

Glory to God

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

“... So That Nothing Is Lost”

The challenge before the disciples was enormous: To feed 5,000 hungry men (besides however many women and children might have been there, too). For those who have only human resources at their disposal, it would have been an expensive undertaking. Even a person's paycheck for nearly an entire year would not have satisfied such a gathering (John 6:7).

Jesus, though, had more than human resources at His disposal. By the miraculous power given to Him from His Father, Jesus blessed and broke five barley loaves and two small fish and distributed the portions to the people present. Within a short time, all had eaten “as much as they wanted” (John 6:8-11).

We can't duplicate that amazing miracle, but we can do what Jesus commanded His followers to do next. “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost,” He told them. Twelve baskets-full of leftovers were collected, and were no doubt taken to those who had needs (John 6:12,13).

Many have characterized the “green” movement of our day as purely a liberal ploy. Some who have urged greater awareness of our environment and have warned of global warming are indeed known for their far-left stance on political issues. But it's hard to miss the fact that Jesus in this passage directs His followers to avoid wastefulness.

We live in a very prosperous nation that has been characterized as a consumer economy. We also know that there are many – some in our own country, many in other nations – who have so little. Some have been richly blessed, others wonder whether they will find food for their children tomorrow.

Before we're called to be judged by God, perhaps we should judge ourselves: Are we taking care of the resources God has given to us? Are we “gathering up the fragments so that nothing is lost”?

God's original intent for Adam and Eve was to “tend and keep” the Garden of Eden. We have no details of what exactly the original couple did to fulfill their charge, but we know what God expected. Use this garden for your needs, but don't abuse it.

What constitutes abuse of the Earth's resources is open for discussion. But the first step toward being good stewards (1 Corinthians 4:2) is to recognize the potential for abuse. Jesus' command to gather up the fragments should lead us to consider this issue.

LET'S PRAY FOR - from Central (updates underlined): Jack Brewer, hospitalized in Nashville; Betty Markland, cataract surgery this Tuesday; Sue Neeley, heart catheterization this Wednesday; Glenda Haynie; Ruth Ann Mowery; Marty Smith; Thurman Dye; John Melton; Linda Weaver; Janet Looney; Christine Russell; Peggy Phillips; Mary Pugh; Allen Jackson; 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:** Jane Clark; Bill Booher; Troy Miles; Tom Sparkman; 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:** Luridene James, mother of Shatoya Bagley, hospitalized in Florida following a recent seizure; the Listers; Billie Miller; Kim Buckner; Donna Anderson; David Christian; Ruby Burris; 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 & Mizi 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, Jesse 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: 35

BIBLE STORYTIME tonight, 2nd & 3rd graders.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY: We are collecting items until July 26th for nursing home residents. Needed items include: shower gel, tissues, Chapstick, Vaseline, word search or crossword puzzle books, pens, highlighters, markers, small tote bags, and stuffed animals. Leave items in the decorated box located in the old foyer. Thank you!

FOR MEN ONLY: On Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, men from Central are invited (urged!) to attend our first-ever men's retreat at High Rock Bible Camp. Leading the sessions designed to strengthen our commitment to God will be our own **Everson Weekley**, assisted by his son, **Jeremy Weekley**. More details soon, but reserve these dates on your calendars.

WHAT TO WATCH ON TV? Try Gospel Broadcasting Network, a 24-hour, 7-days-a-week lineup of programming produced by members of churches of Christ. Go to gbntv.org on your computer and see what's playing. We guarantee it will be better than whatever is on cable!

REMEMBER the Nicaragua collection.

ELDERS, DEACONS MEETING – today, 4:30 p.m.

VELMA STABLES, mother of **Marshall Stables**, is now in Christian Care Center of Johnson City. Cards or visits are welcome.

OUR NICARAGUA MISSION TEAM is making final preparations to leave on Friday, July 31. The team will work with Mision Para Cristo in Jinotega, a group that plants seeds of the Gospel through medical clinics, schools, prisons, etc. Please pray for these as they prepare for this mission: **Louise Clites, Chig Gunter, Charlotte Barefield, Scott and Jennifer Chisam, Toni Abercrombie, Rebecca Hall and Tim Hall.**

A **PRECIOUS MEMORY:** Perhaps you noticed the photo on the screen during the announcements. **Fred Kessinger**, who passed away last month, was surrounded by several of our young folks, and look at the smiles on their faces! Fellowship makes a difference! Thanks to **Gene and Lorene Arrowood** for sharing the photo.

PRAISE GOD! **Marty Smith's** scans done last Monday reveal no further trace of cancer! This means he can be treated with a mild chemo pill as extra precaution, and he will NOT be going to MD Anderson in Houston for further consultation!

HE'S HERE! **Bentley Ashton Smith** was born to **Marty and Angie Smith** on Thursday, July 9, weighing 7 lb., 6 oz. The whole family, including grandparents **Ron and Bandy Tester** and aunt **Misty Collins**, is thrilled to welcome Bentley to the world!

RESPONSE: **Emily Fatherree** was baptized Wednesday night! We rejoice with Patti, Devin, and Delora over this, and welcome Emily as a new sister in Christ!

CENTRAL CELEB: **Josh Bacon's** picture was in the JC Press as he slid safely into home during the USSSA tournament!

OUR DEEP SYMPATHY is extended to **Carolyn Torbett** on the death of her brother, **Ronnie Minga**, recently.

FRANK CHAPO asked for prayers for the family of **Willie Rensy**, a friend of his and fellow Hungarian who passed away recently.

LADIES, mark your calendars for a wedding shower for **Rachel Wolfe** on 8/15! Info soon.

JOANNA'S BACK TO SCHOOL Birthday Bash will be on Sunday, August 9 this year. To help **Joanna Torgerson** celebrate her August birthday, she asks that you bring school supplies that will be distributed to area schools for the use of needy children. Suggested items are: backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule and collegiate-rule notebook paper, pens, pencils, lunch boxes, crayons, markers, erasers, rulers, notebook binders, and any other basic supplies.

A **LOCAL SOCCER TEAM** with which **Robert Aggrey** is involved is looking for sponsors. This team encourages young Liberian men to be involved in a wholesome sport and has been invited to several out of town tournaments, but they could use a little financial backing. If you know of a business that might help, please see Robert.

SPEAKING OF THE AGGREYS, we are so proud of **Esther Aggrey**, who passed her exam in Memphis recently to become a naturalized American citizen! She will find out soon the location of the ceremony.

LETICIA WISECARVER asks for our prayers for **Genovena Rios Baldovinos**, mother of **Gabriela Andrade**, a Christian sister in Florida. Genovena is in hiding in Mexico after her husband was murdered.

THE NICARAGUA TEAM needs your help! Small locks used on duffel bags last year are missing. They have numbers "9" and "11" written in black or red markings. Also, several GI-type duffels are missing; they have "Central Church of Christ" written in black on the outside. These are all needed for the team's upcoming trip. If you know anything about them, please let Tim I know.

BIRTHDAYS: Arlene Kellum (today); Mollie Stevens, John Trent (Mon.); Carmelino Deleon (Thurs.); Linda Rhodes, Max Bare Fri.); Betty Hamilton (Sat.). **ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry & Pam Billingsby (today); Nathan & Meghan Daniel, Kenn & Dean Neal (Mon.); Steve & Treva Bacon, Jerrod & Mary Tolley, Trey & Angie Williams (Tues.); Jim Bob & Linda Moore, Jerry & Charla Bacon (Wed.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 07.19.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- Super Service Week starts tomorrow!
-Tomorrow come to the building at 3:30 to visit with and help out Violet Yates.
-Tuesday be here at 1:00 to work @ High Rock Bible Camp.
- The youth group will be arriving from Atlanta this evening.
- The Area Wide Youth Gathering scheduled for the 25th has been postponed to August and will be sponsored by the Banner Elk Church of Christ.
- Ultimate Frisbee Saturday @ Winged Deer Park. Meet @ the soccer fields at 3:00.
- Sign up on the youth board if you are planning to go to Mid-South Youth Camp the week of July 26th and need a ride.
- Dinner Dates start back August 5th with a picnic @ Civitan Park!
- 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.

COLLEGE GROUP

- Be a star! We need your help to make some short funny videos that will be used in the fall for 7:08. If you can help see Tim Haywood or Paul Herrin

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Borton if unable to serve

Song Leader: Dennis Vonderfecht

Next Week: Matt Mahaley

Prayer: Claude Terry

Next Week: Ken Gilliam

Scripture: Jerry Pierce

Next Week: Jerry Whitted

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Jesus, Son of Man"

Dismissal: Gene Chapman

Next Week: L.A. Hamilton

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: Phil Gilliam

Next Week: Calvin Crim

Serving: Dylan Vantine, Ken Misterly,
Ren Rice, Bill Cruikshank, Bruce
Barnett, Sherrell Shepard, Scott
Hoilman, Derek Stayer, Warit
Jithpratuck, Tom Reeves, Fred Roten,
Brandon Quesinberry, Phil Pierce,
Brandon Moreland, Tom Young, Charles
Elliott

Children's Training Class: the Gilliams

Nursery: Louise Clites

Toddler: Debbie Quesinberry

Assistant: Anna Stevens

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Tom Cromie

Devotional: Ken Gilliam

Dismissal: Andrew McCormick

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Jacob Witten

Prayer: Matt Mahaley

Scripture: Ron Elliott

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Influences on our Souls"

Dismissal: David Crockett

Lord's Supper: David Erickson, Kyle
Higginbotham

Nursery & Toddler: Carol Trent

For July:

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

Cup Pick-up: 2nd Graders

Emergency Food: Judy Jones

Baptistery: Aretha Joyner, Myra Stables

Report from Last Week

A.M. 368 Classes 160 P.M. 155

Wed. 209 Offering \$10,604.97

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