

# Central Church of Christ

“A Community of Grace”

December 11, 2016

## Why Did God Give Us the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Why do we have a Bible?

When we look at the scope of the scriptures it is clear from the beginning God wants to know His creation. It is also clear He wants His creation to know Him.

The first thing in the Bible is information about God. From the very first page He is communicating with the creation. He wants us to know His character. He wants to understand He is just, righteous and holy. He wants us to know He is loving and demanding. As we read and study the scriptures we learn about His character.

The next thing the Bible teaches us is the nature of the world we are living. It began as a perfect reflection of the Creator. Then it was invaded by sin. It was broken and twisted. The world we experience is not the world God initially created. We also learn God has no intention of leaving this world broken and sinful. He is working His redemptive will out day by day.

The next thing we learn about this God is His pursuit of relation with us. He fully intends to make us all holy again. He is not content to be separated from his Creation. He is pursuing reconciliation. He wants to make the entire creation one with Him again.

The next thing we learn is that Jesus Christ is the full expression of God. His mission was to fully reveal the love and character of God. When we see Jesus we see God.

Finally, we have a mission. When we are touched by the Good News of God's mercy and grace we are compelled to tell others this Good News. This means that we need to view the Scriptures as our Mission...the permanent direction of our lives.

Virgil Hammontree



# Birthday's and Anniversaries!

Dickie & Lyndall Blue.....December 20

## Prayer concerns

Dickie and Lyndall Blue

June Thrasher at Redbanks

Sue Hall (June Thrashers roommate)

Bobbi Doris Redbanks Rm #103

Mike Collins, back problems

Allen Smith's mother, Donna

Shane Richmond, recovering from surgery

Kim O'Daniel

Macy King, student of Cathy Thrasher, has cancer.

**EVERYONE WANTS HAPPINESS.  
NO ONE WANTS PAIN.  
BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE A  
RAINBOW, WITHOUT A LITTLE  
RAIN."**

"It is the law of our humanity that man must know good through evil. No great principle ever triumphed but through much evil. No man ever progressed to greatness and goodness but through great mistakes." (Frederick Robertson)

## Things to remember:



Come join us **tonight at 6 pm** as our children will be performing the meaning of Christmas. We

encourage everyone to support them by attending this wonderful program. There will be cookies, hot chocolate and cider following their presentation.



This week we are collecting **microwavable ravioli** and the next week **instant oatmeal** for the Henderson County High School

backpacks. Please contribute if possible.



"Pancakes for Shortcakes" was another great time. The pancakes were great and enjoyed by many. Thanks to Jobee and Cathy Thrasher for organizing and providing everything to make it a great success.

**Central Church of Christ****5490 Airline Road****Henderson, KY. 42420****(270) 831-0757**[www.centralchurchchrist.com](http://www.centralchurchchrist.com)**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	32
Sunday Night	13
Contribution	\$1,181.50
Wednesday Bible Study	8

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Then follow the directions*

**Are You a Tree or a Post?**

The question may seem strange to you, but there is a good lesson to be learned in the answer. As a young boy, my dad had a herd of beef cattle and we would keep them in a fenced in pasture. From time to time some of the posts holding up the fence had to be replaced because they were rotten. They would fall over and cause the fence to sag where the cows could get out. This was a source of aggravation to me, since I had to round up the cows that got out and then fix the fence. This required both time and work. You know how kids enjoy such things. I sometimes wished the post would be like trees so they wouldn't have to be replaced.

What made the difference? Think! Plant a post and a tree in the ground side by side. At the beginning the tree is small, slender and easily bent or broken. The post, on the other hand, is large, solid and strong. It is hard to move and will support a fence.

But then the forces of nature take over. The tree begins to grow little by little, gradually becoming bigger and stronger. In a few years it stands tall and sturdy, while the post planted at the same time has rotted and fallen over.

Now, the application. What about those of us who profess to be Christians? Are we like the tree or the post? If our Christianity is dead, like the post, then we will surely grow weaker and weaker year by year, until finally we fall away. But, if we are truly alive in Christ, then the passing years will see us grow stronger and more mature than the beginning.

As Christians we have been made alive by the power of the blood of Christ (Titus 3:5). Afterward, real spiritual life in us is maintained by fellowship with God, Christ and the Holy Spirit (I John 1:1-7). So, which are you? A tree or a post?

Tim Woodward