

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

“Releasing The Convicted One”

A prisoner set free after years of confinement is always a dramatic moment. The drama has been unusually high in the case of Abdel Baset al-Megrahi, a Libyan convicted in 2001 for taking part in the bombing of an airliner that crashed in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 people aboard and 11 others on the ground.

Al-Megrahi was sentenced to a minimum of 27 years in prison in Scotland. So why is he being released after serving only eight years? He has developed prostate cancer and has only a short time left to live. The judge who approved the release called it an act of mercy to allow this man to spend his final days with family and friends.

I cannot predict how I would react to such news if my loved ones had been among those killed in this heinous act. Perhaps I would demand justice, just as many of them are doing. He showed no mercy to those who died in the explosion and crash; why should he be shown mercy? That can be a pretty compelling argument.

The case reminds us to examine our own hearts to see if we're holding anyone in confinement for things done to us. When I'm offended or hurt, that's what I naturally am moved to do. They may spend the rest of their / my life locked up. Justice demands it!

Will I hold myself to the same standard when it comes to God? Do I want Him to give me justice? Or do we not all cry out for mercy to the great Judge on high?

After teaching His disciples what is commonly called “the Lord's Prayer”, Jesus taught another needed lesson: “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses” (Matthew 6:14,15).

Jesus later returned to this theme, knowing how difficult it can be to release others from their debts: “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him” (Luke 17:3,4).

How hard it can be to open the cell of my heart to release those who have wronged me! Worldly wisdom cries out for justice to be served. But godly wisdom teaches us otherwise. If we desire mercy from God, we must show mercy to others.

Is there someone you need to release today? Follow God's will and receive His blessing.

LET'S PRAY FOR: Max Bare, heart attack last Tuesday night; Devin Fatherree, head injury requiring staples after a diving accident; Joyce Hall, battling several infections; Mary Pugh, taken to emergency room Wednesday night; Peggy Phillips, recovering from a recent injury to her back; Michael Stock, recovering from rotator cuff surgery; Allen Jackson, procedures to see if a spinal cord stimulator will help with his RSD; Jack Brewer; Marty Smith; John Melton; Linda Weaver; Janet Looney; Betty Hamilton; Carol Briggs; Christine Russell; 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: Rene Gilliam's mother, battling an infection while in a nursing home, and her dad, as he struggles with his wife's illness; Bob Sams' aunt, stroke; Carolyn Rochelle, mother of a classmate and friend of Mary McCormick, recent surgery to remove a kidney; Vance Lowe, member of East Bristol Church of Christ, in North Side Hospital for recovery from heart problems; Melanie Coggins, friend of Jill Fair, possible recurrence of cancer; Lucille Mitchell; Grace Oaks; 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; Steve Warren, Jeremy Cutshall, Army; Mike Witten, Devin Stephens, Afghanistan; Steve Haywood, Army Reserves; Dustin Humphreys, Marine Reserves; Jared Wheeler, 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:

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.

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!

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.

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.

"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.

SOMEONE very kindly gave Joanna Torgerson a gift for herself during the school supplies collection, but they did not include their name! We would love to know who gave her the picture frame so she can thank you properly!

THE RECESSION has caused more need for help with food for families in our area. Although our main supply of food for the pantry is obtained through Second Harvest food bank, we could use help supplementing it. We are going to name pantry items for each week, and invite you to bring these items to the pantry door (across the hall from Tim Hall's office) or to Kathy's door. This week's items: Shampoo, canned soups.

SEASONED SINGLES Cake & Cards is today after morning services at the welcome counter. All singles, for whatever reason, age 55+, please stop by for a cupcake and to sign cards for those of the group celebrating birthdays this month.

REMEMBER Rachel Wolfe and Isaac Gross's wedding here, 9/5, 2:30 p.m.

5TH & 6TH GRADERS: Mark your calendars for an event on September 11 at 5 p.m. at Fun Expedition. Look for the signup in the old foyer; see Mark Stayer for details.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to add items to a care package for Dustin Humphreys, currently doing military training in California, see Sherry Jones by Wednesday.

LADIES, you are invited to a baby shower for Maew and baby girl Jithpratuck here on Sunday, September 13 from 2-4. Hostesses are Mary McCormick and Linda Russell. More details will be announced soon, but mark your calendars to attend!

RESPONSE: Roland and Roseline Browne asked for our prayers last Sunday morning. They confessed sin in their lives and wanted everyone to know they have repented and are seeking to follow the Lord's will. Please keep them in your prayers.

OUR SYMPATHY to Mike and Beverly Stephens on the death of Mike's mother.

SENIOR ADULT RALLY – West 7th Church of Christ, Columbia, TN – September 26. James Watkins will be the speaker. RSVP by Friday, September 11 to 931.388.6514, or at jkling@west7thcofc.org.

BIRTHDAYS: Justin Laycock (today); Doug Grindstaff (Mon.); David Frakes, Adam Maurer, Andrea Crosby (Wed.); Isaac Daniel, Cierra Jackson (Fri.); Gene Chapman, Misty Collins, Ellie Grace Arnold (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: Dennis & Linda Russell (Fri.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 08.23.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- Youth Devotional following evening services next Sunday night @ the Jernigans' house.
- Dinner date! Wednesday 5:30 @ Panera Bread
- Area youth gathering Saturday at the Banner Elk church of Christ. The van will leave the building at 1:30 and return around 9:30.
- You can now follow youth updates on twitter.com/centrallyouthjc and you can follow area wide events at twitter.com/areawideyouth
- If you would be interested in teaching or assisting in teaching a class for 7th – 9th or 10th – 12th graders in the fall, please let Tim Haywood know immediately!

COLLEGE GROUP

- Campus Ministry Needs:
 - Canned Drinks & Bottled Water
 - Plan on adopting a student in just a few weeks!
- Plan on bringing a covered dish to our Welcome College Students fellowship meal on September 6th. We will have this fellowship meal instead of our 5th Sunday meal next week.

TNT GROUP

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: *Danny Kellum*

Next Week: *Dennis Vonderfecht*

Prayer: *Ken Gilliam*

Next Week: *Dennis Russell*

Scripture: *Jerrod Tolley*

Next Week: *Warit Jithpratuck*

Sermon: *Tim Hall*

Topic: *"Does My Giving Please God?"*

Dismissal: *Everson Weekley*

Next Week: *Gene Chapman*

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: *L.A. Hamilton*

Next Week: *Steve Williams*

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: *Rachel Laycock*

Toddler: *Justin Laycock*

Assistant: *Renzey Rice*

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: *Matt Mahaley*

Devotional: *John McKinnis*

Dismissal: *Tim Haywood*

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: *Tim Haywood*

Prayer: *Matt Mahaley*

Scripture: *Jerry Bacon*

Sermon: *Tim Hall*

Topic: *"Your Questions"*

Dismissal: *Brandon Moreland*

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

Nursery & Toddler: *Carol Trent*

For August:

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

Cup Pick-up: *1st graders & kindergartners*

Emergency Food: *Charlotte Chapman*

Baptistery: *Violet Yates, Bonnie Franklin*

Report from Last Week

Classes *179 A.M. 426 P.M. 230*

Wed. 202 Offering: *\$13,561.60*

Weekly Budget: *\$12,000.00*

NOTE: The building fund summary is now included in the monthly financial statement available on the welcome center counter.