

# Central Church of Christ

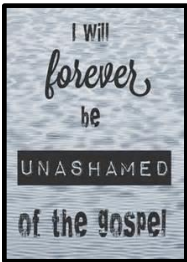
515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

August 2, 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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## UNASHAMED!

Feeling ashamed is one thing. Being shamed is altogether different. People will go out of their way to avoid the awful feeling of shame. I know because I am one of those people. Men and women who have lost a job may continue to get up in the morning and leave their house for days or weeks as if nothing has happened rather than face the crushing shame of telling their spouse and family they've lost their job. Clark Howard did a piece on the radio a few years ago where he talked about consumer spending being out of control; people will buy cell phones and cellular plans they can't afford or name brand clothes and accessories that are too expensive all because it makes them feel "normal." This is another way of avoiding the shame of feeling inadequate in appearance.

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for people to shame you with their words. Sometimes it is intentional and other times it is unconscious and unintentional. When people find out you are part of the Church of Christ they will inevitably ask, "Isn't that the church without music?" As if singing isn't music! People who know better will still ask with just enough sincerity to be believable. The instrumental music question is a question that is laden with intent to shame. When people feel that your religious practice somehow condemns theirs by its difference shame is a way to neutralize the threat. There are other examples both intentional and unintentional where people use sophisticated and even polite questions or comments as a means of shaming you.

In Romans 1:16 Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." To claim Christ as the messiah from such a once lofty position in Judaism could have been a source of great shame for Paul. Some of those Jews living in Rome may have wanted to maintain a Jewish identity in public and a Christian identity elsewhere. Paul was bold about being a Christian and about being an apostle of Jesus Christ coming from a Jewish background. He would share the gospel with Jew and Gentile alike. Do you sometimes deal with a little bit of shame when it comes to sharing the gospel? Are we too ashamed to share our faith with our friends? We all struggle to find that perfect open door through which to reach the people we love without damaging our relationship with them and that is normal. For Paul, losing his stature as a Pharisee and lawyer in the Jewish community was something he counted as rubbish in order to be found in Christ, Philippians 3:8. In this passage Paul calls us to follow his example and be unashamed in our proclamation of the gospel.

Bryan Collins



## NEW CHRISTIAN

What great news to share...Avery Shepherd was baptized last Sunday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Assembly! I think Avery intended it to be a small family group surrounding her as she took this very important step in her life. But, there were still quite a few folks around to celebrate and love her as she became a Christian. Her father, Scott, was able to baptize her, as many loved ones looked on. Encourage and pray for Avery as she begins her christian walk.



## ATTENTION: PARENTS

This Sunday, August 2, is "Promotion Sunday" in our Bible Classes. The kids will be moving up in Bible Classes, coordinating with school starting during the month of August. Children moving to the 3 year old class, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade will be changing departments. We will honor them with new Bibles during the 9:00 a.m. Worship Assembly!

## TEEN LOCK-IN!

The Teen Lock-in will be Friday night (reminder for those of you reading this before Sunday!!!), beginning at 8 p.m. This is to welcome 6<sup>th</sup> Graders into group and get ready for the new school year. It is important to be ON TIME!!! Bring \$10 for food & snacks...a sleeping bag/pillow if you'll need to sleep & good shoes for playing/running...and a great attitude!



## GOING AWAY PARTY

A "Going Away" Party is this Sunday (August 2), immediately after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service in the Fellowship Hall (Note change of location!). We will honor and say "goodbye" to Sarah Burroughs and William Murphy, our Youth Interns. Bring finger foods, desserts & drinks. Please come & celebrate the great job they have done with our teens.



## BABY SHOWER

There will be a **Baby Shower for Ashley Kinsey Bates** this Sunday, August 2, at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Gifts are registered at Babies R Us (#56894165) & Target. It's a **BOY!!!** All ladies are invited!



## AREA HAPPENINGS

**Back To School Youth Night @ Ellijay Church of Christ** August 9 @ 6 p.m.  
Speaker: Andrew Kingsley Meal following!

## MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 A.M.

**"God Does Not Change"**

James 1:13-18

**Welcome**

**Song #984** – *We Bow Down* (v. 1,2) – Albert Coley  
Prayer – Mike Stanton

**Song #7** – *Abide with Me* (v. 1) – John Cox

**Song #950** – *Lamb of God* (v.1-3) – John Cox

**Communion & Contribution Prayers** – Doug Bingham

**Communion Leaders**

Walter Brock  
Kenny Bryant  
Donald Kittle  
Tony Coley  
John Hayes

Porter Marcus  
Wade Ferguson  
Ray Shepherd  
Seth Coley  
Jim Cook

**Song #244** – *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand* (v. 1,2,4) – Albert Coley

(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)

**Scripture Reading** – Ron Gowan

**Sermon** – Bryan Collins

**Invitation Song #874** – *Jesus Is Lord* (v. 1,3,4) – John Cox

**Shepherds' Moment & Closing Prayer** – Bob Lee

**Count on Sundays in July** (All Services)

Chris Smith & Bruce Holloway

**Nursery Attendants**

9 a.m. – Cami Pendley & Amanda Edwards

## 2nd WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 A.M.

**"Who/What Is Pursuing You"**

**Song #953** – *Lord, I Lift Your Name On High* – Ross Jordan

**Song #983** – *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* – Ross Jordan

**Prayer** – Kevin Stanley

**Sermon** – Bryan Collins

**Invitation Song #634** – *The Great Physician* (v. 1,4) – Ross Jordan

**Closing Comments**

**Closing Song #888** – *Thank You, Lord* (v. 1,4) – Ross Jordan

**Closing Prayer** – Jake Stanley

**Serve Communion during 2<sup>nd</sup> Service**

Terry Shepherd & Justin Shepherd

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

## LADIES RETREAT 2015!

September 18-20 Pigeon Forge, TN

*"Sweet Friendship"*

Mark your calendar & watch for more details!



## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a **Bridal Shower** to honor **Tristan Brock** (bride-elect of Tanner McCutchen) on Sunday afternoon, August 16, at 3 p.m. It will be in the Fellowship Room. Gift selections are registered at *Kohl's, Walmart & Bed, Bath & Beyond*. All ladies are invited.

## PLAYGROUND & PAVILION

Please remember to give for our special project of building a new playground and a fellowship pavilion. The work has begun and we are attempting to raise at least \$70,000. There are envelopes in the foyer for your contribution. There is also a locked box there for your privacy.



## TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of July 26, 2015

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship ..... 249  
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes ..... 217  
Sunday 11:10 a.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Assembly ..... 116  
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study ..... 170

### Hispanic Congregation

Sunday Worship ..... 36  
Sunday Adult Bible Class ..... 19  
Wednesday Adult Class ..... 7

**Budget** ..... \$ 9,200.00

**Contribution** ..... \$ 6,984.25

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**HOSPITAL:** Jimmy Ballew – HMC...Helen Dardin – Regency...Tommy Hickerson – Nashville... Willa Mae Phillips – Quinton... Charlotte Silvers – Regency...Ralph Whaley – HMC 3026...David Wright – Conyers

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

Yvonne Abernathy, Rickey Allmon, Minnie Anderson, Leslie Pangle Andrews, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Jaxon Beavers, Wayne Bell, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Briseida Betterton, Dylan Bigelow, James & Larry Blassingame, Jason Blaylock, Ruby Bramlett, Garland Brock, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Edith Cherry, Jane Cherry, Ellen Claiborne, Judy Clayton, Rick Cleland, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Tom Cole, Sherry Coley, Yvonne Coley, Gabbi Cook, Bill Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, David Davidson, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Gary Earnhart, Don Evans, Turner Fordham, Joan Foshee, Mark & Anna Foshee, Glenda Gardner, Judson & Sarah Gay, Nancy Gowan, Katherine Green, Karen Griffus, Jon Griggs, Leigh Griggs, Kandis Guice, Brenda Hall, Richard Hall, Melinda Harrub, Rhonda Hill, Tommy & Judy Hoffpauir, Ben Holloway, Bruce Holloway, Charlene Holloway, Lyndon Holloway, Joann Howell, Seaver Hudson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Brad Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Diane Kinsey, Susan Kouassi, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Gloria Magnussen, Judy Malone, Jewel Mashburn, Renee Mathis, Betty Melson, Bob Miller, Esme Miller, Gayle Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, Teresa Moore, Azalee Morgan, Lynn Moss, Josh Mullins, Barry & Juanita Newman, Bethany Nix (& unborn baby), Edra Nix, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Frank Powell, Kathryn Pressnell, Brodie Quinn, Brenda Ramsey, Jasper & Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Jose Audelo Ruiz, Bill & Linda Russell, Eddie Sane, Alwilda Shepherd, Brenda & Harold Shepherd, Connie Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Mike Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Brandi & Greg Smith, Jerry Smith, Laura Smith, Jan Stone, Penny Stone, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Malorie Suddeth, Jack & Eva Taylor, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Rosalia Torres, Sam Vandergriff, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods

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