

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

“An Accurate Response”

Tim Thomas has only been a member of this congregation for a couple of weeks; he and his wife Denis moved here last month from Knoxville. But I've already learned something valuable from Tim: How to respond to a familiar greeting with total accuracy.

One of the most common greetings we hear is “How are you?” Some folks have long answered with total honesty and will go into detail about various aspects of their lives. That's OK; we asked, didn't we? But most of us will mutter under our breath that we really weren't seeking such a definitive answer. It's just a greeting.

Ask Tim Thomas how he's doing and you're going to hear “Well blessed.” He elaborated on that response last week, saying in effect that he knows people aren't really looking for details. Yet he also doesn't want to mislead by saying “Everything's fine” (if *everything* really *isn't* fine). When he says he's well blessed, he is responding truthfully.

We have long sung that lesson by reminding each other to “Count Your Blessings”. No matter how tough life has become, there are still many blessings that surround us. Taking time to consider those blessings will cause some of the dark clouds to vanish.

Here's how the apostle Paul taught the same principle: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). What Paul is stressing is that we should take everything to God in prayer. But don't miss the point that we should consider our blessings even as we take our burdens to God. The blessings are there, and they're present in abundance. Have we taken inventory lately?

Psalm 100 is a grand psalm, encouraging us to come into the presence of God. But conditions are given: “Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name” (Psalm 100:4). God has done so much for each and every one of us. So much! But if we haven't taken that goodness into consideration, what kind of attitude will we bring into His presence?

The next time you're asked, “Hi, how're ya' doin'?”, try something other than “Fine, how're you?” By responding, “I'm well blessed, how about you?” you'll be challenging the other person to consider their blessings, too. And when we all realize that we've been well blessed, you'll see attitudes that have been changed for the better.

LET'S PRAY FOR: Nell Phillips, recuperating at home following a fall; Janet Looney, Margaret Sams, Max Bare, and Allen Jackson recuperating at home from recent surgeries; Marty Smith; Arlene Kellum; Joyce Hall; Peggy Phillips; Jack Brewer; John Melton; Betty Hamilton; Carol Briggs; 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: Stephen Hampton, brother of the Torgersons' sister-in-law, liver cancer; Dana Hathaway, Sheree Pierce's brother, hospitalized with several problems; Cindy Salyer, colleague of Dennis Vonderfecht, brain stem tumor; Roland Browne's mother and family in Liberia, health problems; Montie Lyons, coworker of several of our members, leukemia; Melanie Coggins, friend of Jill Fair, cancer surgery; Carolyn Rupe and family, as Carolyn moves to Nashville; Sam Bish, 8-year-old with aggressive cancer; Louise Blevins, Max Bare's cousin, surgery for a spot on her lung; Kristy Maurer's brother and his wife; Jordan Vaughn; Cindy LaLond; Allen Bagents.

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: 34.

PLEASE SIGN the yellow sheet if you plan to attend Monday Night for the Master.

WEDNESDAY SERIES concludes this week with **Roby Ellis**, minister of the Elizabethton Church of Christ, speaking on "The Dead, Before the End Comes".

"THANK YOU for helping me with the Buddy Walk. Love, Joanna" Joanna raised over \$1600 for a great cause!

GOSPEL MEETING: Valley, today through Wednesday, **Kevin Williams**; Greeneville, 10/4-7, with **Wesley Simons**.

AREA SINGING, next Sunday, Pleasant View at 2:30 p.m.

AWAY TODAY: **Tim Hall** begins a gospel meeting today with the Mt. Zion Church of Christ in London, KY. The meeting will go through Wednesday night. If you need to get in touch with Tim, call Joyce at their home.

THANK YOU to **Ken Gilliam** for speaking this morning and **Tim Haywood** for preaching tonight in Tim's absence.

THERE WILL BE a baby shower for **Mary and baby girl Tolley** here next Sunday from 2-3:30 in the gathering hall. She is registered at Babies R us and Target. Hostesses are **Luanne Hoilman**, **Sarah Booher**, **Jane Fillers**, and **Marie Johnson**.



KIDS NIGHT IN/PARENTS NIGHT OUT – Friday, October 2, 6-8:30 p.m. Theme is "Kids Just Wanna Be Kids".

SEEDS FOR HAITI: Once again, we are asking you to consider bringing in seed packets that we will send to an orphanage in Haiti for their food garden. Any vegetable seeds would be appreciated. There will be a box in the old foyer to leave them in.

SEASONED SINGLES Cake & Cards will be today after morning service.

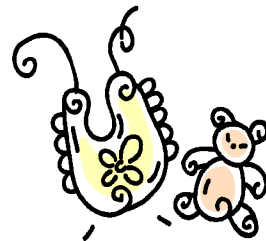
A GREAT SERIES! Our Wednesday night series on "Then Comes The End" has featured some outstanding lessons. Extra CDs of each lesson have been made available at the Welcome Center, but if you can't find the CD that you want, hand Tim Hall a note with the specific lesson you'd like to have. When you're through listening to it, pass it on to a friend.

PANTRY ITEMS: **Bar soap**, **spaghetti sauce**, **canned chili**.

THE STOCKS have a new address: 1222 Meadow Creek Lane, Jonesborough 37659. Their home number is 778-3568.

SUPPORTING THE TROOPS: A special emphasis has been added to Monday Night For The Master: supporting those connected to Central who are in the military. If you have a loved one who is actively serving, give us their address. We'll send cards on a regular basis, and may occasionally send a care package. If you have a photo of this person, we'd like to have that, too.

A BABY SHOWER is being planned for **Suzanne and baby girl Whitehead** on Sunday, October 11! She is registered at Target. More details next week.



BILL AND LINDA PHILLIPS placed membership with us last Sunday, and **Marcos and Brittany Lobos** placed their membership here on Wednesday night! We will have more information on both couples in next week's bulletin, but meanwhile, welcome, Bill, Linda, Marcos and Brittany!

THOUGHT TO PONDER:
"It is one thing to go through a crisis grandly, but another thing to go through every day glorifying God when there is no witness, no limelight, no one paying the remotest attention to us." – **Oswald Chambers**

BIRTHDAYS: **Luke Robertson** (today); **Mary Sheridan** (Mon.); **Shane Nixon** (Tues.); **Karen Stevens**, **Blake Mitchell** (Wed.); **Kerry Hutchinson** (Thurs.); **Sandra Norris** (Fri.). ANNIVERSARIES: **Scott & Jennifer Chisam** (today); **Garth & Janice Moze** (Tues.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 09.27.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- No Dinner Date this week!
- Fall Youth Schedules are now available on the visitors counter!
- The youth group will be returning to the building from the High Rock Fall Retreat today around 2:00.

COLLEGE GROUP

WWW.708MINISTRIES.ORG

- Thanks so much to everyone who has been supporting 7:08 Ministries this year by providing drinks, food or adopting a student. Please continue to pray for our students and our campus ministry, and let's be sure to make our students feel at home here at Central!
- Make sure you are at 7:08 this week! We've been having great numbers, great times, great food, and great devotions. This week come hear Drew Salyer talk about "If Those Were the Last Shoes on Earth, I Would Cut Off My Feet!" Want to know what that's going to be all about? Come to 7:08 to find out!
- Lots of trips for the college group coming up! Make sure to check the costs and deadlines and then sign up in the old foyer-
 - Oct 16-20 – Fall Break Mission Trip to Rainbow Omega – Sign up by Tuesday, Sept 29th – The only cost for this trip is your meals.
 - October 24-25 – Scarowinds Trip – Sign up by Tuesday, October 20th - \$40
 - Nov 6-8 – Backpacking/Caving/Camping Trip – Sign up by Tuesday, Oct 6th
 - Dec 18-20 – Winter Retreat – Sign up by Tuesday, October 27th - \$40

***Can you help a college student participate in some of these activities? See Tim Haywood if you are able.**

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Song Leader: Dennis Vonderfecht

Next Week: Phil Gilliam

Prayer: Perry Jernigan

Next Week: Tom Cromie

Scripture: Ron Elliott

Next Week: Jerry Whitted

Sermon: Ken Gilliam

Topic:

Dismissal: Mike Sheridan

Next Week: Everson Weekley

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: Michael Rasnake

Next Week: Steve Trent

Serving: Jerrod 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: Meghan Daniel

Toddler: Lori Erickson

Assistant: Anna Stevens

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Jacob Witten

Devotional: Wednesday Series

Dismissal: Dennis Russell

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: L.A. Hamilton

Prayer: Calvin Crim

Scripture: Tom Cromie

Sermon: Tim Haywood

Topic:

Dismissal: Paul Elliott

Lord's Supper: Paul Herrin, Terry
Billingsby

Nursery & Toddler: Carol Trent

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 185 A.M. 352 P.M. 174

Wed. 247 Offering: \$8,546.99

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00

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