the states building requirements so the camp is going to have to replace all 16 of their cabins. They plan to do 4 by next summer. The material cost alone to build the cabins is estimated at \$30,000. ***Please support the kids and feel free to join in and contribute to this very good cause.***