



Central Church of Christ

515 N. Tibbs Rd. Dalton, GA 30720

December 18, 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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Strengthening the Soul

"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.'" Luke 2:10

I hope your holiday season is filled with "good news of great joy." I pray you are enjoying blessings from God that bring a smile to your face and warmth to your soul. But if not...

For some reason, this holiday season I am aware of too many folks who are struggling with "bad news" and who are burdened with joylessness. Financial hardship, broken relationships, hopes unfulfilled. Folks who are hurting, sad and lonely. Sometimes Christmas is messy. We come to the season with cheerful music, bright, shiny ornaments and high hopes. But it's tough for most families to live up to the high expectations we put on ourselves while looking at the Rockwell and Kincaid holiday paintings. My experience has shown me that the holidays highlight hurts. We miss more acutely those who are no longer with us due to death or destructive decisions. Already stressed relationships and ongoing struggles are often strained to the breaking point when we pile onto them the holiday rush and belief that we "have to have the perfect holiday experience" (whatever that is!) In reality, our Christmas hopes are high, but we often don't get the present we were wishing for. So...

Let me encourage you to first, be aware of those among us who are hurting and struggling. Then, be challenged to focus not so much on giving "presents" but rather, giving your presence. Re-gift some of that Christmas joy God has blessed you with to those who are running a joy-deficit this time of year. Be on the lookout for folks who need your presence and be there for them – to listen, to encourage, to offer hope and help. Remember, hope and peace are not found in presents. Joy and peace and hope do not come through things, but rather, they come through people. So, our quest becomes: who needs my presence during this joyless Christmas season? Maybe a co-worker who is an emotional mess. Maybe a neighbor who has been laid off from work. Maybe a brother in Christ who has lost a child, a spouse, a parent. Maybe an elderly shut-in who is depressed and alone.

Recall that the greatest gift the world has been given is – **IMMANUEL**, God with us. So... be glad and full of joy and go and give likewise!

..... Steve Griggs



WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE

The Elders have recorded all the worship surveys and are reviewing them. Discussion between the Elders continues on the idea of possibly changing our worship times on **Sunday, January 1st**. If the decision is to go ahead with the change, 9:00 a.m. Worship Service will be longer, then a time for fellowship between classes, and then a longer Bible Study time, with no 2nd Worship Service at 11:10 a.m. It could also be that we do not change service at all, or changes made in a totally different manner. Please keep the elders and our church in your prayers as decisions are made.



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. **Fill out form** 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 19th**. There will be a printed program listing all the memorials on Sunday, December 25.



NEW ADDRESS

Bryan, Sameea, Connor & MaeLea Collins
151 Santa Maria Drive, NE, Huntsville, AL 35811



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Sunday, December 25th
Worship Service will be at 3:00 p.m

MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:00 a.m.

“Farewell”

II Timothy 4:1-5

Welcome

Song #499- *O to Be Like Thee!* (v.1&4) – Gene Threet

Song #348- *Jesus is All the World to Me* (v.1,2 &4) – Gene Threet

Prayer – Marty Laird

Song #372- *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (v.1) – Gene Threet

Song#203- *Hallelujah, What a Savior!* (v.1-4) – Gene Threet

Communion Prayer – Keith Yarbrough

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#203- *Hallelujah, What a Savior!* (v.5) – Gene Threet

CONTRIBUTION PRAYER- Keith Yarbrough

CONTRIBUTION

Song#694- *To Canaan’s Land I’m on My Way* (v.1, 4, &5) –

John Cox

(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading –Caleb Laird

Sermon: Bryan Collins

Invitation Song #421- *Love Lifted Me* (v.1-3) – John Cox

Shepherds’ Moment, Closing Prayer – Bill Russell

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

Nursery Attendants (9 a.m.) –Eliska Lee and Meredith Milburn

2ND WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

11:10 p.m.

“A Biblical Model of Ministry”

Song Leader: Ron Gowan

Song #11- *Above the Bright Blue* (v.1-3)

Prayer: Doug Bingham

Sermon: Bryan Collins

Invitation Song # 761- *Where He Leads, I’ll Follow* (v.1&3)

Closing Prayer: Joe Tate

Serve Communion: Kelly Cherry & Jerry Wallace

(Communion is served in the “Prime-Timers” classroom.)

Dismissal during Closing Song.)

OOPS!

Lots of Dish Towels from the Kitchen are missing. Did you take them home to wash and forgot to return?



BLANKETS

Cold weather is finally here! So that means new or gently used blankets, quilts, covers will be needed in the clothing room to give out to those that need them. Thank you!

YOUTH EVENTS

December 18th- Sunday night Devo

December 27th- Exposure Camp

SAVE THE DATE

COMING UP

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship.....	269
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Classes	242
Sunday 11:10 a.m.....	140
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.....	131

Hispanic Congregation

Sunday Worship	32
Sunday Adult Bible Class	20
Sunday 11:10 a.m.....	0
Wednesday Adult Class	10

Budget \$ 9,200.00

Contribution 11/20/16 \$ 8,808.11

HOSPITAL: Anise (June Langford’s sister) - tumor...**Steve Barton**- heart Cath, 2 stents, doing great.... **Alan Bishop**- (Diane Smith’s brother) prostate cancer...**Charles Doler**- treatments for cancer ...**Dennis Jackson**-did not receive a good report on his cancer, surgery 12/12, doctors sending him to another hospital.... **Pat Headrick**- Hamilton, doing better, no visitors at this time....**JoAnne Howell**-at Tranquility, Room 8...**Lanie Jones**- home ...**Nancy Province**- at her Sisters, in Ooltewah, recovery will be long...**Jerry Smith**- possible Parkinson’s, going to Erlanger 1/2/17

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

Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Rickey Allmon, , Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Steve 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, 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, Pat Headrick, 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, 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, Nancy Province, Brodie Quinn, Bobby Rivers, Jasper & Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Eddie Sane, Lamar Sane, Harold & Brenda Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Wanda Slinger, Brandi & Greg Smith, Jerry Smith, Lauren Smith, 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 Williams, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, 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.