

Glory to God

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Worship Times

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

“Concern For The Next Generation”

As I write this article, I'm thinking more than usual about the next generation. A leading cause for my train of thought is that our third grandson is due to be delivered sometime today. As I pray for his safe arrival and for the health of his mother, I'm also thinking about the world he will inherit.

There are many things about this world over which I have no control. The economy is far bigger than my ability to grasp, much less influence. Will there be peace or war in his lifetime? Will he have access to good health care, be able to retire comfortably, have the ability to pursue the American dream? I don't have much control over these.

But there are some areas in which I can have a say. Will he grow up knowing the Lord? His grandmother and I did our best to raise his father in the faith, and his mother's parents did the same for their daughter. That gives him a good head start.

And what about the condition of the Lord's church? In the days of the apostle Paul there were reasons to be concerned for the future of the church: “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons” (1 Timothy 4:1). Could such things happen in the 21st century?

I'm thankful that I have lived in a generation in which the church of Christ has enjoyed good times. But I cannot take for granted that it will always be so. I must look ahead and do all within my power to ensure that Christ's church will continue to be healthy and well-balanced. My grandsons' generation deserves that kind of effort from me.

Hezekiah was a good king for Judah. Toward the end of his reign he made a large error in judgment. As the prophet Isaiah foretold the consequences of what Hezekiah had done – things that would happen not to him but to his sons – the king's thoughts were short-sighted: “... For he said, ‘Will there not be peace and truth at least in my days?’” (2 Kings 20:19) Was it of no concern to Hezekiah what his descendants would inherit?!

Each of us is challenged to get involved in the work of Christ's kingdom. Why get involved? So that the church will be strong and healthy in our lifetimes. But if that doesn't motivate you, consider what your grandchildren will see when they enter the doors of their houses of worship. Will they find love and warmth and truth?

If we love our children and grandchildren, let us work diligently to make sure their spiritual heritage is at least as secure as their financial and educational opportunities!

LET'S PRAY FOR: Sue Neeley, heart procedure last Tuesday; Allen Jackson, surgery last Monday to implant temporary spinal cord stimulator; Mary Pugh, will be having a pacemaker implanted; Max Bare, recovering at home; Arlene Kellum, injuries to her neck and upper spine when she was rear-ended recently; Joyce Hall; Peggy Phillips; 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: Russ Merrin, Melissa Crockett's brother-in-law, stroke; Will Poston, Margo Perkins' boyfriend, surgery for infection from a bug bite; Montie Lyons, David Crockett's co-worker, leukemia; Rene Gilliam's parents; Bob Sams' aunt; Melanie Coggins; Lucille Mitchell; Grace Oaks; Marie Hartman's sister.

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: 42

MEN, SIGN UP on the bulletin board next to the library to attend the Central Men's Retreat, 9/18 and 19 at High Rock Bible Camp. Everson and Jeremy Weekley will present a challenging program.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER returns on Monday, September 14.

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.

"GOLDEN YEARS OF LIFE RETREAT" for age 50 and up will be at High Rock Bible Camp 9/11 and 12. See the board for registration instructions.

KIDS NIGHT IN/PARENTS NIGHT OUT will be on September 11, instead of the 4th.

THERE WILL BE a fellowship dinner on Sunday, September 13 which will also serve as a welcome back to college students. Make your plans to stay; more details soon.

THE RICE SISTERS – Ivey and Renzey – were highlighted as rising stars on the SHHS volleyball team in JC Press!

FALL QUARTER adult class schedules are available on the welcome counter, as are Gospel Advocate quarterlies.

TIM HAYWOOD is preaching in Erwin this morning. He will be speaking here tonight.

FALL QUARTER begins next Sunday. The children's classes still needing teachers as of Thursday are: Cradle Roll, Wednesday; 3 year olds, Wednesday; 2nd grade, Sunday; 3rd grade, Sunday; 5th & 6th grade, Sunday and Wednesday. Please consider teaching one of these classes. Also, more assistants are needed in the younger ages.

CHRISTINE AND CHARLIE RUSSELL ask for our prayers as their grandson, **Jacob Charles Martin**, is the object of a custody battle. Please pray for God to direct the outcome of this issue.

OUR SYMPATHY to **Heidi Holder** on the recent death of her grandfather.

PANTRY ITEMS beginning this week: Detergent, canned tuna.

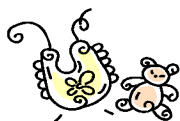
REMEMBER **Rachel Wolfe** and **Isaac Gross's** wedding here, this Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Best wishes and God's blessings!

WELCOME HOME, **Perry Jernigan!** Perry came home for good last Monday!

WE ARE VERY PROUD of **Amy Farmer**, who passed the boards and is now Dr. Farmer, a full-fledged pharmacist! She lives in Nashville where she is a manager at Target Pharmacy.

OUR PRAYERS have been requested for the family of **Jake Logue**, the young Sullivan South football player who died on the field last weekend during a game. Please also pray for the young friends and classmates who witnessed this, especially our own **Sydney Witherspoon**.

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, Jennifer Chisam, and Linda Russell**. They are registered at Babies R Us.



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 jkking@west7thcofc.org.

ARE WE GREEN? Central is working hard to use less paper and to recycle the paper we do use. Bulletins are sent via e-mail to those who request it (Tim@GraceMine.org), and recycle bins are located throughout the building for bulletins and sermon notes you don't want to keep, as well as plastic cups and cutlery used in fellowship meals. We're trying to be good stewards.

JOANNA TORGERSON'S RESPONSE last Sunday morning melted our hearts again. This time she came to thank us for being a good family to her for her 26 years. What a beautiful sentiment, and how it reassures us to know that we have helped Joanna in some ways. Now let us be that kind of family to many others. (Tim wrote this, not her mom!)

CONGRATULATIONS to **Hope Jackson** who recently placed 16th in the national America's Perfect Junior Teen competition in Orlando, Florida! Hope won the crown of Tennessee's Perfect Junior Teen in May. We're even more proud of the inner beauty that Hope, daughter of Kacey and Allen, has developed! Way to go, Hope!

ACTIVITY for 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.

THE THURSDAY MORNING ladies Bible class will begin this year's study on September 10 at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited and encouraged to come and join in the study and fellowship, and share in the growth of love for God and His word.

"WHILE WE HAVE NEVER had a dress code at Central, it seems appropriate to the elders to make some observations. We would like to request of those scheduled to serve in the worship services that no shorts or flip flops be worn. We appreciate your consideration. The Elders"

BIRTHDAYS: Joyce Hall (today); Carolyn Rupe, Marie Dye (Mon.); Emilio Morales (Tues.); Joshua Jenkins, Shelton Williams (Wed.); Bob Sams, Judy Whisnant (Thu.); Jerry Mitchell (Fri.); Mike Sheridan, Angie Smith (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: Jim & Jane Fillers (Tues.); Ron & Aretha Joyner (Wed.); Sherrell & Janet Shepard, Charlie & Christine Russell (Fri.); Ron & Pat Jones (Sat.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 08.30.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



WELCOME ETSU STUDENTS

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

BE SURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED HERE AT CENTRAL!
HERE ARE A FEW THINGS YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN:

- Stop by our 7:08 Campus Ministry house located just off of campus at 708 W. Maple St. Come by and grab something to drink from the fridge, play some ping pong or air hockey, use the Wifi, or just meet friends and relax. It's always open, drop by anytime!
- Tuesday night be sure to check out 7:08 ministries. Zack Krug will be speaking on "Wake Up & Get Dressed!" Get there at 6:00 for free food. The devo will start at 7:08. Plan on staying around afterwards for games and fellowship. For more info check out www.708ministries.org
- This semester be sure to get involved with our Fall break mission trip to Rainbow Omega in Alabama, our trip to the haunted theme park, Scarowinds in October, our backpacking/ caving trip in November and our Winter Retreat in Pigeon Forge.
- Check out Central's TNT group. The TNT group will get you plugged in to many service opportunities here at Central. Check out the TNT website at www.CentralTNT.org

YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- Dinner date! Wednesday 5:30 @ the Johnson City Mall food court.
- High Rock Bible Camp Fall Retreat is coming up! Make plans to be there September 25-27. See Tim 2 for an application or visit www.highrockbiblecamp.org to download an application.

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: Dennis Vonderfecht

Next Week: Matt Mahaley

Prayer: Dennis Russell

Next Week:

Scripture: Warit Jithpratuck

Next Week:

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "God's Ideals for Marriages"

Dismissal: Gene Chapman

Next Week:

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: Steve Williams

Next Week:

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: Angie Williams

Toddler: Natalie Eanes

Assistant: Ivey Rice

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: David Crockett

Devotional: Steve Williams

Dismissal: Paul Herrin

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Doug Miller

Prayer: Phil Gilliam

Scripture: Cary Vantine

Sermon: Tim Haywood

Topic: "What Do I Do?"

Dismissal: Paul Elliott

Lord's Supper: Claude Terry, Brandon Quesinberry

Nursery & Toddler: Edna Hayes

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 164 A.M. 372 P.M. 191

Wed. 213 Offering: \$10,444.52

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00

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