

Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

December 6, 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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CHRISTMAS WAITING



Genesis 22 troubles me. This is the account where God called Abraham to offer Isaac up as a burnt offering. To me, as a father and as a child of God, it is unsettling for a number of reasons. God tested Abraham, which in and of itself unsettles my thoughts about a loving God. Why would He do a thing like that? God called out to him to offer Isaac as a burnt offering (v. 2) and I cannot fathom why God would ask such a thing! Then, Abraham does what God asks without hesitation! Abraham splits the wood, prepares his servants and animals (except the sacrificial animal) for the journey. He had his knife, the fire, the wood. Ironically, he makes Isaac

carry the wood for the sacrifice. The text says he laid the wood on Isaac only to have Isaac laid upon the wood later.

As they approached the mountain designated by God Isaac noticed they had everything but the sacrificial animal and pointed this out to his father; he wanted to know what was going on! Abraham's response is so powerful and instructive, "God will provide..."

As we rapidly approach December 25, excitement hangs in the air, especially for children anticipating the arrival of Santa Claus. To a lesser degree, adults may or may not be so excited about the surprises that lie wrapped in paper and bows under the Christmas tree. In the midst of all the excitement over the exchanging of gifts, treats, and gestures of goodwill there is both abundance and want. There is, to a great degree, an abundance of material and at the same time a dearth of spirituality. You see, there are some things that money cannot buy. There are some things for which we must seek God's providence. While the children wait for the arrival of Santa, many adults are waiting on the Lord. It took an incredible amount of strength for Abraham to say, "God will provide..." but it also gives us the hope we need when we are desperately seeking answers and deliverance.

Bryan Collins



1st – 5th GRADE HOLIDAY EVENT

Sunday, December 6, 11:15 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

(Note: Times adjusted due to NO 2nd Service!)

11:15 a.m. – Meet in Elementary Department

11:30 a.m. – Go to Cici's Pizza (Kid - \$5, Adults - \$6... Bring Cash & it will be collected by Cheryl Cook!)

12:15 p.m. – Shop for toys @ Kmart (Using money collected by class!)

1:30 p.m. – Return to Church Building – Crafts, Games & Cookies

2:30 p.m. – Party is over!

CARE GROUPS MEET

December 6 @ 5 p.m.
(unless other time is designated)



TOY BOX

There is a box in the Main Hallway that is for **Secret Santa Toys**. This is something that the Dalton Police Department does. Bring unwrapped toys and place in the box. Matt Locke will see that they are delivered.



SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to the family of **Ralph Whaley**. Ralph was Kathy Johnston's uncle and a former Central member. He passed away Monday night. The Funeral was Thursday. Please keep all the family in your prayers.



POINSETTIAS

During December, we invite you to bring **poinsettias** to donate **in memory or in honor of loved ones**. Bring plants to the counter in the office area. Attach a note listing who the plant is in memory or in honor of and also who is donating the poinsettia. The **deadline to bring plants is December 18**. There will be a printed program listing all the memorials on Sunday, December 27.

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 as agreed to cook breakfast! Make plans, NOW, to attend!

NEW ADDRESS

Valor Burnett

Gilmer Nursing Home, Room 146-1
1362 South Main St., Ellijay, GA 30540



TOOL PARTY

The **Mens/Boys Tool Christmas Party** will be Friday, December 11, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Bring "fishing or carpentry tools" to swap (\$10). It will be a steak supper, so be sure to sign up in the Lobby!



TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday night, December 18 @ 5 p.m.
(in the Fellowship Hall)

YOUNG AT HEART PARTY

All **Young At Heart (55+)** are invited to an afternoon party on Saturday, December 19, in the Fellowship Hall Hall at 3:00 p.m. Bring finger foods & desserts.



TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of November 29, 2015

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship.....	255
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes	237
Sunday 11:10 a.m. 2 nd Worship Assembly	NC
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	144
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday Worship	25
Sunday Adult Bible Class	21
Wednesday Adult Class	10
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution	\$ 7,279.00

MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 A.M.

"The Truth About Heaven"

John 14:1-6

Welcome

Song #111 – *Come We That Love The Lord* (v. 1,4) – Gene Threet

Prayer – Lyndon Holloway

Song #7 – *Abide With Me* (v. 1) – Gene Threet

Song #742 – *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* (v. 1,3,5) – John Cox

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Mike Stanton
Communion Leaders

Jack Brown
Ron Gowan
Joshua Holloway
Danny Jones
Keith Yarbrough

Porter Marcus
Don Kittle
Keith Rollins
Darrell Edwards
Jim Cook

Song #243 – *Home of The Soul* (v. 1,3) – Gene Threet

Song #937 – *I Stand In Awe* – Gene Threet
(Children Ages 2-5, dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Walter Brock

Sermon – Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #780 – *Won't It Be Wonderful There* (v. 1,3) – Albert Coley

Shepherds' Moment & Closing Prayer – Bill Russell

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

Nursery Attendants (9 a.m.) – Teresa Williams & Priscilla Collins

2nd WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 A.M.

"CARE Group Meetings" @ 5:00 p.m.

NO 11:10 a.m. Service!

Serve Communion: Kelly Cherry & Jerry Wallace

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

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HOSPITAL: Lois Cole – Erlanger...Joann Howell – Regency Rm 105...
Lorraine Stanley – Regency Rm 203...Crystal Williams – HMC..Patsy Williams - Memorial

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 Carrillo, 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, Bill Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Helen Dardin, David Davidson, Melissa Dietrich, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Gary Earnhart, Terry Ensley, Don Evans, 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, Seaver Hudson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Bill Johnson, Brad Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Craig Kinsey, Diane Kinsey, Susan Kouassi, 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, 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, Mary Rose Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods, David Wright

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