

# DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



To... Our Devotion:  
A Christ-Shaped Community



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**NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

**2017 Theme: "Making Disciples"**

**November: Devoted to...**

**Our Devotion: A Christ-Shaped Community**

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## "Going Home"

**"Jesus left there and went to his hometown..." Mark 6:1**



We are heading into one of those times of the year when lots of folks leave where they are and **"go to their hometown."** During the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, folks feel that tug to go back home and reconnect with family and friends – it's a time of homecoming. I remember traveling lots of miles from college and then from Texas to Georgia back in the day to be home at Thanksgiving. There is something within most of us that pulls us toward our "hometowns."

Jesus had that same "tug" on his heart to go back to his hometown. After being born in Bethlehem, Jesus' parents took him to Nazareth, where he lived until he started his ministry at age 30. I'm sure Jesus had lots of family and friends still living in that area and he was excited to see them and visit for a while. But this homecoming did not go all that well. Jesus was asked to "preach" in the synagogue service and at first the folks were amazed at him. But amazement soon turns to "offense" and Jesus is limited by his hometown friend's lack of faith in him. In their eyes, Jesus is still "the carpenter" Jesus and they, even with all the evidence before them, cannot make the leap to seeing him as "the Christ" Jesus. They were "too familiar" with Jesus – and, yes, familiarity can breed contempt.

So, if you are "going home" during the holidays, I pray you have a safe and enjoyable visit with family and friends. I pray you have an "amazing" visit and not an "offensive" visit. **Bottom line: Keep your eyes on Jesus and be a blessing!**

- Steve Griggs

## **SANTA IS COMING TO CENTRAL!** **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us for "**Breakfast With Santa**" on Saturday, December 16th. This will be an outreach to our neighboring community that will include a light breakfast (Chick-fil-A), picture time with "**Santa and Mrs. Claus**", a craft activity for the kids, holiday songs and a special gift for each family from the community that attends. So please plan on attending and bringing friends! It will run from **9:00 - 10:30 on December 16th**. We see this as a great way to share the love of Jesus during this very "Teachable Moment" time of year!



## **Thanksgiving Day- Desserts**

For **Harvest Outreach**, please bring whole, uncut desserts to the building lobby anytime on **Wednesday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you are able to help transport the desserts to the event, please get with Ross Jordan. Please sign up in the lobby, so we will know how many we have bringing desserts



## **SHARING IS CARING**

### **Party & Shopping-Sunday December 3rd**

The 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade kids are collecting money for the **Sharing is Caring** project. It allows families to get new toys for their children at Christmas. Our kids shop for the toys and the activity is coupled with their Christmas Party (12/3). Any donations to help them reach their **goal of \$500** will be very much appreciated! They are two weeks out from their buying date, if you would like to donate, please see Lanie Jones.



Sharing & Caring



GREATER CHATTANOOGA  
CHRISTIAN SERVICES

### **Greater Chattanooga Christian Thanksgiving Appeal**

**Today is Thanksgiving appeal day for Greater Chattanooga Christian Services.** Today we join churches all over north Georgia and Southeast Tennessee to help make a difference in the lives of troubled families. GCCS is a licensed adoption and counseling agency. **There are envelopes in the foyer to put your GCCS giving, place envelope in the box on the table.** If you are not prepared to participate today, we hope you will still participate by sending your contribution directly to GCCS (PO Box 16396, Chattanooga, TN 37416). Let's all do what we can to help this important ministry.

**MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY**

9:30 a.m. Service  
November 19, 2017

“The JESUS-Centered Life: What Amazes Jesus?”  
Mark 6:1-6

Welcome & Call to Worship: Gene Threet

Song #464- O Come, All Ye Faithful (v.1-3)-John Cox  
Song #738- We Will Glorify the King of Kings (v.1-4)-John Cox  
Prayer: Walter Brock

Song #436- Nearer, Still Nearer (v.1-3)-John Cox  
Communion & Contribution Prayers: Keith Yarbrough

**Communion & Contribution Leaders**

Ben Bingham                      Chris Smith  
Dean Baker                        Lamar Quinn  
Tony Coley                         Frank Brown  
Mike Stanton                      Jim Cook

Song #298- I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord (v.1,2, &4)-Gene Threet  
(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)  
Wee Worship:

Scripture Reading – Dan Sessions  
Sermon – Steve Griggs

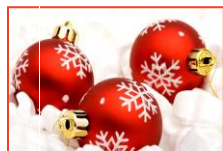
Invitation Song #388 – Let Every Heart Rejoice & Sing! (v. 1-2) –Albert Coley

Shepherds' Moment, Closing Prayer – Gary Duke

November Count on Sundays: Clint Russell & Greg Smith  
Wednesday Night Count: Justin Shepherd

Nursery Attendants: Cami Pendley & Amanda Edwards

Eliska & Lanie's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ornament Party  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m.



All Ladies are invited to the annual Christmas Ornament Exchange Party! Bring a wrapped Christmas ornament to swap & your favorite finger food. It will be at the Hughes "Party Building" 2151 & 2157 Lake Francis Road.

Elders, Deacons, Ministers & Ministry Leaders Meeting

December 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Dear Central church, I cannot express how much I appreciate your cards & most importantly your prayers. Mark has a long recovery and we continue to beg you to pray on his (our) behalf. We love and will always appreciate our Central Family. **Mark, Anna, Alex Foshee**

*Thank you*

Dear Central Church of Christ,  
Thank you for your help. God Bless You! **Mindy** (someone we helped with food & clothes)



With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

Our deepest sympathy goes out to **Hilda Brock's** family with the passing of her father, **Heliodoro Carrillo**. His service was Friday afternoon. Please remember this family in your prayers.



Lanie Jones  
2157 Lake Francis Road  
Dalton, GA 30721

*& Winston*



**Men & Boy's Christmas Tool Party!**  
**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.**

This party is for all men & boys! Please invite friends too! Please bring a wrapped used or new tool to swap. We will have a free meal in the fellowship hall! Please sign-up in the lobby if you plan to attend.



**Young At Heart Christmas Gathering**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**

We will meet in the fellowship hall for a Christmas gathering for everyone 50 + ! Please bring your favorite finger food to share! See Gaye Tate for information.

**TIMES & ATTENDANCE**

**Week of NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

Sunday, Worship.....	242
Sunday Bible Class.....	196
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. ....	118
<b>Hispanic Congregation</b>	
Sunday worship.....	18
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Class.....	10
Wednesday Adult Class .....	6
<b>Budget .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,200.00</b>
<b>Contribution last week.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,239.10</b>

**HOSPITAL/SURGERIES: Robert Brock-Elmcroft Senior Living...Mark Foshee-Kindred Hospital Chattanooga,**

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

Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Brecklyn Allgood, Rickey Allmon, Bob Anderson, Minnie Anderson, Sherry Bales, Julie Barton, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Cindy Bigelow, Allen Bishop, Denny, Bramlett, Inez Bramlett, Robert & Betty Brock, Glenn Bromlett, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Linda Bunch, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Gina Christiansen, Scott Cleland, 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, Terry Ensley, Lisa Evans, Joan Foshee, Mark Foshee, Kristin Gaines, Judson Gay, Sonny Gay, Donnie Gilliam, Eb er Gowan, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Charlotte Griggs, Jon Griggs, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Debbie Hall, Rhonda Hill, Burt Hinton, Judy Hoffpaur, Bruce Holloway, Benny & Kathy Holloway, Jean Hughes, Seaver Hudson, Lida Hunt, Linda Ivey, Adam Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Dennis Jackson, Robert Jarrard, Bill Johnson, Dale Jones, Ed Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Diane Kinsey, Bob Kröll, Cindy Langford, Debbie Lanning, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Susan Kouassi, Sandra Lowe, Judy Malone,, Delpha Mason, Brenda Mathis, Renee Mathis, Mike Mays, Betty Melson, Esme Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, David Morris, Melinda Mosteller, Josh Mullins, Juanita & Barry Newman, Edra Nix, Belinda Pack, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, David Patterson, Rachel Patterson, Greg Pellom, Willa Mae Phillips, Carolyn Powell, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, Brodie Quinn, James Reece, Yahir Reyes, Bobby Rivers, Gladys Rogers, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Lamar Sane, Kara Scott, Duane Scott, Brenda Shepherd, Connie Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Ray Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Ray Sinnamon, Wanda Sliger, Brandi Smith, Brinkley Smith, Jerry Smith, Nancy Stamey, Kevin Stanley, 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, Corey Yarbrough, Keith & Sheila Yarbrough