

Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

December 27, 2015

2015 Theme: "Homecoming"

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." Mark 5:19

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FAREWELL TO SHEPHERDS

As a newbie preacher, within weeks of taking my first preaching job in Fayetteville, TN, Brother Eurcil Shelton stopped by my office to share with me his intention to resign the eldership. Brother Eurcil and his wife Hazel were cornerstones in the community of Park City, Fayetteville, the Church, and all of Lincoln County Tennessee. Brother Shelton was a retired Kraft employee who

maintained a small farming operation, growing most of what he and his wife ate. The Sheltons' were generous with vegetable plant sets and fresh produce. There was little that could be done to change his mind. I wish now, he had continued his leadership for at least two or three more years for the health of the congregation. Since that time elder resignations weigh heavily on my mind. The eldership was not designed as a lifetime appointment but as long a man has all his mental faculties about him and remains desirous of service, he should remain in the eldership (my opinion!). Ultimately, every man has the power and authority to choose.

On Sunday, December 13, Brother Danny Jones announced his resignation from our eldership due to health issues. This week we want to express our best wishes to Danny and Shirley and thank them for the decade of service they have offered to the family of God at Central. Although some elders are uncomfortable with the description of the office, it is a burden. It is a burden men are required to desire (1 Timothy 3:1) among other Scriptural qualifications. In 1 Timothy 5:17, instructing Timothy on the proper way to treat elders, Paul said, "Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine." Being an elder is a burden because, as the Hebrew writer stated, "they watch after our souls as those who will give an account." Being an elder is an administrative, spiritual, and financial burden. However, this doesn't even begin to account for the amount of unwarranted criticism a man subjects himself and his family to when he takes office. Until you've walked a mile in their shoes and felt the weight of their burden you may want to withhold harsh judgment.

Danny shared with our family the accomplishments of his term as elder such as the Philippines' work with Open Door Ministry, which will serve as his legacy with our family. To Danny and Shirley we say "Thank You!" for your work among us, for your spiritual leadership these 10 years. You are in our thoughts and prayers. In addition to our appreciation of your work as an elder and your patience as an elder's wife, we pray that your health improves as your Shepherd's burden is lifted. It takes courage for an elder to know when his term of service has reached a logical inflection point. Although we regret the necessity of having to make this decision, we admire your courage and accept your wishes. However, I know that we will continue to look for your comforting presence and influence in our family. May God bless you and keep you and continue to make His face shine upon you and give you peace.

Bryan Collins



THANK YOU

Central Church Family,
We want to thank all of you for being so helpful over the last few months. Thank you to everyone who has

remembered us in prayers and all who have sent cards. Thank you for all who have visited us and provided transportation to church and doctor visits. Thank you for all the food and delicious meals you have brought us, including individuals, CARE Groups, and our Sunday School Class. We could never repay you for all the attention you have given us in our time of need. We love each and every one of you.

Gladys & Jasper Rogers

*Please feel free to take your
poinsettias today after
2nd Service!*



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

December 30 – All-Church Devotional by Ross Jordan
(No Classes!)

December 31 & January 1 – Church Office Closed

CLOTHES ROOM NEEDS

Boy's Clothes (sizes 3 – 7), Men's Shoes & Belts,
Blankets



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

There will be a **planning breakfast** for all **Elders, Ministers, Deacons & Ministry Leaders** on Saturday, January 23 at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Connie Shepherd was agreed to cook breakfast! Make plans, NOW, to attend!

MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 A.M.

“Because You Want To”

Matthew 28:18-20

Welcome

Song #822 – *Heaven Came Down* (v. 1) – Albert Coley

Prayer – Bob Miller

Song #7 – *Abide With Me* (v. 1) – Albert Coley

Song # 482 – *O Listen To Our Wondrous Story* (v. 1-3) –
Albert Coley

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Bob Lee

Communion Leaders

Jack Brown
Ron Gowan
Joshua Holloway
Danny Jones
Keith Yarbrough

Porter Marcus
Don Kittle
Keith Rollins
Darrell Edwards
Jim Cook

Song #898 – *Unto Thee, O Lord* (v. 1-3) – Gene Threet
(Children Ages 2-5, dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Kevin Stanley

Sermon – Sean Coley

Invitation Song #125 – *Do You Know My Jesus?* (v. 1,3) –
Gene Threet

Shepherds' Moment & Closing Prayer – John Hayes

Count on Sundays (All Services) – Chris Smith & Bruce Holloway

Nursery Attendants (9 a.m.) – Jane King & Cyndi King

2nd WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 A.M.

“The Rest of the Story”

Song #622 – *Tell Me the Story of Jesus* (v.1,3) – Ross Jordan

Prayer – Joe Tate

Sermon – Steve Griggs

Invitation Song #983 – *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* (Sing Twice) –
Ross Jordan

Closing Comments

Closing Song #516 – *One Day* (v. 1) – Ross Jordan

Closing Prayer – Terry Shepherd

Serve Communion: Kelly Cherry & Jerry Wallace

(Communion served in Primitimers Classroom.
Dismissal during the Closing Song.)

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship	272
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes	263
Sunday 11:10 a.m. 2 nd Worship Assembly	151
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	NA

Hispanic Congregation

Sunday Worship	25
Sunday Adult Bible Class	22
Wednesday Adult Class	NA
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution	\$ NA

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HOSPITAL: Lois Cole – Erlanger...Kenneth Crow - HMC

RECOVERING/HOME/SHUT-IN/ON-GOING ILLNESS:

Yvonne Abernathy, Rickey Allmon, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Jimmy Ballew, Julie Barton, Jaxon Beavers, Eric Bejar, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Dylan Bigelow, Rufus Bingham, Jason Blaylock, Ruby Bramlett, Garland Brock, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Larry Brunson, Valor Burnett, Glenn Cantrell, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Myra Chastain, Edith Cherry, Jane Cherry, Ellen Claiborne, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Tom Cole, Gabbi Cook, Jennifer Cooper, Bill Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Helen Dardin, David Davidson, Melissa Dietrich, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Gary Earnhart, Terry Ensley, Turner Fordham, Joan Foshee, Mark & Anna Foshee, Glenda Gardner, Judson & Sarah Gay, Katherine Green, Karen Griffus, Jon Griggs, Kandis Guice, Rich Gwyn, Brenda Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Melinda Harrub, Pat Henderson, Rhonda Hill, Tommy & Judy Hoffpauir, Ben Holloway, Bruce Holloway, Charlene Holloway, Kathy Holloway, Lyndon Holloway, Frances Hopper, Joann Howell, Seaver Hudson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Bill Johnson, Brad Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Craig Kinsey, Diane Kinsey, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Judy Malone, Hubert Marsh, Renee Mathis, Mike Mays, Betty Melson, Bob Miller, Esme Miller, Gayle Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, Lynn Moss, Josh Mullins, Barry & Juanita Newman, Edra Nix, Keith Parker, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Willa Mae Phillips, Kathryn Pressnell, Nancy Province, Brodie Quinn, Ed Riddle, Jasper & Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Eddie Sane, Dan Sessions, Alwilda Shepherd, Brenda & Harold Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Mike Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Brandi & Greg Smith, Emy Smith, James Smith, Jerry Smith, Laura Smith, Colleen Stevens, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Jack & Eva Taylor, Tom Taylor, Cayden Tennant, Azeala Thompson, Bill Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Crystal Williams, Patsy Williams, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods, Kim Woods, David Wright

Please notify Lanie when someone needs to be added or taken off the prayer list!

