

# Glory to God

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Gene Chapman  
L.A. Hamilton  
John McKinnis  
Mike Sheridan  
Everson Weekley

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Jim Carden  
David Crockett  
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David Erickson  
Jim Fillers  
David Frakes  
Ken Gilliam  
Phil Gilliam  
Chig Gunter  
Mike Higginbotham  
Perry Jernigan  
Danny Kellum  
Michael Rasnake  
Ren Rice  
Trey Robertson  
Sherrell Shepard  
Mark Stayer  
Dave Torgerson  
Steve Trent  
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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

### “Why Short-Term Missions?”

If all goes according to plans, eight of us will be in Jinotega, Nicaragua from August 1 through 8. Jinotega is the home of Mision Para Cristo, a group of Christians who work in various ways to take the gospel to people of this impoverished Central American country. Such trips to Jinotega have been made the past few years; before that, several teams went to Cap Hatien, Haiti. Central has fielded many teams of short-term missionaries.

Some wonder if short-term trips are an efficient use of funds. Most agree that long-term missions are needed. To have Christians located in an area for a few or many years can lead to a great impact. But what can be done in only a week or two? Are these simply vacations in holy disguise?

I can't speak for all short-term missions, but I can speak for the ones with which I've been connected. Though I always enjoy the time spent, these trips would hardly fit most people's definition of “vacation”. I see, instead, much and lasting good.

I've seen small groups of Christians in other places encouraged greatly by the knowledge that brethren from places far away would invest the time and expenses to come work beside them. The church in Jinotega, for example, is relatively small. New Testament Christianity is an unusual concept for this city. It's strengthening to the brethren to know that they are not alone in their beliefs and practices.

I've also seen the benefits for those who make such trips. My eyes have been opened to living conditions I never realized before. I've marveled over the dedication of believers who don't have the advantages that most Americans have. I have learned that people in very different cultures interpret the New Testament pattern of Christianity just as I do. That really bolsters my faith.

Short-term missions also show to many the need to continue going into all the world as we try to fulfill the Great Commission. Yes, we must preach the gospel at home where we live. But there are souls in other nations who also need a Savior. We have the truth given to us in the Bible. We've been blessed with the means to travel. How can we not use some of our resources to help people who live in difficult and distant places?

Short-term missions are no substitute for long-term missions. But efforts like the one in which we're presently engaged serve a need, too. Thanks to all who support such efforts with your finances, time and prayers.

**LET'S PRAY FOR:** **Jack Brewer** - hospitalized in Nashville; **Marty Smith** - mild chemotherapy; **Thurman Dye** - no cancer, no need for treatment! **John Melton** - working to regain strength; **Linda Weaver** - therapy following knee surgery; **Janet Looney** - complications from broken bone; **Betty Hamilton** - recent fall; **Carol Briggs** - continuing chemotherapy; **Christine Russell** - shingles, sinus infection; **Allen Jackson** - problems from broken bone; Mary Pugh; Joyce Hall; 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; Velma Stables.

**FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** **Gideon, Susanna, and Michal Beth Clark**, children of a friend of the Torgersons - mitochondrial disease and surgery; **Caitlyn Hughes**, friend of Hope Jackson, surgery last Tuesday to remove large, probably benign, tumor.

**STARTING TODAY, ALL NAMES UNDER "FRIENDS & RELATIVES" WILL BE PURGED FROM THE PRAYER LIST AFTER A MONTH, UNLESS WE HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO PUT THE NAME IN AGAIN.**

**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, 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: 43.

PLEASE KEEP our Nicaragua mission team in your prayers. They are: **Louise Clites, Chig Gunter, Charlotte Barefield, Scott & Jennifer Chisam, Toni Bartosch, Rebecca Hall & Tim Hall.**

AREA SINGING, today, Valley, 2:30.

JOANNA'S BACK TO SCHOOL Birthday Bash is next Sunday following evening service. You can help **Joanna Torgerson** celebrate her August birthday by bringing school supplies that will be distributed to area needy children. Suggested items are: backpacks, spiral notebooks, wide-rule and collegiate-rule notebook paper, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, rulers, notebook binders, any other basic supplies.

"THANK YOU for your generosity in the Christmas in July collection. The nursing home was so happy to receive the items! **Jennifer and Ruth Boggs**"

DID YOU KNOW the church is to be a sanctuary from the world, a place to share worries, joys, searching the Scriptures together for direction, and walking beside each other for strength and encouragement before heading out into the world again? Come join a special class on marriage starting on Wednesday nights in October.

LADIES, YOU ARE INVITED to a wedding shower for **Rachel Wolfe & Isaac Gross**, Saturday, August 15, 10:30 - noon in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Hostesses: **Sarah Booher, Toni Bartosch, Mary Sheridan, and Rene Gilliam.**



IF YOU ARE a Connections group leader, please get a card for your group from the bulletin board in the old foyer. If the card needs updating, leave the updated info in **Phil Gilliam's** box in the media room.

KIDS NIGHT IN/PARENTS NIGHT OUT, this Friday, 6-8:30 p.m. "Backyard Bash" - Bring an extra set of clothes/shoes, you may want to wear tennis shoes.

WEDNESDAYS IN SEPTEMBER: We will have special lessons each Wednesday in September for adults and youth. "And Then Comes The End" will explore the Bible's teachings on what will happen beyond this life. Guest speakers will be with us each week. Start asking your friends to be with us.

A FAMILY in the community has asked for help with clothing. If you have any good used clothes in children's sizes 2T (girl) and 12-18 mo. (boy), or ladies' medium shirts or 5-6 pants, please bring to **Kathy's** office.

SEE FOR YOURSELF the work that our mission team is helping with. Go to [www.MisionParaCristo.com](http://www.MisionParaCristo.com) and read about what is being done to help spread the gospel; check out the photos, too.

RETIRED MEN'S BREAKFAST is Tuesday, August 11. All retired men are invited to join us for a country-style breakfast and Christian-style fellowship. Please sign the list beside the library if you can join us.

ATTENTION LEADERS: If you lead one of our Connections groups, you're invited to an ice cream social Sunday, August 16 following the evening worship assembly. We'll have a brief meeting followed by bowls-full of yummy homemade ice cream. Bring the kids and let us say "thank you" for the work you are doing to connect bring Christians closer together.

WHY SIGN UP NOW for the Central Men's Retreat at High Rock Bible Camp on September 18 and 19? Because others might be encouraged to make the commitment to be there when they see you're going. It promises to be a powerful 24 hours of fellowship and spiritual edification. We want every man and young man who attends Central to join us.

OUR SYMPATHY to **Shatoya Bagley** and family on the death of her mother, **Luridene James**, in Florida. Also we are sad to hear that **Violet Yates'** nephew died recently.

ROBIN WISHON, former Central member whose house recently burned, could use help with twin beds, mattresses, and linens, and boys clothing, size 8-9 shorts & shirts and shoe size 12 (6 year old) and size boys medium shirts, waist 30 pants, and shoe size men's 6 (10 year old). Let us know if you can help with any of these needs. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS: **Luci Jernigan, Duncan Misterly, Christine Russell** (today); **Mary Pugh** (Mon.); **Randy Brewer, Danny Hoilman** (Tues.); **Kelly Quesinberry, Jason Faddis, Bruce Barnett** (Wed.); **Garth Moze** (Thurs.); **Tom Cromie, Mike Stephens** (Fri.); **Maggie Misterly** (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: **James & Rebekah Hunt** (today); **Rick & Debbie Farmer** (Tues.); **Mike & Beverly Stephens** (Wed.); **Steve & Shelley Lyons, Phil & Lisa Pierce** (Sat.).

# YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 08.02.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



## YOUTH GROUP

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*Be planning for these activities!*

- Dinner date picnic Wednesday at Civitan Park 5:00. Bring a sack dinner.
- Back to School Hike @ Shady Valley Saturday. See flier for more details.
- Don't forget the Ocoee white water rafting trip on August 15<sup>th</sup>. If you signed up for the trip and can no longer attend let Tim Haywood know immediately.
- Area youth gathering August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Banner Elk church of Christ.
- You can now follow youth updates on [twitter.com/centrallyouthjc](https://twitter.com/centrallyouthjc) and you can follow area wide events at [twitter.com/areawideyouth](https://twitter.com/areawideyouth)
- We will be starting back our once a month Sunday night youth devos this month. If your family would like to host a devotional in your home, sign up on the youth board.

## COLLEGE GROUP

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- Want to help with the college group this year? Here are some things you can do to help with the upcoming semester:
  - Pray for our campus ministry and the young people that we hope to come into contact with.
  - Plan to adopt a student in a few weeks
  - Sign up to provide a meal for a Tuesday night devotional.
  - Donate bottled water or canned soft drinks for the college house.
  - The college program needs to borrow a digital video camera for a couple of days. If you have that you could loan, see Tim Haywood or Paul Herrin.

**August 2, 2009**

**Sunday Morning:**

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

**Song Leader:** *Phil Gilliam*

**Next Week:** *L.A. Hamilton*

**Prayer:** *Bill Cruikshank*

**Next Week:** *Dave Torgerson*

**Scripture:** *Tony Bagley*

**Next Week:** *Tom Reeves*

**Sermon:** *Dennis Russell*

**Topic:** *"The Need for Respectfulness"*

**Dismissal:** *Gene Arrowood*

**Next Week:** *John McKinnis*

**Lord's Supper,**

**Presiding:** *Joe Pugh*

**Next Week:** *Ren Rice*

**Serving:** *Dave Arnold, Destin Vantine, Jacob Davis, John Hutchinson, Neal Elliott, Paul Elliott, Paul Hamilton, Paul Herrin, Rick Farmer, Robert Weaver, Roger Witherspoon, Ron Whitson, Steve Williams, Steven Cromie, Tom Hudnall, W.C. Ausborn*

**Children's Training Class:** *the Gilliams*

**Nursery:** *Karen Stevens*

**Toddler:** *Luanne Hoilman*

**Assistant:** *Kaylee Vantine*

**Wednesday Evening:**

**Song Leader:** *Andrew McCormick*

**Devotional:** *Gene Chapman*

**Dismissal:** *Steve Trent*

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**Sunday Evening:**

**Song Leader:** *Everson Weekley*

**Prayer:** *Dennis Russell*

**Scripture:**

**Sermon:** *Song Service*

**Topic:**

**Dismissal:** *Michael Rasnake*

**Lord's Supper:** *Claude Terry, Brandon Quesinberry*

**Nursery & Toddler:**

**For August:**

**Communion Prep:** *Dennis & Linda Russell (contact the Shepards, 477-2278, if unable)*

**Cup Pick-up:** *1<sup>st</sup> graders & kindergartners*

**Emergency Food:** *Charlotte Chapman*

**Baptistery:** *Violet Yates, Bonnie Franklin*

**Report from Last Week**

**A.M. 348 Classes 155 P.M. 167**

**Wed. 182 Offering \$9,033.82**

**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