



September: Devoted to...
"Our Task: Hold to the Teachings, Abide and Abound"
John 8:31-32

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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Are you a **Friend** of Sinners?

"I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners" – Jesus



Our study today is from Mark 2:13-17. In this story, Jesus challenges us to be careful how we "label" folks. In Jesus' day, the religious leaders had categories and labels for folks, including those who were "sinners." These poor folks included those who were "notorious and highly visible" sinners and those folks who did not interpret and follow the Law specifically like the religious leaders taught. We wouldn't fall into the trap of labeling folks today, would we?

Just this past week, I noticed the parking lot at Kmart on Walnut Ave. full of utility trucks, staging here in Dalton to go to work in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. One day I had to go to Kmart for something and as I pulled up behind a bucket truck, I thought (God nudged me!) – The Jesus-thing to do would be to go over and thank and encourage these guys. There were 3 or 4 guys standing beside one truck, so I "scoped" them out and noticed one or 2 who looked more "unsavory" (don't you love all these labels!) than the others so I tried to avoid them and went up to one who looked more "normal" (no tattoo's, no long hair and wild looking beard, no smoking or chewing) – I introduced myself and told him I appreciated their sacrifice and hard work and would be praying for their safety. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw the most "unsavory" guy edging closer to me. He reached out and tapped me on the shoulder with a giant hand and asked what I had just said to his friend. I swallowed hard and repeated what I had said, thinking of how I could make a quick escape. He then reached out to shake my hand, told me his name, and said he was a Christian and could I pray for the group – right now, in the parking lot in front of God and everyone! So, I did. **Lesson learned: Don't label and judge by looking at the outside. Rough and tough looking power linemen need prayer and encouragement, too.**

- Steve Griggs

Responses Last Sunday Morning

This past Sunday morning, **Frank and Marlene Brown and their daughter, Kristy Marshall** came forward asking for our prayers. They stated that past choices and events may have hurt some at Central and they are sorry for causing that pain and are seeking our forgiveness. We appreciate and applaud their sincere and seeking hearts. Please reach out in love to Frank and Marlene and Kristy and her husband, Matt as they seek to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Robert Brock also came forward Sunday morning and made a statement to the Central family. Please be prayerful for Robert as he seeks to work and serve around Central. Robert has such a servant's heart and has touched so many around Central. We are thankful and prayerful for Robert, Betty and Kathy.

BAPTISM OF JAYSIA DILLON

We rejoice in the news of the baptism of Jaysia Dillon, Charlotte Chaney's granddaughter, on Saturday, September 9th by Ross Jordan. Let's wrap Jaysia in our hugs, love and prayers as she begins her walk as a new Christian. God is Good All the Time!



FALL FAMILY & FAITH WEEKEND
OCTOBER 13TH – 15TH FRI NIGHT SAT & SUN
FRIDAY – Roast Ross – 30 years of Service to Central
SATURDAY – Bible Sessions & Activities for Adults & Kids
Guest Speakers: Ralph Gilmore & Celine Sparks
Free Breakfast & Free Catered Lunch
SUNDAY – FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
Speakers: Steve Griggs & Ralph Gilmore



MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

September 17, 2017

"The Jesus-Centered Life: Dinner at Levi's House"
Mark 2:13-14

Welcome & Call to Worship- Jeff Ledbetter

Song #180- God Is Love (v. 1-3)-John Cox

Song #564 - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1&3)-Gene Threet

Prayer- Bob Miller

Song #268 - I Gave My Life for Thee (v. 1-4)-Albert Coley

Communion & Contribution Prayer - Ron Gowan

Communion & Contribution Leaders

Jack Brown

Kenny Bryant

Justin Shepherd

Terry Shepherd

Lester Province

Mike Stanton

Doug Bingham

Jim Cook

Song#274-I have Found a Friend in Jesus (v.1-3) - Albert Coley

Children Dismissed to Wee Worship

Scripture Reading - Tom Pendley

Sermon - Steve Griggs

Invitation Song #588 - Sinners Jesus Will Receive (v.1, 2&4)- Gene Threet

Shepherds' Moment, Closing Prayer - Bill Russell

September Count on Sundays: Chris Smith & Richard Milburn

Wednesday Night Count: Justin Shepherd

Nursery Attendants: Olivia Russell & Sonja Russell



LADIES RETREAT!
"Love Bears All"

September 22nd - 24th

Hidden Mountain Resort -Pigeon Forge

Cost: \$25.00 Due today please give to Eliska Lee. Everyone bring a wrapped mug for our Swap Game. Today Sunday, 9/17 - There will be Info Sheets on the Ladies Table with individual names detailing the food item you need to bring, directions, & cell #'s. If for some reason you CANNOT attend please notify Canitha Jordan ASAP! If you ordered a mug with the group, check with Canitha. This is going to be an exciting weekend!

See You Bear!

BABY SHOWER FOR
LACY HUGHES

TODAY- SEPTEMBER 17TH - 3 p.m.

All ladies are invited to a baby shower for Lacy Hughes, wife of Weston Hughes, on September 17th, at 3 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lacy is the daughter-in-law to Andy & Roger Hughes, granddaughter-in-law to Joanne & Ed Jones. She is registered at Babies R Us.



Raintree Village Children's Home
TRUCK WILL BE HERE NOV. 6TH

Items needed will be posted on our Website, Facebook, emailed and copies will be on the table in the foyer.



NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Fall Bible Studies

Auditorium Class: "The Gospel of John"

Led by Ross Jordan

In-Betweeners' Class: "Life Lessons from the Life of David"

Led by: Steve Griggs

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

Week of September 10, 2017

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship.....	246
Sunday 10:40 a.m. Bible Class.....	211
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	171
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday Worship.....	16
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Class.....	11
Wednesday Adult Class	N/C
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution last week	\$ 6,469.50

HOSPITAL: Jimmy Duke- Chemo treatments 5 days a week for the next 6 week...Lanie Jones- had a maintenance treatment on Thursday, but also received good news of still being in remission!...Margaret Lane- (a friend of Elaine Stanton's sister) has asked us to pray for her, we prayed for her 2 yrs. ago for breast cancer, it has returned, not to several organs and is in a great deal of pain... Barry Newman- back at Quinton after surgery on Wednesday....Those in the Florida, South Georgia, Texas & those dealing with fires out west.

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

Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Brecklynn Allgood, Rickey Allmon, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Cindy Bigelow, Allen Bishop, Robert & Betty Brock, 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 Dazell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Titus Davenport, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotsen, Jimmy Duke, Terry Ensley, Joan Foshee, Mark Foshee, Kristin Gaines, Judson Gay, Sonny Gay, Donnie Gilliam, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Jon Griggs, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Debbie 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, Ray Sinnamon, Wanda Slinger, Brandi Smith, Jerry Smith, Lauren Smith, 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