



JULY 23, 2017



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2017 Theme: "Making Disciples"

July: Devoted to...

"Our Struggle: Don't Let Hardships Cause us to turn back."

John 6:60-69

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Blessings in Endings & Beginnings

As I was thinking about my retirement celebration, I really had a hard time! I started thinking back over the years. To be quite honest, there have been times in the past that I have thought about changing jobs...doing something different! Those were times I was struggling to know what was best for me and best for Central. I would pray a lot and then I would come to the conclusion that I was right where I needed to be.

Three years ago, I started having serious health problems that changed my life. My "normal" changed! I was fighting to be able to do the routine...I was definitely struggling to do the extras. I am so thankful to my family, our Elders, the guys on Staff, & this wonderful church family for supporting me, encouraging me, picking up the slack! You all have done that & I deeply love all of you for it. During this past year, I truly fought for my life...but again, I wasn't alone. You were all there & continue to be...in so many ways! God has blessed me with remission & I am so thankful. I wanted to come back to work & everything get back to "normal" but I found that the new normal is very different. Making the decision to retire was very difficult because as hard as some days were, I felt that I was right where I was supposed to be. Realizing the need for change & acknowledging it was so hard. But that was the first step & it had to be taken in faith.

One thing that truly helped me in this decision was having Shay Bingham already working & taking such good care of this ministry. It was easier knowing that someone like her was loving & taking care of you all...that she was so sweet & compassionate with the many folks who come in or call...that she truly wanted to be here & sees her position as a ministry, not just a job! I love that she loves her job...loves Central...but most importantly loves the Lord. I now have a precious friend & peace. I had been thinking of the idea of "passing the baton"...but I feel that something better is "passing the blessings"! Some special blessings that I have had through the years...

- Laughing & joking with so many of you
- Celebrating (babies, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, "home-goings")
- Crying together – helping each other get through the pains
- Praying together
- Watching many of you being baptized into Christ
- Planning wonderful things...vbs...retreats...ladies days
- Working through problems
- Loving your kids
- Teaching the Bible
- Taking pictures to chronicle fun & special times
- Listening (hearing the struggles but also the happy times)
- Having opportunities to point strangers to Jesus

I want to pass on these blessings of relationships and situations (whether happy or sad) to Shay. Please get to know her & allow her to know you. You all have been blessings to me. So many of you have taught me, put up with me (as Bill would say), shown me mercy & grace (on those days that I didn't deserve it), been examples to me of how to live a Christian life, encouraged & supported me...& especially prayed for me. Please continue to pray for me as I see what God has planned for me as I journey on! I am now living with my parents & have my same telephone number. I expect to visit & have more wonderful conversations & prayers with you!

*The Retirement Party was so special. I don't have enough words to say everything that is in my heart. The food was wonderful & the decorations were beautiful. The words spoken by you (publicly & privately) touched my heart. The special gifts of money & trip to an Atlanta Braves game (that has been on my "bucket list") at the new stadium was overwhelming! I appreciate Priscilla & others for taking some pictures. I loved all the cards & other sweet gifts. I know I must be forgetting something. Special thanks to our Elders & their wives for planning this (& I know others were involved as well)! For this special outpouring of love & more....**THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.***

I love you, Lanie Jones

**MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY
July 30, 2017**

“The Jesus-Centered Life: 3-C Discipleship”
Mark:1:16-20

Welcome

Song #886 – I Will Call Upon the Lord – John Cox

Song #887 – Humble Yourselves – John Cox

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

Prayer- George Brock

Song #203 – Hallelujah! What a Savior! (v.1,3, &4)– Gene Threet

Song #268 – I Gave My Life for Thee (v.1&4)– Gene Threet

Communion & Contribution Prayer – Melvin Sane

Communion & Contribution Leaders

Ron Gowan

Bobby King

Chris Smith

Greg Smith

Joe Tate

Donald Kittle

Ray Shepherd

Jim Cook

Song #207–Hark! The Gentle Voice (v.1,2&4) – Gene Threet
(Children Dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Walter Brock

Sermon – Steve Griggs

Invitation Song #29– All to Jesus I Surrender (v.1-3)Albert Coley

Shepherds’ Moment, Closing Prayer – Bill Russell

July Count on Sundays: Lester Province & Bruce Holloway

Wednesday Night Count: Justin Shepherd

Nursery Attendants: Cami Pendley & Amanda Edwards



**5th Sunday Area Wide Singing
@ Calhoun Church of Christ**

July 30th @ 6:00 p.m.

1301 Dews Pond Road, Calhoun

2017

Wednesday Night
Summer
SERIES

“COMMISSIONED!” Matt. 28:18-20

For the Month of August

August 2nd – Butch Jones – Ellijay church of Christ

- Authorize- Jesus “all authority in heaven & on earth has been given to me...”

August 9th – Jeremy Green – Ellijay church of Christ

- Mobilize- Jesus: “Go, therefore...”

August 16th – David Decker – Georgia School of Preaching

- Evangelize – Jesus: “Make disciples of all nations...”

August 23rd – John T. Smithson – Chattanooga

- Baptize – Jesus: “Baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit...”

August 30th – Greg Nance – Signal Mt. church of Christ

- Stabilize – Jesus: “Teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”



**Men's Leadership
Breakfast August 26th**

Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders



Save the Date!

The Weekend of
September 22nd!



**Wedding Shower For
Mr. & Mrs. Drew Barton**

We are having a “Box Shower” for Kaya & Drew. Drew is the son of Judy & Steve Barton and grandson of Margie Barton. The “Box” for their shower gifts will be in the Primetimer’s Room. Let’s show the Barton family all of our love and encourage this new family. We will stop collecting gifts on Sunday, August 13th.

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of July 23, 2017

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship.....	238
Sunday 10:40 a.m. Bible Class.....	193
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	N/C
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday Worship	N/C
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Class.....	N/C
Wednesday Adult Class	N/C
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution (7/9)\$ 7,098.52

HOSPITAL: no one in the hospital at this time

RECOVERING/HOME/SHUT-IN/ON

SS: Yvonne

Abernathy, John Allen, Brecklynn Allgood, Rickey Allmon, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Cindy Bigelow, Doug Bingham, Allen Bishop, Glenn Bromlett, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Gina Christiansen, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Albert Coley, Linda Coley, Sherry Coley, Evan Connelly, Gabbi Cook, Bill & Glenda Cornutt, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Titus Davenport, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotson, Jimmy Duke, Chrissy Edwards, Terry Ensley, Joan Foshee, Mark Foshee, Judson Gay, Sonny Gay, Donnie Gilliam, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Jon Griggs, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Rhonda Hill, Burt Hinton, Judy Hoffpauir, Bruce Holloway, Benny & Kathy Holloway, Seaver Hudson, Lida Hunt, Linda Ivey, Adam Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Robert Jarrard Carl Johnson, Bill Johnson, Dale Jones, Ed Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Diane Kinsey, Bob Kroll, Cindy Langford, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Susan Kouassi, Sandra Lowe, Judy Malone,, Delpha Mason, Brenda Mathis, Renee Mathis, Cheryl Mathis, Mike Mays, Betty Melson, Esme Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, David Morris, Josh Mullins, Juanita & Barry Newman, Edra Nix, Belinda Pack, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Willa Mae Phillips, Carolyn Powell, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, Brodie Quinn, Yahir Reyes, Bobby Rivers, Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Lamar Sane, Kara Scott, Brenda Shepherd, Connie Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Wanda Sliger, Brandi Smith, Jerry Smith, Lauren Smith,, Mike Stanton, Colleen Stevens, Zane Steward, Tommy & Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Will Teague, Joan Teems, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Reatha, Martin & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Wayne Warnack, Cheryl Welch, Chris Williams, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson Cathy Woods, David Wright