

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

August 27, 2017

Do What You Can

By Edd Sterchi

One of my favorite accounts in the gospels is in Mark 14 when Jesus is at Simon the leper's house (v.3-9). While there, Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, took a flask of very costly oil and anointed Jesus' head with it (see also John 12:1-7). Some there, apparently led by Judas, were very upset at the waste of the oil. But Jesus defended her noble actions, saying that she had done a good work for Him in that she was anointing His body for burial. He also said that wherever the gospel is preached, what she had done will be told as a memorial to her; obviously it has been time and time again over the ages.

But the words that stick most in my mind concerning the actions of Mary are when our Savior said, “She has done what she could” (Mark 14:8). In those six short words, volumes are said about the attitude of Mary in serving and honoring the Christ. In fact, it is interesting to note that what she didn't do says just as much as what she did do. Notice, for example:

She didn't wait to be asked to do something. What a great example to us! She found a way to do what she could. Too many brethren don't do anything for the Lord because they are never asked. Follow Mary's example; find something to do and do it.

She didn't make excuses about her limitations. I'm sure there were a lot of things she did not have (ability, time, resources, etc.) to properly do for Jesus. But she didn't dwell on that; she sought out something that she could do. You can do a lot with even a little. Sadly, there are Christians today who make excuses for not doing for the Lord.

She didn't worry about criticism. And she was criticized, but she did it anyway. Which is more important, the praise of the Lord or the approval of men? We spend too much time worrying about what others will think or say. To gain the approval of the Lord, do what you can and don't worry about man. She didn't fret over the cost. It was very costly, but that was unimportant as far as she was concerned – Jesus was worth it. There are a lot of things that some people consider too valuable to give up for the Lord. But for the true follower, nothing is too big of a sacrifice for the One who was sacrificed for them.

Look at it this way: Can you do it? Then do what you can.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Col. 3:23).

- Edd Sterchi preaches for the Broadway Church of Christ in Campbellsville, KY.

Order of Worship

My Only Hope.....**John Atkison, Song Leader**

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Tyler Goad

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
 Wonderful Merciful Savior
 How Great Is Our God
 Ten Thousand Angels

Lord's Supper and Offering.....As per schedule below
 When the Roll is Called up Yonder

Children's Offering for West Kentucky Youth Camp cabins

SermonTyler Goad
 There's a Fountain Free

Announcements..... Song Leader
 I Stand in Awe of You

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

Those Serving:

	Aug 27	Sept 3	Sept 10	Sept 17
Lead/ Bread	Jobee Thrasher	Jerry Henshaw	Tyler Goad	Jobee Thrasher
Fruit of Vine	Francis Jenkins	Allen Smith	Greg Atkison	Tyler Goad
Offering	Greg Atkison	John Atkison	Jerry Henshaw	Allen Smith
Closing Pray	Bill Goad	Tyler Goad	Francis Jenkins	Alan Wilson
Door	Clint Thrasher	Bill/ Tammy	Cathy Miller	Allen Smith
Greeters				

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Gracie Atkison - August 30th

Jerry Henshaw - August 31st

Allen & Vicki Smith - Aug 30th



Upcoming Speakers:

Sept 3rd Clint Thrasher

Sept 10th John Atkison

Sept 17th Greg Atkison

Sept 24th Jerry Henshaw

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

Geraldine Addison, Tammy's mom



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

"Pop-Tarts"

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

A probe deep into your heart

It is a fairly common procedure today to pass a probe into the heart to check for blockages, irregularities or other issues. But, long before this was ever a medical procedure, God was already performing these exams. But He uses different tools.

Shortly after Solomon became King of Israel, the Lord appeared to him and said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" (1 Kgs. 3:5). Wow! What a question! Now there's a probe that God sent deep down into the heart of Solomon! What would God find? The results of the heart test would be known as soon as Solomon responded.

What if God asked you the same question? What if God offered to give you whatever you desired? How would you answer His question? The real test is whether we see life through our own eyes or through God's eyes. Are we more interested in fulfilling our own desires, or do we find greater pleasure in fulfilling God's desires? What would God's probe find in your heart?

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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	14
Contribution	\$1,222.00
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 **Sept 10 at 5:00 pm.***

Wednesday Night Class

Remaining topics in the Randy Simmons audio series:

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!