

Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

July 24, 2016

2016 Theme: "Simple Devotion"

July: Devoted to Forgiveness!

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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Will God Forgive Me?

"And Peter left the courtyard, weeping bitterly." Luke 22:62 (NLT)

We waited on the front porch. Moonlight filtered through the trees as tires crunched over the gravel driveway. When he stepped from the car, we rose. He saw us and hung his head. He had come to live with us because he needed a safe place. That night he was supposed to be home at a certain time. Hours had passed beyond that curfew, and worry had led us to wait in the cool night air. We said we'd talk in the morning. The next day I walked into the living room and he sat on the carpet, head in his hands, rocking back and forth. "Do I still get to stay here?" he asked. Surely, he knew we wouldn't reject him. Except he didn't know. Nothing in his former experiences led him to that belief. He expected punishment, perhaps not physical, but at the minimum he thought he was no longer welcome. My husband and I knelt beside him. We placed our arms around him and began to pray. Years have passed since then. Today that beautiful young man is a dad. A loving husband. A preacher and a strong man of faith. In the New Testament, we encounter another man who worried if he'd be forgiven: Peter, a man who loved Jesus with his whole being. Yet, in Luke 22, on the night Jesus was turned over to the authorities, Peter denied he ever knew Jesus. Peter fled the scene weeping bitterly. Angst and grief were his companions. Thank goodness the story doesn't end there. Later we find Jesus talking with Peter on the shore (John 21:17). In the brief conversation, Jesus reminds Peter of who he is. And Whose He is. Yes, Peter made a big mistake. One that seems impossible to overcome, but Jesus sees beyond the mistake to the heart. Over time, Peter became a teacher and speaker, leading crowds to Jesus (Acts 2:14-36) and watching as miracles unfold. He authored 1 and 2 Peter, two books of the Bible that have influenced millions around the world and across generations. After his failure, Peter could have rejected Jesus one more time by refusing His love. He could have ignored the words Jesus spoke and allowed failure to define him forever. Instead, He accepted that His Savior forgives a repentant heart. That Jesus loved Him still. Maybe you failed and you failed BIG. Your greatest regret is feeling you let Jesus down, and it's the last thing you ever wanted to do. In this crossroad moment, you have a choice. You can let shame keep you stuck. Or, you can lean into Jesus' love for you. Maybe you have amends to make. With His help, make them. Maybe getting up seems hard because condemnation weighs so heavy. Release that burden. One day you'll look back at this pivotal moment and realize getting up led you right back into the arms of Jesus. Maybe your former experiences have led you to believe failure equals rejection. That when you fall, you've blown it and there's no way back. Except that's not truth. This is: God will finish the work He began in you (Philippians 1:6). His response to your repentant heart is forgiveness (1 John 1:9). Your Heavenly Father transforms you as you accept that gift (2 Peter 1:3). The young man who once lived with us grew through his mistakes. That incident wasn't the first or the greatest challenge we walked through together, but every time he leaned into love rather than running away from it, he stood stronger. Until one day he knew who he was. And Whose he was. Your God still loves you. His plan has not been erased because of your mistake. In this crossroad, run toward His open arms and begin anew.

Suzie Eller, January 2, 2015, Proverbs 31 Devotions



THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the cards, emails, calls, visits and offers of help since I learned of my additional health problems. I especially am grateful for all the prayers. That means so much to me and I ask for you to diligently continue to pray. I am getting everything lined up to begin treatments but I don't know, yet, the schedule. I do have a special request...please share special scriptures or phrases that mean a lot to you when fearful, or doubtful or gearing up for battle. I want to stay positive and strong and I know that strength comes from God. I appreciate your love, positivity and strength. I love all of you so much.

Lanie Jones

Dear Church Family,

It has been a busy summer and several weeks since we graduated, but, we wanted to thank each of you who came to the Senior Toast to honor us. We send a special thanks to our parents and to Andrew for all the work they did to make it special. Thanks for the card and the Zaxby's gift card.

Anna Clark & Rhett Stanley

REJOICE

We are so thrilled to announce that **Anna Clark** was baptized Wednesday night. Rhett Stanley baptized her surrounded by family and friends. Please get to know Anna, if you don't know her already. Welcome her to the Central church family. Encourage her as she lives for Christ.

Anna Clark, 2994 Lower Gordon Springs Rd., Rocky Face, GA



FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers were placed in loving memory of **Darrell Brock** by the Brock Family.



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*July 31 at 6 p.m. (There will be NO 11:10 a.m. Worship Service)
Bring sandwiches, salads & finger foods to share with guests.*

MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 a.m.

“What’s Right With The Church”

Acts 2:40-47

Welcome

Song #900 – *Wonderful* – John Cox

Song #867 – *Humble Yourselves* – John Cox

Song #873 – *Love, Love* (v. 1-4) – John Cox

Prayer – Bob Miller

Song #947 – *Jesus, Let Us Us Come To Know You* (v. 1) – Gene Threet

Song #734 – *Were You There?* (v.1,2,5) – Gene Threet

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Tom Pendley

Communion & Contribution Leaders

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| 1. Roger Hughes | 6. Lamar Quinn |
| 2. Clint Russell | 7. Justin Shepherd |
| 3. Kelly Cherry | 8. Ray Shepherd |
| 4. Eddie Sane | 9. Mark Foshee |
| 5. Kevin Stanley | 10. Jim Cook |

Song (Screen) – *Ten Thousand Reasons* – Gene Threet

(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Bobby King

Sermon – Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #924 – *I Am Mine No More* (v. 1-4) –

Albert Coley

Shepherds’ Moment, Closing Prayer – Bob Lee

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.

“Giving On Purpose”

Song Leader – Ron Gowan

Song # 118 – *Count Your Blessings* (v. 1,2,4)

Prayer – George Brock

Sermon – Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #268 – *I Gave My Life For Thee* (v. 1,4)

Closing Comments

Closing Song #717 – *Victory In Jesus* (v. 1)

Closing Prayer – Tanner McCutchen

Serve Communion – Marty Laird & Caleb Laird

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



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Our children’s Bible Classes will promote on Sunday, August 7. That means that they will move to their new classroom. Then, on

Sunday, August 14, all those moving to a new Department will be given Bibles (Nursery to Pre-School, Pre-School to Elementary, & Elementary to Teen). Be sure that your children are here to take part in this!

Thanks to ALL who had a part in making Vacation Bible School great!



Join us For A

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Weekend

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September 16 – 18, 2016

Hidden Mountain River Lodge

Pigeon Forge, TN

Cost: \$75

Sign-up to begin August 14!

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship.....	242
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes.....	229
Sunday 11:10 a.m.	NC
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	NC

Hispanic Congregation

Sunday Worship	32
Sunday Adult Bible Class	21
Wednesday Adult Class	NC

Budget \$ 9,200.00

Contribution \$ 7,862.43

HOSPITAL: Katherine Green – Regency...Kathy Holloway – Atlanta...Barry Newman – Quinton Rm 9...Karen Stanley – Erlanger...Elaine Stanton - Erlanger

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

Abernathy, Rickey Allmon, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Kayden Bates, Randy Beckler, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Dylan Bigelow, Rufus Bingham, Debbie Bolton, Ruby Bramlett, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Edith Cherry, Ellen Claiborne, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Tom Cole (Tranquility), Linda Coley, Sherry Coley, Evan Connelly, Gabbi Cook, Bill Cornutt, Kenneth Crow, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Helen Dardin, Titus Davenport, David Davidson, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotson, Demar Elam, Terry Ensley, Gina Esslinger, Joan Foshee, Mark & Anna Foshee, George Fowler, Judson & Sarah Gay, Jane Griffen, Jon Griggs, Kandis Guice, Brenda Hall, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Morris Hill, Rhonda Hill, Burt Hinton, Tommy & Judy Hoffpaur, Bruce Holloway, Kathy Holloway, Seaver Hudson, Lida Hunt, Adam Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Harrison Jackson, Bill Johnson, Brad Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Diane Kinsey, Cindy Langford, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Sandra Lowe, Judy Malone, Hubert Marsh, Brenda Mathis, Renee Mathis, Mike Mays, Betty Melson (Royal Oaks), Esme Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, Josh Mullins, Juanita Newman, Edra Nix, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Willa Mae Phillips, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, Mary Belle Price (Tranquility), Nancy Province, Brodie Quinn, Bobby Rivers, Jasper & Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Eddie Sane, Lamar Sane, Dan Sessions, Alwilda Shepherd (Hospice), Harold & Brenda Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Mary Beth Shultz, Charlotte Silvers, Wanda Sliger, Brandi & Greg Smith, Jerry Smith, Lauren Smith, Betty Stanley, Colleen Stevens, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Wayne Warnack, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods (Tranquility), David Wright

Please notify Lanie if someone needs to be added or removed from the list. You can also make a note on your attendance card.