

Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

April 2, 2017

My Favorite Bible By Steve Higginbotham

Through the years, I have owned quite a few Bibles. I have two shelves in my office containing nothing but Bibles. They differ in size, translation, and binding. But of all the Bibles I own, one is particularly treasured by me. It is a little black Red Letter New Testament (3"x4.5") that I have had for the past 39 years. You've seen some like it before. It's the kind of Bible given to little children, and it is small enough for them to hold it in their little hands. The print in this Bible is just about too small to read. There are no study notes in it. And it only contains the New Testament. So what makes this Bible so special to me? Allow me to read the inscription on the first page: **"This New Testament is being presented to Steve Higginbotham for being the first in his Bible Study class to be able to say from memory all the 66 books of the Bible. Keep up the Good Work. God Bless you always. Your Bible Class Teachers, Mrs. Hester Shultz & Miss Sandy Wilson"**

Isn't it amazing the impact that a few words of encouragement can have on a person's life? I was just four-years-old when this Bible was presented to me, but thirty-nine years later, I still treasure, and have this little Bible in my possession. My guess is that Hester (who is now deceased) and Sandy have no memory of the presentation of this Bible, or the message they inscribed in it. I'm sure they have no idea that something done so long ago, and something that cost so little, and took only but a moment of their time, would be so treasured by the little boy to whom they presented it.

My point? There is life-time lasting power and influence in encouragement! What takes us only a moment to say or do, can impact another person for the rest of his life. Be an encourager! Take the time and the little extra effort to compliment, commend, and encourage another. Chances are, long after you've forgotten your words of kindness, they will be locked-up, and cherished as a prize possession in the store room of someone's mind.

Order of Worship

Lord We Come Before Thee Now (797) **Jobee Thrasher, Song Leader**

Welcome and prayer Virgil Hammontree

The Glory Land Way (535)

I'll Be A Friend to Jesus (699)

My Faith Looks Up To Thee (586)

Lead Me To Calvery (332)

Communion and Offering As per schedule below

I Will Sing of My Redeemer (523)

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

Sermon – "The Baptism Which Really Saves" 1 Peter 3:18-22

Virgil Hammontree

Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (947)

Closing Reminders Song Leader

We'll Work Till Jesus Comes (634)

Closing Prayer As per schedule below

[If you are scheduled to serve in any capacity and realize you won't be able to fulfill that responsibility please let us know in advance so we can change it in the bulletin.]

Those Serving:

| | April 2 | April 9 | April 16 | April 23 |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Lead/ Bread | Bill Goad | Alan Powell | Greg Atkison | Clint Thrasher |
| Fruit of Vine | Allen Smith | Francis Jenkins | Tyler Goad | John Atkison |
| Offering | Jobee Thrasher | Brad Oglesby | Allen Smith | Alan Powell |
| Closing Pray | Mike Wilson | Greg Atkison | Bill Goad | Jerry Henshaw |
| Door | Bill/ Tammy | Alan Powell | Tyler/ Whitney | John Atkison & |
| Greeters | | | Gavin | Zachary |

Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Hanna Thrasher – April 3rd

Whitney Goad – April 8th

Brenda Atkison – April 14th



This week we are not collecting for the Henderson County High School backpacks because of spring break.

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

Billie Wilson, treatable skin cancer

Vicki Smith, Allen's wife, hip problems

Cheryl Williams, tumor releasing

Toxins; waiting to get in Mayo

Clinic, Freida's sister-in-law

Geraldine Addison- at home

Bryan Wyatt, health problems, Jerry's friend.

Leslie Goad, Bill's dad

Lynn Antwine – Mandy Duncan's friends dad – broke his hip

Please keep Marie informed concerning our Prayer list so we can keep the list current and up-to-date. When someone can come off the list please us know that as well.



Mowing season is here!! We're looking for volunteers willing to get together about every 10 to 14 days to mow and trim the property. If you have a bush hog, mower and/or a weed eater and are willing to share the joy please see Greg asap.

My Faith By Edd Sterchi

My faith lies in sharing
All that I possess,
That it may bring to others
A bit of happiness.

My faith lies in caring
For anyone who needs
The hope that I may give them
In love, and words, and deeds.

My faith lies in declaring
Jesus, the Heavenly Son,
That He's the only Way,
Eternal vict'ry can be won.

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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:

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|-----------------------|------------|
| Sunday Worship | 24 |
| Sunday Night | NA |
| Contribution | \$1,728.00 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 10 |

To join the church text messaging services send @kce9 to 81010. Then follow the directions

*The men's chairman for the next quarter (May-July) is J. Henshaw. The secretary is G. Atkison. The next mtg. is **May 7 at 5:00 pm.***

A Recipe for Happiness

**Happiness is something we create in our mind,
It's not something you search for and so seldom find---
It's just waking up and beginning the day
By counting blessings and kneeling to pray--
It's giving up thoughts that breed discontent
And accepting what comes as "heaven sent."
It's giving up wishing for things we have not
And making the best of whatever we've got.
It's knowing that the future is secure for us,
And pursuing our tasks without fret or fuss.
For it's by completing what God gives us to do
That we find contentment and happiness, too.**

- via The Central Message, the weekly bulletin of the Central church of Christ in Paducah KY.