

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

August 20, 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

We're Marching to Zion 869.....**Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Greg Atkison

I Will Sing of My Redeemer 513

On Jordan's Stormy Banks 886

Savior Thy Dying Love 667

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone 319

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

Victory in Jesus 470

Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins

SermonAlan Wilson

Sinners Jesus will Receive 935

Announcements..... Song Leader

Glory to His Name 475

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Aug 20	Aug 27	Sept 3	Sept 10
Lead/ Bread	John Atkison	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw	Tyler Goad
Fruit of Vine	Jerry Henshaw	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison
Offering	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	John Atkison	Francis Jenkins
Closing Pray	Francis Jenkins	Clint Thrasher	Tyler Goad	John Atkison
Door	John/ Gracie	Clint Thrasher	Bill/ Tammy	Cathy Miller
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Simon Chevalier - August 21st

Bobbi Dorris - August 21st

Tammy Goad - August 23rd

Gracie Atkison - August 30th

Jerry Henshaw - August 31st

Allen & Vicki Smith - Aug 30th



Upcoming Speakers:

Aug 27th Tyler Goad

Sept 3rd Clint Thrasher

Sept 10th John Atkison

Sept 17th Bill 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.

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

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

Geraldine Addison, Tammy's mom



The food item to bring next Sunday for the schools backpack program is:

"Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs"

Is it a part or the whole?

Scenario #1: Many folks work two jobs. They have a boss at one job, and they have a boss at the other job. Most of the time, having two bosses usually can work out just fine.

Scenario #2: Most people wear different hats of responsibility. A man can be an employee at his job, a husband and father at home, a board member at the club and a volunteer at the community center. And, most of the time, wearing different hats is not a big deal.

Scenario #3: A person becomes a Christian and thinks that serving God is just like working two jobs and "having another boss," and that the responsibilities of a Christian life are just "another hat to wear." The mindset is that "God" and "Christianity" will just fit into my life like everything else. Such could not be further from the truth! God is not "another part" of my life! He is my life (Col. 3:4a)! I cannot have two masters in my life, but only one (Matt. 6:24)! Being a Christian isn't just "a hat" that I wear! It is my life (Gal. 2:20)! Everything else has to fit around 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	23
Sunday Night	n/a
Contribution	\$1,090.00
Wednesday Bible Study	8

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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 **Sept 10 at 5:00 pm.***

Wednesday Night Class

Remaining topics in the Randy Simmons audio series:

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

8/30 – What is the Unpardonable sin?

9/06 – What does the bible teach about the roles of men and women in the church?

9/13 – What does the bible teach about men & women's roles?

9/20 – Political correctness, new tolerance, and Christianity?

9/27 – Always Be Ready.....

Tonight – to be announced



Children's offering – everything will go to support West Kentucky Youth Camp. If you can, help support the kids and the camp!