

Glory to God

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Worship Times

Sundays 10 am and 6 pm;
Sunday Classes 9 am
Wednesday Worship,
Class 7:00 pm

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Some Thoughts I'd Like to Share – by Tim Hall

“Planting Trees”

By now you've surely noticed all the nice landscape work that has been done around our building. Thanks to the oversight of James Hunt, our grounds are looking very attractive. This will only get better as the trees grow and blossoms multiply.

James asks that we send along thanks to all who helped fund the planting of the “spring landscape”. Over 150 plants were set out (through the services of James Hamilton, son of Betty and L.A.), and that represents about 40% of the total program needs. Another opportunity to participate in further planting will be given this fall.

Why spend the money on trees and shrubs? One reason is that some of the planting is mandated by city building codes. New construction projects in Johnson City are now required to include a certain number of trees. But that's really a good thing, isn't it? A barren expanse of asphalt doesn't look nearly as attractive as what we now have.

Our landscaping also sends a message to the community that we care about our facilities. We who worship the Creator should be glad to cultivate specimens of His creation for others to enjoy. Landscaping may not win any souls to Christ, but a poorly maintained building might turn some away from visiting with us.

But the best planting of trees is not seen outside and it doesn't involve literal trees. Isaiah spoke of this “landscape project”. He spoke of God's goal for growing His people: “... That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified” (Isaiah 61:3). This, by the way, was the passage quoted by Jesus when He began His earthly ministry (Luke 4:16-21). It's still God's plan to make us “trees of righteousness”.

Most who enter our new man-made structure marvel at its beauty and functionality. We want everyone, however, to spend moments before entering the building to admire God-made beauty. And as we watch these trees grow let us reflect on the glory God will be given if we grow into what He wants us to become.

The following have been planted as memorials: A weeping Japanese maple, in memory of H.A. and Lucille DeBord by Carolyn & Robert Smith. / Another weeping Japanese maple, in memory of Harold DeBord by Becky Smith and Lorrie Goff. / Two arborvitae plants in memory of George & Virginia Meadows by Jay & Marilyn Stevens / A Bloodgood Japanese maple in memory of Joe Greer by the Arrowoods, Phillippses and Torgersons.

LET'S PRAY FOR - from Central (updates underlined): Cathy Carter-Bisner, hospitalized for blood clots in the lungs after her recent surgery; Thurman Dye, hospitalized recently for a reaction to the pacemaker recently implanted; Natalie Eanes, recent problems with high blood pressure; Walter and Mary Pugh, now both in the long term care unit of Unicoi County Memorial Hospital; Allen Jackson, possibly has RSD following recent broken ankle; Kacey Jackson, thyroid problems; Fred Kessinger; Lindsey Maden;; Carol Briggs; John Melton; Joyce Hall; Betty Hamilton; Della Edwards; Monteen Forrester; Carolyn Smith; Gladys Keene; Kathleen Hamilton; Flora Broskey; Phyllis Haire; James Carden, Sr.; Sherrell Shepard; Karen Stevens; Ruth Melton; Phil Enkema; Gay Carr. **Friends, relatives: cancer:** Joyce Church; James Meadows; Tina Bowman-Sliger; Bill King; Jim Elliott; Dana Carrier; Carroll Bowman; Trevor Gage; Dana Hathaway; Janelle Lewis; Jim Carr; Susan Norment; Jim Bill McInteer; Edward Starling; Guthrie Hite; Judy Hahn; Everett Morefield; Debbie Gouge; Betty Smith; Judy Church; Melissa Ingram; Susan Avery; Dee King; Candace Satterfield; John Elliott; Linda Wilson; Tommye Adams. **Other health problems:** Robert Harrison's mother, recently hospitalized with chest pains and high blood pressure; the Listers, Brenda McKinnis's parents, currently staying with Brenda and John; Brian Ceraolo; Sheri Bishop; Julie Newby; John Maurer; Susan McGill; Jean Hayes; Arlie Gilliam; Gene Moore; Carol Rice; Joy Riggs; Anna Jackson; Ralph Lister; Ginger Anderson; Nancy Laws; Deborah Mahaley; Robin Perry; Barbara Swiger; Billie Miller; Amanda Blevins; Clyde Buckles; Claude Terry, Jr.; William Stettner; Jamie Byrd; Michael Froke; Joe Adams; Bill Neisler; Carter Pierce; Patty Wilson; James Davis. IF ANY OF THESE PEOPLE CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW! THANKS!

ARMED FORCES: Chad Pickens, Eli & Mitzi Mitchell, Joseph & Holly Gilliam, Air Force; Joshua Vaughn, Zachary Taylor, Navy; Jared Wheeler, Steve Warren, Army; Mike Witten, Devin Stephens, Afghanistan; Steve Haywood, Army Reserves; Dustin Humphreys, Marine Reserves; Thomas Young, Iraq; Jessee Gilley, Brandon King, James Baker.

WE ARE HAPPY to report that **Jeremy Cutshall**, husband of **Ashley Lilly Cutshall**, is home from Afghanistan! Please add another soldier, **Thomas Young**, to your prayers. He is the son of a friend of **Kathy Torgerson** and has just gone to Iraq.

"IN SEARCH of the Lord's Way", 7:30 a.m. Sundays, Fox; 8:00 a.m. "Biblical Viewpoints", 8:30 "TV Sunday School" WJHL.

PUT A CROSS over your name in the Friendship Register if you read the Bible at least 5 days. Last week:

GOSPEL MEETINGS: Valley, 6/7-10, **Aaron Cozort**; Tri-Cities School of Preaching Lectureship, Stoney Creek, 6/7-11, students speaking.

AREA SINGING, today, 2:30, Roan Mt.

55+ POTLUCK DINNER, Thursday, June 18, 6 p.m. Sign up what you will bring.

A NEW COPY of the Worship Servant Sign-up Sheet will be distributed to all of our Christian men to find out in what ways you would like to help out in services.

CENTRAL'S CELEBRITIES: In the same issue of JC Press, there was a front page picture of **Aba Aggrey** performing as **Dolly Parton** in the encore presentation of Mountain View School's Grand Ol' Opry show, as well as the announcement and picture of **Daniel Norris** who was named Player of the Year in the JC Press Super 22 of Baseball!

CONGRATULATIONS to former Central member **Todd Gay** and his wife **Melanie** on the birth of baby daughter **Katelyn** 5/27!

"MY WONDERFUL CHURCH FAMILY, Thank you so much for the Bible, card, and prayers you have given me during this special time in my life. Thank you to everyone who helped with the ice cream party. It was so much fun. All of it means so much to me. Thank you for all the love and support you have given me over the years. I have loved growing up in this church, and I would not trade it for anything. Thank you again for everything. Love, **Amber Witherspoon**"

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED to a wedding shower for **Neal Elliott** and **Julia Bowman** next Sunday, June 14! Drop in from 2 - 3:30 p.m. They are registered at Kohls, Belk, and Bed, Bath and Beyond. Hostesses are **Myra Stables** and **Marianne Doane**.



ANOTHER NEW SISTER! Last Monday night **Elizabeth Peare** was baptized into Christ. Elizabeth, a native of Liberia, has been worshipping with us for several months. After studying more closely she asked to be baptized so she could be a part of the Lord's church. Elizabeth lives with her young daughter Sarah at 833 Dyer Street, Johnson City, TN, 37601; phone is 929-7793. Be sure to welcome Elizabeth into our family!

TIM HALL IS AWAY today as he and his family take some time for vacation. Speaking in Tim's place this morning will be **Phil Gilliam**. Please get in touch with **Kathy Torgerson** if you need to get a message to Tim while he's away.

PARENTS - NO CHILDREN'S TRAINING CLASS TODAY!

"PREVIEW OF SERMONS": New listings of sermon topics for the summer quarter are now ready for you to pick up. Check the Welcome Center for your copy, and share one with a friend. Invite them to come study God's word with you.

FRIENDSPEAK IS GOING STRONG! Studies are continuing with individuals from Russia, Turkey and other nations. A new student from Thailand has recently been added, and we hear new students from Iraq may soon enroll. If you would like to know more or are ready to get involved, see **Linda or Dennis Russell**, or **Mary or Andrew McCormick**. Make a place in your daily prayers for this effort.

THROUGH SUSANA MORALES, a couple has asked for our prayers for their marriage. Please pray for **Duncan and Sandy Chester**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Paul Hoilman** who was named to the Louisville Slugger NCAA Division I All-American third team!

MANY THANKS to **Tim Haywood** for planning and directing an excellent VBS!

PHONE BOOK COVERS are available on the visitors counter. These have an ad for Central on the cover. Feel free to take one.

A GOOD THOUGHT passed along by **Lucy Hagerty**: "Unsure if you should say something? THINK!

T - is it Truthful?

H - is it Helpful?

I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary?

K - is it Kind? (taken from **Greg Laurie**)

BIRTHDAYS: **Sophia Mahaley**, **Michael Wells** (today); **Charles Sanders** (Tues.); **Devin Hamilton**, **Allen Jackson** (Wed.); **Jennifer Boggs**, **Everson Weekley**, **Myra Hutchinson** (Thurs.); **Jacob Witten** (Fri.); ANNIVERSARIES: **David & Sheila Frakes**, **Steve & Karen Stevens** (today); **Quenton & Joy Tubb** (Mon.); **Everson & Nada Weekley** (Tues.); **Bill & Harriet Cruikshank** (Thurs.); **Claude & Cindy Terry**, **Craig & Sandra Carter** (Fri.).

Youth & College News 06.07.09



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"You are the light of the World..."-Matt 5:14

Thank You!

Amanda and I want to thank everyone who helped to make this year's VBS at Central a success. We have never been in charge of VBS before and were very nervous heading into it. We really could not have done without the help and guidance of so many.

Thanks to our teachers:

Allison Barnett
Bruce Barnett
Jennifer Boggs
Gay Clark
Cheri Doyle
John Doyle
Paul Elliott
Phil Gilliam
Tim Hall
Amanda Haywood
Kathy Higginbotham
Sarah Higginbotham
Paul Herrin
Brandi Hollifield
Arlene Kellum

Danny Kellum
April Laycock
Rachel Laycock
Brandon Quesinberry
Stacey Rice
Julie Robertson
Dennis Russell
Holly Sansom
Janet Shepard
Mary Sheridan
Karen Stevens
Delora Tidwell
Jenny Usher
Everson Weekley
Violet Yates

And thanks so much to Ken Lutterman and Patti Fatheree for providing the meal for the workers every night! We also want to thank David & Lori Erickson, Rene Gilliam, Sarah Faddis, Angie Smith, Louise Clites Dustin & Heather Roberts, Glenn & Becky Blacklidge, Bonnie Franklin, Emily Kate Fatheree, Zak Bisner and anyone we may be forgetting for their time and efforts.

Youth Group!

Be Planning for these activities!

- Pray for our campers who left for Mid South Youth Camp this morning. They will be back Friday night.
- If you haven't picked up an application for High Rock Bible Camp, make sure to get one ASAP! Pre-teen week starts next week! The van will leave next Sunday at 3:00.
- Teen week @ High Rock starts the 21st!
- Thanks to the members of the youth group who volunteered to help collect the friendship registers after morning worship. Helping for today will be: John Robertson, Sarah Higginbotham, Zak Bisner, and Destin Vantine. Feel free to lend a hand a long with them!
- Sign up on the youth board if you are interested in participating in a 2010 mission trip to Costa Rica. You will receive news, updates and information concerning the trip. If you have signed up already, make sure to put your email address on the board as well so we can send you updates.

Edisto Island! High Rock Bible Camp! Mid-South Youth Camp! Braves Game! Dollywood! River Rafting! No one should ever be left out of a youth activity because of a lack of funds. Our policy is to be absolutely inclusive on these activities, and to leave no one behind for any reason. If you would like to be involved in any youth activity this summer, sign up! We will make sure you have a way to participate. If you would be willing to sponsor a member of our youth group for an activity or two this summer, let Tim Haywood know.

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: *Danny Kellum*

Next Week: *Dennis Vonderfecht*

Prayer: *Bill Cruikshank*

Next Week: *Buddy Barefield*

Scripture: *Bob Patton*

Next Week: *Mark Stayer*

Sermon: *Phil Gilliam*

Topic:

Dismissal: *Gene Chapman*

Next Week: *L.A. Hamilton*

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: *Michael Rasnake*

Next Week: *James Hunt*

Serving: *Destin Vantine, Jarrett Whitson, Paul Hamilton, Paul Elliott, Tom Hudnall, W.C. Ausborn, Cary Vantine, Jerry Mitchell, Matt Mahaley, Jerry Whitted, Scott Hoilman, Roger Witherspoon, Steven Cromie, Jerry Pierce, Bob Patton, Dave Torgerson*

Children's Training Class:

Nursery: *Linda Moore*

Toddler: *Leslie Lyons*

Assistant: *Amber Witherspoon*

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: *Matt Mahaley*

Devotional: *David Crockett*

Dismissal: *Mark Stayer*

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: *L.A. Hamilton*

Prayer: *Lee Davis*

Scripture:

Sermon: *Song Service*

Topic:

Dismissal: *Dave Torgerson*

Lord's Supper: *Chig Gunter, Marshall Stables*

Nursery & Toddler: *Stacy Rice*

For June:

Communion Prep: *Patti Fatherree*
(contact the Shepards, 477-2278, if unable)

Cup Pick-up: *3rd graders*

Emergency Food: *Judy Whisnant*

Baptistery: *Judy Jones*

Report from Last Week

A.M. 363 Classes 177 P.M. 195

Wed. 157 Offering: \$9,704.65

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00

Summary of Building Project as of April 30, 2009:

Total Contributions & Other Non-Debt Sources Provided To-Date	\$1,896,580
Construction Loan Proceeds Received To-Date	\$2,329,473
Total Construction Cost & Architect Fees Expenses To-Date	\$3,735,808
Other Cost (Equipment, Debt Service, etc.) Expenses To-Date	\$ 253,738
Building Fund Balance	\$ 236,507