



FEBRUARY 4, 2018

2018 Theme: "First Things First"

Devoted to... Our Mission: "Seek First the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness..." Matthew 6:33

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Random Kindness



On a spring day, I squatted by the stream behind our house in New Egypt, NJ, poking a stick at the pollywogs. Then out of the corner of my eye, I saw the gray ears of something in the thicket. Curiosity captured me. Laying the stick down on the ground was enough to scare the furry creature. Like a bullet, the rabbit was gone, but not my curiosity. I calculated the best place to enter the thicket. Briars hurt. After a few minutes of burrowing through the outer wall of the maze of sharp briars, I entered the middle of the briar patch. To my surprise, it was covered on the sides all the way around and the top, but not in the middle. There were very few briars in the middle. I sat there amazed at the dome shaped hideaway that I had found. I ran back to the house, faster than Peter Rabbit, to call dad at work; he was on the 3 p.m. to 12 midnight shift at McGuire Air Force Base. He had warned me many times to not use his tools, unless I got permission. I told mom what I wanted to do, so she dialed the rotary phone for me to the Military Police Station Office. I asked for Staff Sargent Jordan. Dad said, "Yes, you can use my machete, but don't lose it." It was in the middle of the afternoon, so I would have to hurry back before the sun went down. I scampered off through our backyard to the fence row where my new found hide out was waiting. Having never used a machete, I just kept on whacking at the briars until it breaks and then move it aside.

In a short while, I had the entrance cut and the inside cleaned out. It was almost unnoticeable.

The neatest thing happened. A voice broke the silence. He was a teen ager, unknown to me, maybe about my brother's age of sixteen. He asked what I was doing and I told him. "Do you want any help?" he asked. I said "yeah, I guess." Not really knowing what else needed to be done. He crawled inside, I handed him the machete. He started whacking, at the opposite side that he came in. In moments he had cleared out another opening from the middle toward the base of a tree that was growing up out of the briar thicket. He said, "Can you go get some wooden planks and some nails and a hammer?" I said, "Yes" and I did. I brought back all the boards I could find and all the big nails we had and a hammer (all without permission). This guy nailed the boards up the tree to make it easy to climb and then used the other boards I brought to make a sitting place high up in the tree. I had my own secret place with my own sitting perch. "Well, there you go" he said. I thanked him and he left. I did not know who he was. I did not know his name and I never saw him again. But, I have not forgotten that random act of kindness from him. That year I sat in my briar fort many time during the summer, and ate lunch perched high above the world in my sitting place. There is nothing better than a burnt bologna sandwich and cherry Kool-Aid sitting way up high. I lost the machete in the leaves, and later that year, Mr. Hartshorne mowed the "Briar Fort" down. But I didn't lose the memory of the random act of kindness from a stranger. I still have that memory 55 years later. What kindness will you plant in someone's life that they will remember 55 years later?

- Ross Jordan



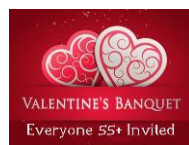
HIS WORD BOOK

We now have the book to purchase for \$5 or you can still get a digital copy for free. If you would like a digital copy, email Shay or Steve at:

centralcoc@ccocdalton.org or swgriggs@ccocdalton.org

VALENTINE BANQUET FRIDAY, FEB. 16TH AT 6 p.m.

Our annual Valentine banquet will be Friday, February 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you plan to attend please sign-up in the lobby. This event is for couples, widows, widowers & singles! Our Youth Group looks forward to having this event every year



Today!!!
Baby Shower in Honor of
Jennifer Sides &
Baby Girl Tealy Claire
Sunday, February 4th at 3:00 p.m.
Registered at Amazon & Babies R Us

DALTON PLACE SINGING SUNDAY, FEB. 11TH 2 PM

We are having a singing at Dalton Place in the lobby for their residents. It will be fun! We have several members there that we plan to bring a floral arrangement. There will be a light snack provided. Sponsored by the Activity Care Group. Please join us for this great outreach opportunity.



MORNING WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

9:30 a.m. Service

February 4, 2018

"The Biblical Design for Spiritual Leaders: The Sort of Things Leaders Do"

Scripture Reading: Numbers 27: 15-17

Welcome & Call to Worship – Gene Threet

Song #1 – A Beautiful Life (v. 1, 4, & 5) – Gene Threet

Song #500 – O Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-3) – Albert Coley

Prayer – Ray Moss

Song #950 – Lamb of God (v. 1, 2, & 4) – Albert Coley

Communion & Contribution Prayers – Doug Bingham

Communion & Contribution Leaders:

Jake Stanley
Phillip King
Frank Brown
Walter Brock

Caleb Laird
Darrell Edwards
Ben Bingham
Jim Cook

Song #642 – The Lord's My Shepherd (v. 1, 3, & 4) – Gene Threet
(Children dismissed to Wee Worship)

Scripture Reading – Nestor Pozo

Sermon – Steve Griggs

Invitation Song #761 – Where He Leads, I'll Follow (v. 1 & 3) – Gene Threet

Shepherds' Moment, Closing Prayer – Bill Russell

Count on Sundays during February – Clint Russell & Greg Smith

Count on Wednesdays during February – Justin Shepherd

Nursery Attendants: Jan McTee & Avery Shepherd



WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

We are excited to welcome Heather & Ethan Williams! Heather is a member of the church of Christ. Her and Ethan have been visiting Central for several months. Let's welcome them both to Central! Their address: 1041 Sumach Church Road, Chatsworth, GA 30705 Phone: 706-508-9027 email: hwilliams@daltonstate.edu



Bible Reading:

February 5th – 11th Matthew Chapter's 26- 28
Mark Chapter's 1 -2

TIMES & ATTENDANCE

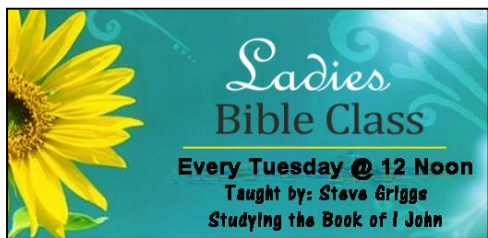
Week of January 28, 2018

Sunday. Worship.....	270
Sunday BibleClass.....	238
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.	131
Hispanic Congregation	
Sunday worship.....	18
Sunday 10:10 a.m. Bible Class.....	15
Wednesday Adult Class	6
Budget	\$ 9,200.00
Contribution last week.....	..\$ 9,120.50

HOSPITAL/SURGERIES:

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

Yvonne Abernathy, John Allen, Brecklyn Allgood, Rickey Allmon, Bob Anderson, Sherry Bales, Gwen Barker, Judy Barton, Charles & Peggy Bennett, Cindy Bigelow, Allen Bishop, Denny Bramlett, Inez Bramlett, Robert & Betty Brock, Jack & Elizabeth Brown, Sandi Brown, Thomas Brown, Linda Bunch, Valor Burnett, Carman Carillo, Nelda Carr, Jeff Chadwick, Charlotte Chaney, Lester Chastain, Gina Christiansen, Barbara Cloer, Bill & Rebecca Cofer, Linda Coley, Sherry Coley, Freeman Collins, Evan Connelly, Gabbi Cook, Jim Dalzell, Allie Daniel, Steve Daniel, Titus Davenport, Vanessa Decker, Charles Doler, Marie Dollar, Kent Dotson, Jimmy Duke, Lisa Evans, Joan Foshee, Mark Foshee, Kristin Gaines, James Gantt, Judson Gay, Sonny Gay, Donnie Gilliam, Katherine Green, Jane Griffen, Charlotte Griggs, Jon Griggs, Karley Guice, Cora Hackney, Ed & Pat Hall, Lauren Hall, Richard Hall, Debbie Hall, Wayne Hall, Thelma Hall, Terry Hawkins, Cindy Headrick, Rhonda Hill, Judy Hoffpauir, Benny & Kathy Holloway, Ann Houston, Jean Hughes, Seaver Hudson, Howard Hunt, Lida Hunt, Linda Ivey, Adam Jackson, Barbara Jackson, Curtis Jones, Dennis Jackson, Robert Jarrard, Bill Johnson, Paul Johnston, Christa Jones, Dale Jones, Ed Jones, Lanie Jones, Barbara Judd, Bob King, Diane Kinsey, Bob Kroll, Harold Land, Debbie Lanning, Gloria Ledbetter, Anne Lee, Carly Lewis, Hannah Locke, Susan Kouassi, Sandra Lowe, Judy Malone, Delpha Mason, Brenda Mathis, Renee Mathis, Helen McIntosh, Mike Mays, Betty Melson, Bob Miller, Esme Miller, Doug & Sue Mitchell, David Morris, Melinda Mosteller, Josh Mullins, Virgie Mullinax, Juanita Newman, Edra Nix, Belinda Pack, Sandra Parker, Tina Parker, Rachel Patterson, Greg Pellom, Pat Pellom, Willa Mae Phillips, Carolyn Powell, Keila Pozo, Nestor Pozo, Yuly Pozo, Virgil & Kathryn Pressnell, James Reece, Yahir Reyes, Bobby Rivers, Gladys Rogers, Garrett Rolen, Layfield Rous, Bill Russell, Lamar Sane, Cesar Seliz, Kara Scott, Duane Scott, Brenda Shepherd, Connie Shepherd, Hazel Shepherd, Martha Shepherd, Ray Shepherd, Adrianna Shireman, Charlotte Silvers, Ray Sinnamon, Wanda Slinger, Brandi Smith, Brinkley Smith, Jerry Smith, Nancy Stamey, Kevin Stanley, Colleen Stevens, Zane Steward, Tommy & Lorraine Smith, Jimmie Stroud, Jim Stuman, Charlie Swanson, Joan Teems, Cayden Tennant, Bill Threet, Reatha, Martin & Jeff Tilley, Sam Vandergriff, Wayne Warnack, Cheryl Welch, Glenda Whitlock, Chris Williams, Teresa Williams, Steve & Barbara Wilson, Cathy Woods, David Wright, Corey Yarbrough, Keith & Sheila Yarbrough, Rick Zeisig



To Our church family, Thank you for all the many prayers, calls & cards during the illness and recent passing of my father. It's such a blessing to have such a supportive Christian family during this difficult time. With much

love, Phil & Amy Hinton

Central Family, Thanks so much for the love, hugs, and prayers that supported us during the passing and the celebration of granny's life. The singing was absolutely beautiful and our meal was delicious.

The Family of Odell Evans, Lisa, Celeste & Carla



CARE GROUP'S

MONDAY CARE Group: 2/14/18

Rous/Stanton CARE Group: Meeting in "In-Betweeners" Classroom Today-Bring your own Sack lunch and drink.