



# Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

December 4, 2016

2016 Theme: "Simple Devotion"

December: Devoted to ...Faithfulness

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness..." Galatians 5:22

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## So, What ARE we going to do with the 2 hours and 50 minutes?

So, what could we do with 2 hours and 50 minutes on Sunday mornings that would cause us to praise God more, better, deeper? In other words, what makes God smile? Is it how many songs we sing or which songs or how pretty or how fast or how old or how new? Is it more scripture studied or quoted or read? Is it more prayer time, on our knees or on our face or standing? It is more fellowship? Is it just the right combinations that make Him happy?

First question I think of is...who said that our collective worship time had to be just under three hours on Sunday? Does the Bible speak of a time frame for Christians to worship God collectively in certain number of hours? Could our congregation (could I) be pleasing to God with just 2 hours together on Sunday? What about 1 hour? What about 15 minutes? What about 4 hours...is he more pleased with 4 hours than 15 minutes? Is there a way he could be more pleased with 1 hour than with 4 hours? So is the number of hours the real question?

Is the placement of these hours critical to pleasing God? Does it need to be three in a row? Is two hours on Sunday morning and one in the evening OK? What if we did it with one in the morning, one in the afternoon and one in the evening? What if we just had one long worship service? Would that be OK? Can that be pleasing to God?

Now, what about the avenues of worship that God has provided for us...prayer, singing, preaching, the Lord Supper and giving? Should we do more of one than the other? Does God care how much time we spend on each one, or is He more pleased with preaching than praying? Or singing and giving?

So what does please Him? John 4:23, 24 "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

What He has always really wanted (even in the O.T.) is our hearts and lives. Everything else is just an expression flowing from there. So what are we going to do with the 2 hours and 50 minutes? We are going to make God smile.

..... Ross Jordan

## MAKE- A- CHANGE BOTTLES DUE TODAY Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>



Building Activity Group using these funds to deliver a special basket to all of the Meals on Wheels Recipients Central delivers meals to throughout the year.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christmas Party TODAY Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch at CiCi's, Shop for toys for Sharing is Caring Project, Crafts, Games & Cookies! We definitely would like to have a few parents from each grade to attend to help transport the kids & also to help with "control & safety" as we have lunch at CiCi's (Kids - \$5 & Adults - \$6) Please let Mrs. Cheryl or your child's teacher know if you are available to go. Every child needs to complete the permission form, since we will be leaving the church property.

## Men and Boys Tool Party Friday, December 9<sup>TH</sup> at 6 P.M.



Join the guys for a delicious BBQ meal with all the trimmings. Please sign up in the lobby so we will have enough food. Invite friends, family, grand boys, neighbor guys and co-workers to eat BBQ and swap tools after the meal. Bring a \$10 or less (wrapped or bagged) tool (new or used) to swap. It is lots of fun and you get a neat tool to take home (hopefully).



## POINSETTIAS

During December, we invite you to bring poinsettias to donate in memory or in honor of loved ones. Bring plants to the office and place on the counters. Attach a note listing who the plant is in memory or honor of and also who is donating the poinsettia. The deadline to bring your poinsettia is December 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a printed program listing all the memorials on Sunday, December 25.

## MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 a.m.

*"The Standard of God's Word"*

John 12:42-50

Welcome

Song #895 – *Thy Word (v.1-2)* – Albert Coley

Prayer – Mike Stanton

Song #372– *Just a Closer Walk with Thee (v.1)* – John Cox

Song#916– *Come, Share the Lord (v.1-3)* – John Cox

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Ted Bowers

Communion & Contribution Leaders

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| 1. Ron Gowan     | 6. Greg Smith     |
| 2. Steve Griggs  | 7. Kevin Stanley  |
| 3. Roger Hughes  | 8. Wade Ferguson  |
| 4. Clint Russell | 9. Terry Shepherd |
| 5. Melvin Sane   | 10. Jim Cook      |

Song# 301– *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story (v.1, 2 &4)* –

Gene Threet

(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Eddie Sane

Sermon: Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #632– *The Gospel Is for All (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.) –Teresa Williams & Priscilla Collins

## 2<sup>ND</sup> WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 p.m.

No 2<sup>nd</sup> Service- CARE Groups

## Monday Time/Lunch Time - CARE Group...

This care group will be meeting **December 12<sup>th</sup>**, instead of the December 5<sup>th</sup>. It is usually the first Monday after the first Sunday, but Ross will be gone on a Minister's Retreat that weekend...bring a sack lunch or bought meal...some are bringing special desserts to share. Yum! We have about 30 people. Even if you are not a member of our Day Time CARE Group, feel free to join us anyway on Dec. 12th from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship hall.

## YOUTH EVENTS

December 11<sup>th</sup>- Tranquility Singing

December 14<sup>th</sup>- WAHO

December 16<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Party

December 18<sup>th</sup>- Sunday night Devo

December 27<sup>th</sup>- Exposure Camp



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andy & Bethany Nix, proud big sister, Camille, and grandmother, Jan McTee, as they welcome baby **Andrew Christopher Nix**. He was born on Monday,

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 9lbs. 8oz., 21 inches long.



## ELDER NOTES

- Today is the last day to put comment forms in the Treasure Chest in Lobby. You can still talk with an elder regarding the proposed worship change.
- Elders are still discussing the possibility of Sunday Worship changes that would be initiated **Sunday, January 1, 2017**.
- Our **Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day** Worship Service will be one service at 3:00 p.m.

## TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of November 27, 2016

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship.....	247
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes .....	262
Sunday 11:10 a.m. ....	134
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ....	111
<b>Hispanic Congregation</b>	
Sunday Worship .....	27
Sunday Adult Bible Class .....	18
Sunday 11:10 a.m. ....	0
Wednesday Adult Class .....	14
<b>Budget</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,200.00</b>
<b>Contribution 11/20/16</b> .....	<b>\$ 7,967.00</b>
<b>Contribution 11/27/16</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,499.57</b>

HOSPITAL: **Anise** (June Langford's sister)- Chattanooga, has tumor pressing down on artery causing pain...**John Allen** (Brenda & Harold Shepherd's grandson) recovering from accident...**Alan Bishop**- (Diane Smith's brother) prostate cancer, surgery went well...**Charles Doler**- treatments for cancer ...**JoAnne Howell**-at Regency....**Lanie Jones**- Emory, stem cell harvest, blood and platelets were down ... **Helen Pack** (Kenneth & Ann Houston's daughter) neck surgery Thursday at Hamilton...**Wilda Shepherd**- (Jan McTee's Mom)- under Hospice Care at Dalton Place, not doing well...**Harold Shepherd**- at home not doing well , aspirating his food...**Chris Williams**- (Pat & Ed Hall's Grandson) Home

RECOVERING/HOME/SHUT-IN/ON-GOING ILLNESS: Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Rickey Allmon, Don Anderson, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Kayden Bates, Randy Beckler, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Dylan Bigelow, Debbie Bolton, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Alan Bishop, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Edith Cherry, Ellen Claiborne, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Linda Coley, Sherry Coley, Evan Connelly, Gabbi Cook, Bill Cornutt, Kenneth Crow, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Helen Dardin, Titus Davenport, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotson, Demar Elam, Terry Ensley, Gina Esslinger, Joan Foshee, Mark & Anna Foshee, Judson & Sarah Gay, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Jon Griggs, Kandis Guice, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Morris Hill, Rhonda Hill, Burt Hinton, Tommy & Judy Hoffpauir, JoAnn Howell, 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, David Morris, Josh Mullins, Barry & Juanita Newman, Edra Nix, Belinda Pack, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Willa Mae Phillips, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, Brodie Quinn, Bobby Rivers, Jasper & Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Eddie Sane, Lamar Sane, Alwilda Shepherd (Hospice), Harold & Brenda Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Wanda Sliger, Brandi & Greg Smith, Jerry Smith, Lauren Smith, Betty Stanley, Karen Stanley, Elaine Stanton, Colleen Stevens, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Martin, Reatha & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Wayne Warnack, Chris Willias, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, Claudell Woods (Tranquility), David Wright

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