

Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

November 15, 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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SOUL NOURISHMENT

by Steve Griggs

"So she went out and began to glean in the fields behind the harvesters. As it turned out, she found herself working in a field belonging to Boaz..." Ruth 2:3

It is a joy each week to be able to lead the study portion of the Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class! I am learning so much from the lives of some strong and courageous women whose stories are told in Scripture – and from the lives of some strong and courageous women who are a part of the Central family. We are currently pondering the life of Ruth – who has a whole book in the Bible named after her! There are some amazing folks found in this book – Naomi, Ruth and Boaz in particular. But the central story found in the book of Ruth is about GOD.

There are 2 specific places in the book of Ruth where I see the "fingerprints" of the steadfast love and mysterious providence of God. First, in chapter 1, I see that after being devastated by famine, displacement, and the traumatic loss of her husband and sons, Naomi returns home to Bethlehem after learning *"that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them..."* (1:6). The long-time famine (which more than likely was the result of God's people's continued disobedience and unfaithfulness) is brought to an end by God so that he can show his covenant steadfast loyal love as he moves His story forward through the unlikely characters of Naomi, Ruth and Boaz. The next place I see the "fingerprints" of God and his providence is in the quotation from chapter 2, at the top of this article. After showing her own amazing steadfast loyal love to her mother-in-law by leaving her family and homeland to return with Naomi to Bethlehem, Ruth determines to help take care of Naomi and goes out to work/glean in the barley fields and *"as it turns out"* finds herself working in the field of Naomi's relative, Boaz (2:3). Now, was that just "luck" or "coincidence" that she is working in the field of the one man in Bethlehem who, as we will see "in the rest of the story", will grow to love Ruth and use his influence and goodness to not only enhance Ruth's life but, out of that goodness and steadfast love, allow his story to be enfolded into God's story and enable the family tree of Jesus to grow into maturity? *No luck – just God!* So... as you ponder your story – can you see the "fingerprints" of God's steadfast and loyal love as He works on making your story a part of His-Story?

2016 CALENDAR

The 2016 Church Calendar is on a table in the Lobby. Please correct or add birthday or anniversary information. This is for those who are Central members or attend Central regularly. November 15 is the deadline.



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Once again, we are providing desserts for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Fairgrounds. Sign up in the lobby if you plan to help with this. Bring desserts to the Lobby on Wednesday, November 25. Thank you for your generous spirit!

SHARING IS CARING

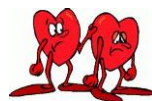
The 1st – 5th Grade kids are collecting money to buy toys for the SHARING IS CARING project. It allows families to get new toys for their children at Christmas. Our kids shop for the toys and the activity is coupled with our Christmas party (12/6). Remind your children to bring money to class. Any donations will help them reach their goal of \$500.



THANK YOU

We are excited to be a part of the Central family and appreciate the overwhelmingly, warm welcome that we have received. The friendliness and hospitality have been remarkable. We would also like to extend a special thanks to the welcoming ministry for the wonderful gifts. We were truly humbled by everyone's generosity and kindness.

With His Blessings, Jeff & Robin Ledbetter



Grief Share GROUP

There will be a GriefShare informational-orientation meeting on Monday night, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the InBetweeners classroom. This orientation meeting will last about an hour and we will give you an overview of the 13 week GriefShare group process and answer any questions you may have. This group is free to all who are interested. Please join us on Monday night if you feel this may be of help to you. Also, please pass the word to family and friends who might benefit by the support and encouragement especially during the holidays.



HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Nov. 25: All-Church Thanksgiving Devotional @6:30 p.m.
There will be NO classes!

Nov. 26-27: Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday!
Feel free to call Elders or Staff if there is a need.

CLOTHES ROOM NEEDS

Boy's Clothes (sizes 3 – 7)

Men's Shoes

Blankets



AREA HAPPENINGS

Thanksgiving Singing @ Ft. Oglethorpe Church of Christ

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (including Refreshments) Nov. 20

Mother/Daughter Day @ Central Church of Christ (Chatt.)

"What Is Your Value?" (5th – 12th grades) 9 a.m. Nov. 21

RSVP by 11/14 423-266-3619

Thanksgiving Day Service @ Central Church of Christ (Chatt.)

9:00 a.m. Speaker: George Cupp Nov. 26



TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of November 8, 2015

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship.....	264
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes	251
Sunday 11:10 a.m. 2 nd Worship Assembly	135
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	135
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday Worship	23
Sunday Adult Bible Class	22
Wednesday Adult Class	14
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution	\$ 8,186.50

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HOSPITAL:

Emerson Bolger – TC Thompson...Myra Chastain – Gordon Co. Hospital...Terry Ensley – HMC...Joann Howell – Regency Rm 105...
Lorraine Stanley – Regence Rm 203

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, Edith Cherry, Jane Cherry, Ellen Claiborne, Judy Clayton, Rick Cleland, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Tom Cole, Gabbi Cook, Bill Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Helen Dardin, David Davidson, Melissa Dietrich (surg. 11/18), Charles Doler (surg. 11/20), 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, Kandis Guice, Rich Gwyn, Brenda Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Melinda Harrub, Rhonda Hill, Tommy & Judy Hoffpauir, Ben Holloway, Bruce Holloway, Charlene Holloway, Kathy Holloway, Lyndon Holloway, Frances Hopper, Seaver Hudson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Brad Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Craig Kinsey, Diane Kinsey, Susan Kouassi, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Judy Malone, Jewel Mashburn, 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, 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, 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, Mary Rose Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Ralph Whaley, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods, David Wright

MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 A.M.

"Where It All Began"

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Welcome

Song #888 – Thank You, Lord – Albert Coley

Prayer – Kelly Cherry

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

Song #645 – The Old Rugged Cross (v. 1-4, then chorus) – John Cox

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Albert Shultz

Communion Leaders

Ross Jordan
Andrew Fulks
Ted Bowers
Gary Duke
Steve Griggs

Trey Myers
Daryl Williams
Mark Foshee
Terry Shepherd
Jim Cook

Song #226 – How Great Thou Art (v. 1,3,4) – Gene Threet
(Children Ages 2-5, dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Kaleb Shultz

Sermon – Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #763 – Why Keep Jesus Waiting (v. 1-4) – Gene Threet

Shepherds' Moment & Closing Prayer – John Hayes

Count on Sundays (All Services) – Jack Sparks & Nestor Pozo

Nursery Attendants (9 a.m.) – Jane Cherry & Briseida Betterton

2nd WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 A.M.

"Christians Beware"

Song #302 – Let The Beauty of Jesus Be Seen (v. 1,3,4) – Ron Gowan

Prayer – Eddie Sane

Sermon – Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #798 – Yield Not To Temptation (v. 1,3) – Ron Gowan

Closing Comments

Closing Song #138 – Farther Along (v. 1,4) – Ron Gowan

Closing Prayer – Mel Sane

Serve Communion: Steve Griggs & Jonathan Griggs

(Communion served in Primetimers Classroom.)

Dismissal during the Closing Song.)

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