

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

“Why I Choose To Attend Bible Class”

Today marks the beginning of a new quarter in our Bible education program. Classes are available for all ages, from the very youngest among us to the oldest. Some, however, choose not to attend Bible classes. With that in mind, here are reasons I've found that make attending and participating in Bible classes a very good idea:

1. ***I need to know what God has said.*** The Bible is, after all, the word of God, and nothing in this Book is trivial. Though I've learned much in the past, there are still lots of facts, ideas and concepts I have not yet mastered.
2. ***Bible class teachers prepare themselves to teach well.*** There may be an occasional exception to this rule, but I've found that those who agree to teach are conscientious. They study their lessons well so they can teach well.
3. ***The comments of fellow students help me.*** There are generally several sharp and enthusiastic students in any given class. Their insights on a given passage have often helped me see Bible statements in a new light.
4. ***I'm encouraged to see that others believe God's word.*** Beyond what I may learn in Bible class, just the sight of others who also want to know the Bible gives me additional motivation to continue my studies.
5. ***My example in attending Bible classes encourages others.*** The mere fact that I'm present says that I love the Good Book. It may cause someone else to consider making it their habit, too. (This is an especially important consideration when you think of how our children see our attendance patterns.)
6. ***Being in Bible class is the best use of my time.*** Mary could have chosen to help her sister in the kitchen, but by choosing to sit at Jesus' feet, she “has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:42). Besides, the world can't negatively influence me while I'm in class.
7. ***I get to know some very wonderful people.*** A church of our size makes it difficult to get acquainted with others. When you break it down into Bible-class-size groups, however, you can really get to know those around you.
8. ***Choosing to attend Bible class trains me to choose that which is spiritual*** over that which is easier, more pleasurable or more convenient. In “exercising my soul” in this way, I find it easier to make good choices in other areas.

You might say, “You're the preacher; you're supposed to be in Bible class!” That may be true, but I challenge you to find one of the reasons given above that would not also apply to any Christian.

God has given the truth. Teachers are prepared and ready to teach. Will you be present when Bible classes meet again?

LET'S PRAY FOR: Sue Neeley; Allen Jackson; Mary Pugh; Max Bare; Arlene Kellum; 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.

PRAISE GOD! At John Melton's return visit to Duke last Tuesday, they found no regrowth of the tumor and no progression of the cancer. We also rejoice that Mary Pugh was able to go home Tuesday following the successful implant of a pacemaker. Russ Merrin, McLissa Crockett's brother-in-law who recently had a stroke, is almost completely recovered with no lasting impairments.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES: Susan and daughter Danielle, a request from the community; Danny Jenkins, father of our Chuck Jenkins, heart attack; Brenda McKinnis' parents, Ralph and Marie Lister, moving to Wellington Place soon.

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, 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:

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.

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

"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 this Friday, 6-9 p.m. "Cotton Candy Carnival". Admission: Cans of food for pantry!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH next Sunday to welcome our college students. Please bring enough food for your family and a few more.

PANTRY ITEMS: Detergent, canned tuna.

REDBIRDS, noon Friday, Fire House BBQ

RETIRED MEN'S BREAKFAST, this Tuesday, 9 a.m. Please sign up.

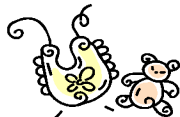
AREA SINGING, today, 2:30, Stoney Creek.

KATHY WILL BE out of the office this week. If you have items for the prayer list or announcements, contact **Sandra Norris** who will be in the office.

NO CHILDREN'S TRAINING CLASS today.

FALL TEEN RETREAT at High Rock, September 25-27. Applications are available on the welcome center counter.

LADIES, you are invited to a baby shower for **Maew and baby girl Jühpratuck** here next Sunday, September 13 from 2-4. Hostesses are **Mary McCormick, Jennifer Chisam, and Linda Russell**. They are registered at Babies R Us.



OUR SEPTEMBER SERIES continues this week with **Keith Kasarjian**, minister of the Main Street Church of Christ in Pikeville, KY, speaking on "When Will the End Come?" Invite your friends and family.

ACTIVITY for 5th & 6th graders, this Friday at 5 p.m. at Fun Expedition. Look for the sign up in the old foyer; see **Mark Stayer**.

TWO OPPORTUNITIES: The Tuesday Morning ladies' class will begin this Tuesday at 10:30. The Thursday Morning ladies' class will begin this year's study this Thursday at 10 a.m. All ladies are invited to either one or BOTH!

CONGRATULATIONS to Central's former youth minister **Nathan and wife Tifani Hunnicutt** on the birth of twin girls on Wednesday! Kelsey and Kinley arrived healthy and well, each weighing over 6 lb!

ALSO, CONGRATS to **the Halls** on the birth of 3rd grandson **Conner Joseph** on Wednesday! He weighed 8 lb. 1 1/2 oz and joins parents **Nathan and Amy** and brothers **Nolan and Bennett** at home in Nashville.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS now for a Pig Roast & Fish Fry October 17 at High Rock Bible Camp. This is a benefit to help raise money for the camp; donations will be accepted at the dinner. More info soon.

THE 9TH ANNUAL BUDDY WALK for Down syndrome awareness will be on Saturday, September 26. If you would like to register to walk, or can't participate but would like to donate, please see the poster on the board by the office or email **Kathy Torgerson** at Kathy@GraceMine.org.

"PREVIEW OF SERMONS" for September - November is available at the Welcome Center. Pick one up to see what's ahead, and take an extra to share with a friend.

LAST SUNDAY MORNING **Arlene Kellum** asked for our prayers. Arlene suffered injuries recently as she was rear-ended while waiting for a school bus to unload children. Arlene asks that we pray for her health to improve, and that she might trust God more fully than ever before.

PROTECTING PARENTS' RIGHTS is the aim of a proposed "Parental Rights Amendment". As our government considers ratifying a United Nations manifesto on children's rights, some are concerned that parents may lose their ability to raise their children according to their values. To learn more, pick up a copy of "Protect Your Children" from the Welcome Center.

OPEN HOUSE at Cherryhaven, Blountville, September 19, 2-4 p.m. More info soon.

SHARE YOUR SHOTS! If you have some nice digital snapshots, submit them to **Tim Hall** who will prepare a slide show of members' photographs for future showing. Mail them to Tim@GraceMine.org, or hand them to him on a memory stick.

CDS OF SERMONS preached at Central are available at the Welcome Center. They're free, so take one or more to listen to or to share with a friend. If you don't see a particular sermon, let us know and we will see that you get it.

"GOD'S MAKEOVER PLAN" meets for their final session tonight during the singing service. All ladies who have been in this class should arrive in the fellowship room at 6:00 p.m. sharp to have time to finish.

SHOEBOXES for Central America: To participate in the program this year, we ask that you bring shoebox(es) filled with small toys, books, toothbrush, combs, etc. by September 26. These need to be Christmas gift-wrapped with the box and the lid wrapped separately, and a label on the outside indicating if it's for a boy or girl.

BIRTHDAYS: Justin Ray, Jarrett Whitson (today); Dylan Leitmaker (Mon.); Abby Grace Jenkins (Tues.); Ken Mysterly, David Arnold, Nash Brannon (Wed.); Charlie Russell (Fri.); Rachel Lyons, Dean Ray (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: David & Sandra Norris (today).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 09.06.09

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 Higginbotham's house!
- Dinner date! Wednesday 5:30 @ CiCi's
- Fall Youth Schedules are now available on the visitors counter!
- High Rock Bible Camp Fall Retreat applications available on the visitors counter! Pick one up today! The Fall Retreat is September 25-27

COLLEGE GROUP

- Be Adopted! Starting today, we're encouraging families at Central to adopt a college student. If you are a college student that would like to be adopted and you haven't had your picture made yet, see Tim Haywood ASAP!
- Welcome Students meal following morning worship next Sunday. Families, plan on bringing enough to feed 2 families. Students, plan on bringing a friend and eating enough to feed 1 family!
- We had 41 in attendance at the 7:08 Ministries House last Tuesday! This week we're expecting even more. If you couldn't find a place to sit last week, don't worry. We'll be bringing in more chairs and arranging for better seating for everyone! You won't want to miss the great food, great fun, great friends and great fellowship at the 7:08 Ministries house this week! This Tuesday make sure to be there at 6:00 for another great meal, and stick around because at 7:08 Tim Hall will continue our "What Not To Wear" theme from Romans 13:14 by asking the question, "What Are You Wearing?" Bring your friends!
- Here are some upcoming activities to be looking forward to in the college group:
 - Sept 13 – Welcome Students meal
 - Oct 16-20 – Fall Break Mission Trip to Rainbow Omega
 - October 24-25 – Scarowinds Trip
 - October 27 – Costume Party
 - Nov 6-8 – Backpacking/Caving/Camping Trip
 - Dec 18-20 – Winter Retreat

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: *Matt Mahaley*

Next Week: *Everson Weekley*

Prayer: *Tom Reeves*

Next Week: *Steve Trent*

Scripture: *Bill Usher*

Next Week: *Brandon Moreland*

Sermon: *Tim Hall*

Topic: *"Pass Me Not"*

Dismissal: *L.A. Hamilton*

Next Week: *Gene Arrowood*

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: *James Hunt*

Next Week: *Dennis Russell*

Serving: *Jerrold Tolley, Fred Roten, Tyler Bacon, Roland Browne, Paul Hoilman, Jerry Bacon, Dylan Vantine, Charles Elliott, Dave Torgerson, Mark Stayer, Jerry Pierce, Warit Jithpratuck, Luke Whitted, John Davis, Jerry Whitted, Jim Bob Moore*

Children's Training Class: *the Gilliams*

Nursery: *Louise Clites*

Toddler: *Debbie Quesinberry*

Assistant: *Sydney Witherspoon*

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: *Tom Cromie*

Devotional: *Wednesday Series*

Dismissal: *Bill Cruikshank*

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: *Clay Bailey*

Prayer: *Ken Gilliam*

Scripture:

Sermon: *Song Service*

Topic:

Dismissal: *Trey Robertson*

Lord's Supper: *Paul Herrin, Terry Billingsby*

Nursery & Toddler: *Sandra Norris*

For September:

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

Cup Pick-up: *4th graders*

Emergency Food: *Judy Whisnant*

Baptistery: *Judy Jones*

Report from Last Week

Classes 174 A.M. 444 P.M. 182

Wed. 232 Offering: \$10,864.04

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00

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