

# Glory to God

## The Weekly Bulletin of the Central Church of Christ

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Tim Haywood

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

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Danny Kellum  
Michael Rasnake  
Ren Rice  
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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

### “What Christianity Means To Alba”

Most who will read this article have never met Alba (short for Albertina), and probably never will until we're home in heaven. She's a woman in her 30s who lives in Jinotega, Nicaragua. Hearing her story will make you glad to be a Christian.

A couple of years ago Alba's husband, in a drunken rage, tried to kill his wife. His machete attack left her with a dangerous gash across her face and throat and both of her arms severed below the elbow. Somehow she clung to live, a true blessing for her teenage daughter. (The whereabouts of her husband continues to be a mystery. Most have concluded he is dead.)

The Iglesia de Cristo (Church of Christ) in Jinotega rallied to Alba's side upon hearing of the tragedy. Within days a group of workers from the church were making improvements on her house. These modifications would make life a little easier for her as she adjusted to her new limitations.

Benny Baker of Mision Para Cristo, also headquartered in Jinotega, began making calls to friends and associates in the U.S. What more could be done for Alba? A company that manufactures prosthetic devices agreed to donate new “arms” for Alba, making custom ones if necessary. An orthopedic doctor in Shreveport, LA agreed to do any surgical work needed. Physical therapists are lined up to help her learn how to use the new prostheses. And all the money has been raised for her trip and care.

During our week in Nicaragua the last detail was accomplished: Alba was granted a 6-month visa to travel to the U.S., along with her daughter, to receive these gifts. God no doubt worked behind the scenes to ensure that the trip became a reality.

Why have so many pooled their resources to help this unfortunate woman in a remote town in a poor country? Jesus gives the answer in Matthew 25:40: “... inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.” We would all rush to help Jesus if we knew He had a need. By helping others we are helping Him.

Opportunities to do good for others abound, right here in Upper East Tennessee. What will we do about these? “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10).

Look around with eyes of compassion. You just might find another Alba.

**LET'S PRAY FOR:** Jack Brewer; Marty Smith; John Melton; Linda Weaver; Janet Looney; Betty Hamilton; Carol Briggs; Christine Russell; Allen Jackson; Mary Pugh; Joyce Hall; Della Edwards; Monteen Forrester; Carolyn Smith; Gladys Keene; Flora Broskey; Phyllis Haire; James Carden, Sr.; Sherrell Shepard; Karen Stevens; Ruth Melton; Phil Enkema; Gay Carr; Velma Stables.

**FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Lucille Mitchell, sister of Pauline Foster, recent surgery; Grace Oaks, Keith's mom, broken hip; Marie Hartman's sister; Dr. Bob Whittaker; Nancy Laws.

**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:

BIBLE STORYTIME, tonight, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

55+ GROUP potluck, Thursday at 6 p.m. Please sign up what you will bring.

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!

IT'S TIME to start signing up to teach fall quarter classes! Please check the lists on the KIDSBoard to see where you are needed.

MEN'S BUSINESS MEETING, today at 4:30 p.m. All men are encouraged to attend.

WE LEARNED ABOUT IT too late for much promotion, but **Brenna Williams** performed at the Paramount Theater in Bristol in "Annie" the past couple of weeks! We are proud of you, Brenna!

"THANK YOU so much for the school supplies. The schools were happy to get them. Love, Joanna"

ICE CREAM TONIGHT for all Connections group leaders, their spouses and children. A brief meeting will begin after evening worship, then homemade frozen treats will be served! See **Ren Rice** or **Steve Williams** for more information.

"THE JAMES FAMILY would like to express our deepest thanks for what your church family has shown during our loss. **Alexander James Sr.** family, Ocala FL"

**TEACHER INSERVICE TODAY!** A very important teacher inservice has been scheduled for today at 4 p.m. for all who have signed up to teach this fall, as well as those who are thinking about it. Meet in room 1A. This is for ALL teachers of Cradle Roll through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, to help you become acquainted with the materials and answer any questions you may have. The completion of the training will be on Sunday, 8/30 at 4.



CONGRATULATIONS to **John and Carol Melton** on the birth of a granddaughter! **Caroline Grace Melton** was born to Scottie and Hope on Wednesday, August 12, weighing 12 lb.

IS YOUR NAME THERE? A list is posted on the bulletin board next to the library for men who plan to attend the Central Men's Retreat, September 18 and 19 at High Rock Bible Camp. **Everson Weekley** and his son **Jeremy Weekley** will present a challenging program that will end with lunch on Saturday. We want all men and young men to be there!

MUFFINS FOR MOMS will meet at **Cherie Doyle's** house this Friday, August 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring finger foods.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER returns on Monday, September 14. Clear your calendar for service opportunities each Monday evening through the fall. You will also be well fed and enjoy good fellowship!

BROCHURES ARE AVAILABLE for our soon-to-begin Wednesday night series in September. Pick up one or more of these to see the lessons and guest speakers that have been scheduled. Then hand copies to your friends to invite them to join us for lessons that most will find interesting.

OUR SYMPATHY to **Betty Hamilton** on the death of her cousin, **Junior Roedel**, recently.

PARENTS, WE ARE STILL HAVING PROBLEMS with children pressing the emergency button on the elevator. We ask again that you please supervise your children before and after services and make sure they do not play with the elevator.

"TO OUR DEAR family at Central, There are no words to tell you how much each and every expression of love from you has meant to us during this difficult time. Your cards, calls, food, visits and the many prayers sent up in our behalf will never be forgotten. Your love and support has made this time a little easier and has made us realize what a wonderful church family we have. With all our love, The family of **Kathleen Hamilton**"

CENTRAL CELEB: **Caitlin Crockett's** picture appeared in News & Neighbor last week at a birthday party where the children all donated items for the animal shelter!

JUST ANOTHER REMINDER: Teachers ARE still needed for Fall Quarter! Please check the KIDSBoard and sign up!

"GOLDEN YEARS OF LIFE RETREAT" for age 50 and up will be at High Rock Bible Camp September 11 and 12. See the board for registration instructions.

A CHANGE for next month: Kids Night In/Parents Night Out will be on the second Friday, September 11, instead of the first. Please make your plans accordingly.

A RECENT ARTICLE in People magazine describes RSD (reflex sympathetic dystrophy), the illness which has afflicted **Joyce Hall** since 1994 and which **Allen Jackson** now has. A copy of this article is posted on the wall beside **Tim Hall's** office.

HAPPY NEWS: **Jacob & Jagger Ferguson**, 14 year old twin grandsons of **Ken and Alison Gilliam**, were baptized last week by Ken in the same church building where he and Alison were married and where their daughter, the twins' mother, was baptized!

BIRTHDAYS: **Katie Gilliam, Megan Cox, Carson Rasnake** (today); **Marty Smith** (Mon.); **Linda Weaver** (Tues.); **Seth Gilliam, Emma Maden** (Wed.); **Deborah Vantine** (Thurs.); **Joanna Torgerson, Steve Stevens, Peyton Robertson** (Fri.). ANNIVERSARIES: **Charlie & Priscilla Grindstaff, Clay & Lauren Bailey** (today); **Jay & Marilyn Stevens** (Thurs.).

# YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 08.16.09

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: Wednesday Cootie Browns @ 5:30.
- Youth Devotional following evening services next Sunday night @ the Jernigan's house.
- 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)
- If you would be interested in teaching or assisting in teaching a class for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall, please let Tim Haywood know immediately!

## COLLEGE GROUP

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- Campus Ministry Needs:
  - Sign Up to prepare meals for the Fall Semester
  - Volunteers for ETSU move in day Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Bottled water & Canned soft drinks
  - A digital video camera to borrow

## TNT GROUP

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Got an idea for evangelism? Call Clay Bailey - 423-794-6511

Got an idea for encouragement? Call Paul Herrin – 423-773-8633 or Drew Salyer – 865-388-1830

Got an idea for community service? Call Tim Haywood – 423-202-0195 or Scott Chisam – 423-262-7907

Wednesday night we had close to 40 young adults, married couples, and college students in attendance at our first TNT meeting! Get plugged in! Find out where you can use your skills to serve the church more effectively! If you are in another class Wednesday and can't make it to the TNT class, make sure to contact one of the leaders or check out our website [www.centraltnt.org](http://www.centraltnt.org) for more information. If you have any questions, call Brandon Quesinberry – 423-677-6849.

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**Sunday Morning:**

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

**Song Leader:** Joe Pugh

**Next Week:** Phil Gilliam

**Prayer:** Tom Young

**Next Week:** Ken Gilliam

**Scripture:** Clay Bailey

**Next Week:** Jerrod Tolley

**Sermon:** Tim Hall

**Topic:** "Who Is In Charge Here?"

**Dismissal:** Mike Sheridan

**Next Week:** Everson Weekley

**Lord's Supper,**

**Presiding:** L.A. Hamilton

**Next Week:** Lee Davis

**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:** Deborah Vantine

**Toddler:** Geri Mahaley

**Assistant:** Sydney Davis

**Wednesday Evening:**

**Song Leader:** Jacob Witten

**Devotional:** Brandon Moreland

**Dismissal:** Charles Elliott

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**Sunday Evening:**

**Song Leader:** David Crockett

**Prayer:** Tom Cromie

**Scripture:** Bill Usher

**Sermon:** Tim Hall

**Topic:** "Those Who Are Blessed (2)"

**Dismissal:** Mark Stayer

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

**Nursery & Toddler:** Stacy Rice

**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. 382 Classes 198 P.M. 202**

**Wed. 176 Offering \$11,500.05**

**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