

Glory to God

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Worship Times

Sundays 10 am and 6 pm;
Sunday Classes 9 am
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Some Thoughts I'd Like to Share – by Tim Hall

“Discouraging The Brethren”

The request of the tribes of Dan and Reuben seemed innocent enough. As Israel prepared to cross the Jordan River to take possession of the Promised Land, these two tribes found the land they were in to be suitable to their needs. “We don’t want to cross over with the rest of you,” they said to Moses. “We want to settle right here.”

Moses reacted with anger: “Now why will you discourage the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord has given them?” he responded (Numbers 32:7). By stopping short of the original goal, Moses felt their dropping out would deflate the rest of the nation. He knew the people he had led for 40 years.

Moses also pointed to another occasion when their ancestors had discouraged the people: “For when they went up to the Valley of Eschol and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, so that they did not go into the land which the Lord had given them” (Numbers 32:9). On that occasion it was the negative report of the ten spies that had discouraged the people. Their spirits were so low they talked about returning to their slavery in Egypt.

In the end, the men of Gad and Reuben committed to helping their brethren fight the battles that lay ahead. Only after everyone had received their stake in the Promised Land would they return to their families and herds. This plan was acceptable to Moses.

Discouragement is still a problem that afflicts God’s people. Here is one observation of the challenge: “For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls” (Hebrews 12:3). When a Christian becomes discouraged, he loses the stamina he needs to keep him going. Little obstacles become major ones, and he may eventually give up his efforts to reach heaven.

Am I guilty of discouraging others? Moses noted two ways in which people can discourage others: (1) By speaking negatively of the work being done and / or the leaders who promote the work; and (2) by failing to participate in the work.

As a church grows larger it’s easier to think, “Why should I get involved? There are many others who can do the work.” For each person who takes that attitude there are others who see their indifference and are discouraged by it. Thoughtless words of criticism have a devastating effect on others’ views of God’s kingdom.

There is work for each one of us to do! By choosing not to participate we are dampening the spirits of someone else, whether that’s what we intended or not.

LET'S PRAY FOR - from Central (updates underlined): Linda Weaver, knee replacement surgery last Tuesday; John Melton, going back to Duke this Tuesday; Marty Smith, hospitalized for treatment of infection; Janet Looney, new therapies to remedy problems from her recent broken leg; Christine Russell, shingles; Peggy Phillips, recent health problems; Joyce McComb; Glenda Haynie; Jim Doyle; Cathy Carter-Bisner; Thurman Dye; Natalie Eanes; Mary Pugh; Allen Jackson; Lindsey Maden; Carol Briggs; 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:** Marie Lister, hospitalized for blood pressure problems; Billie Miller, Janice Moze's sister, heart surgery last Monday; Robin Wishon, former Central member, recent surgery; Kim Buckner, cousin of Rebekah Hunt, heart surgery; Donna Anderson, daughter of the Daytons, health problems; David Christian, brother of Jim Bob Moore's sister-in-law, recent car accident; David Sams, Bob and Margaret's son, blood clot following recent knee surgery; Ruby Burris, Jack's mother, pacemaker last Thursday; Sarah Cardin; Ralph Lister; Sheri Bishop; John Maurer; Jean Hayes; Arlie Gilliam; Gene Moore; Carol Rice; Joy Riggs; Anna Jackson; Ginger Anderson; Nancy Laws; Deborah Mahaley; Robin Perry; Barbara Swiger; 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 SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST, PLEASE LET US KNOW! THANKS!

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

MEN, PLEASE turn in your cards regarding records update for serving. Only a few have been turned in. Please give them to **Butch Carden**, **Randy Brewer**, or **Doug Booton**.

A BASKET with response cards for the **Fillers/Johnson** Wedding has been placed at the Welcome Center. If you are planning to attend the reception, please complete response card and return via the stamped envelope by 7/10.

DAVID ERICKSON will be compiling recommendations for new playground equipment and toys. He will also be developing a supervision schedule for the playground area (e.g., one Wednesday or Sunday a month after services per each person). If you have an interest in what toys or equipment are selected, or if you would be willing to help supervise on a date-assigned basis, please see David. He will also be scheduling a meeting for all interested in this topic in the near future.

KEN LUTTERMAN'S sister and brother-in-law's property was hit by a recent tornado in Glasgow, KY., suffering major damage. Please keep them in your prayers.



BABY NEWS:

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED to a baby shower for **Angie and baby boy Smith** today here from 2-3:30 p.m. Hostesses are **Christina Elliott** and **Sarah Faddis**. Angie is registered at Babies R Us.

REMEMBER THE BASKET for gifts for **Quinn Wells**, baby daughter of **Courtney and Michael Wells**, beside the office door.

"YOUR LOVE and support meant so much to us. We appreciate your Christian friendship so much. Thank you for the plant, too. We love you, **Gene and Lorene Arrowood** and the rest of the family of **Fred Kessinger**"

"DEAR FAMILY AT CENTRAL, Thank you all so much for all of my wonderful graduation wishes. It has been the best blessing to have all of the love and support from everyone. Thank you for the lovely Bible I received. Thanks again so very much. I love you all. **Rachel Lyons**"

CORRECTION: Please note this phone number change - **Randy and Meredith Brewer** home phone, 743-4433.

IF YOU HAVE LOST a special bookmark please check with **Pat Hudnall**. She wants to learn how to make them!

PLEASE KEEP **Emily Fatherree** in your prayers as she is traveling in Europe.

AREA SINGING - next Sunday, 2:30, Appalachian, Mountain City.

4TH OF JULY COOKOUT: We need you to sign up today if you plan attend Saturday's cookout. Everything will be prepared for you; all you have to bring is \$5 per person and your lawn chairs. (Some home-made ice cream might also be nice!) Come join us for a time of rich fellowship. Get to know some of the best people you'll find anywhere.

ANOTHER BLOOD DRIVE? The American Red Cross is facing serious shortages of certain types of blood. On Tuesday, July 7 we will host another blood drive from 1:30 - 6:00 to help with this critical need. If you gave at the drive we hosted in May, you'll be able to give again. Please sign up today. (Free T-shirts to all donors!)

TIM HALL IS OUT TODAY as he begins a gospel meeting in Oxford, AL which continues through Thursday night. Pray that God's word will be preached in purity and in love and that honest hearts will be touched. If you need to get in touch with Tim, call Joyce at home or call the church office.

CAMP RESPONSES: **Anna Stevens** and **Jessica Stayer** both responded to the invitation Wednesday afternoon at High Rock, and **Nana Aggrey**, son of Robert and Esther, was baptized there Wednesday night! Please pray for these and all of our youth.

CENTRAL CELEB: **Margo Perkins**, **Claude and Cindy Terry's** daughter, graced the cover of "HER Magazine", a special publication of JC Press, last week! Her artwork appeared inside, plus a story about her work teaching art to area children.

BIRTHDAYS: **Ray Lamb**, **Cassie Carter** (today); **Mary McCormick** (Mon.); **Jeff Jenkins** (Wed.); **Ivey Rice** (Thurs.); **Ann Brewer**, **Kenn Neal** (Fri.); **Wanda Lewis**, **Jonathan Wilson** (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: **Danny & Luanne Hoilman**, **Mike & Linda Rhodes** (Mon.); **Steve & Tammy Williams** (Tues.); **Ron & Bandy Tester** (Fri.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 06.28.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

“YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...”- MATT 5:14



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- **TUESDAY – ANNUAL AREA WIDE VOLLEYBALL COOKOUT @ CIVITAN PARK! Invite your friends!**
- Dollywood Trip – July 2nd.
- Edisto Island Mission Trip – July 5-11 - \$100. If you would like to go but did not sign up, see Tim 2. There are a couple of available spots still.
- 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 add your email address on the board as well so we can send you updates.* We have tentatively chosen the first week of June 2010 as the date of our trip.

Could you help a member of the youth group go to a summer activity? We still need help to send our young people to the Braves game, Edisto, Mid South, and white water rafting. If you would like to help out see Tim Haywood.

Tim-Tation:

Sing praise to the One who rides the clouds...

-Psalm 68.4-5

COLLEGE GROUP

- If you would like to help out with any summer youth activities, let Tim Haywood know.
- 7:08 activities will start back in the fall!

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Borton if unable to serve

Song Leader: Joe Pugh

Next Week: Phil Gilliam

Prayer: David Crockett

Next Week: Bob Patton

Scripture: Tom Young

Next Week: Paul Hamilton

Sermon: Danny Kellum

Topic:

Dismissal: Gene Arrowood

Next Week: Mike Sheridan

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: Ron Elliott

Next Week: Butch Carden

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: Deborah Vantine

Toddler: Geri Mahaley

Assistant: Ivey Rice

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Andrew McCormick

Devotional: Butch Carden

Dismissal: Ken Gilliam

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Clay Bailey

Prayer: Claude Terry

Scripture: Tom Cromie

Sermon: Tim Haywood

Topic: "Better Off Broken?"

Dismissal: Ken Gilliam

Lord's Supper: Chig Gunter, Marshall Stables

Nursery & Toddler:

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. 356 Classes 170 P.M. 142

Wed. 200 Offering: \$11,402.98

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