

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

“A Day Of Great Disappointment”

October 22, 1844 has been dubbed “The Great Disappointment”. Followers of the popular preacher, William Miller, had seized on a prediction that one of his co-workers had made – that Jesus would return on that date. Miller himself had not made a specific prediction, but was quite sure the Lord was going to return sometime that year.

Disciples of that movement (referred to by many as “Millerites”) were waiting for the Lord as October 22 dawned. They waited all day, into the next day and for a few days to come. Realizing that their hope would not be fulfilled, many became disillusioned and gave up their belief entirely, while others formed new sects with altered views.

Suppose the Lord had actually chosen to return on that date: Would those folks have been doing what the Lord expected of them? Does Jesus call us simply to wait for Him, or is there something more we are to do?

Here's what Jesus said in Matthew 24:45,46: “Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.”

Certainly the Lord expects us to await His return. If we lose sight of that fact our lives tend to become focused only on this life. Peter made that point: “Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness?” (2 Peter 3:11). We need to keep kindled in our hearts that expectation that Jesus could return at any moment.

But we must do more than simply “keep the light on” for Jesus. While we wait for the Second Coming we must be engaged in the work He has left us to do.

Jesus Himself modeled this trait: “I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4). Because He constantly did His Father's will, Jesus could say at the end of His life, “Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit” (Luke 23:46). Though storms of pain and persecution swirled around Him, He had peace inside.

Instead of a day of disappointment, let us live in constant readiness for the Lord's return. “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming quickly.’ Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20) Can we say “Amen” to that, too?

LET'S PRAY FOR: Alison Gilliam, recent surgery; Dave Torgerson, home while pancreas heals; Monteen Forrester, NCH (Colonial Hills); Nell Phillips, recuperating at home; Allison Stanfill, thyroid condition that could lead to surgery; Allen Jackson, probably more surgery to reposition the spinal cord stimulator; Lucy Haggerty, recent heart episode; Mike Lyons; Janet Looney; Margaret Sams; Max Bare; Marty Smith; Arlene Kellum; Joyce Hall; Peggy Phillips; Jack Brewer; John Melton; Betty Hamilton; Carol Briggs; Della Edwards; 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: Candy Phillips, daughter of area minister Wesley Simons and wife of minister Tim Phillips, massive stroke earlier this week; Barney Hofer, Luci Jernigan's dad, kidney surgery last Tuesday; Grace Oaks, Keith Oaks' mother, heart attack; Bill King, grandfather of Natalie Moreland, terminal cancer; Joyce McCartt and Joan Cox, friends of Patti Fatherree in Memphis, cancer; Benny Laws, Verda Smith's brother, seizure; Nancy Laws; Angela Perry; Verda Smith; Montie Lyons; Sam Bish; Louise Blevins; 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, 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: 38.

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

GOSPEL MEETING: Crandull, 10/25-29, with **Ron Gilbert**.

"KIDS AND CANS" – Kids, remember to bring a can of food for the pantry each Sunday and Wednesday and drop off in the old pantry! Thank you!

WE ARE READY to start a new year of Prayer Warriors. Parents, please pick up a form for each child from the welcome center, fill it out and return it to the box.

SEEDS FOR HAITI: Please bring seed packets that we will send to an orphanage in Haiti for their food garden. Any vegetable seeds would be appreciated. Please leave in the box in the old foyer.

COATS FOR KIDS! Please bring in gently used or new winter coats which will be distributed to children who need them. Scarves, hats and gloves can be used, too. Please leave them in the wooden container in the old foyer.

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE PARTY, 12/7. Volunteers are needed to decorate a table. See the bulletin board beside the adult library in the old foyer to sign up to set a table for 6 in any way you like! Call **Margaret Sams** or **Kathy Higginbotham**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with our audio/video equipment. We especially need those with some experience in operating sound boards, recording equipment and / or computer projection, but training will be given to those without experience. If you're interested, see **John Doyle** or **Mike Higginbotham** as soon as possible.

SEASONED SINGLES Cake & Cards is today after services.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Brian and Suzanne Whitehead** on the birth of **Laura Marie** on Wednesday! She weighed 4 lb., 15 oz. Congrats also to grandparents **Keith and Janice Oaks**, uncle **Reuben**, & aunt **Mandy**!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME will come to an end early next Sunday. Before going to bed on October 31, set your clock back one hour and enjoy an extra hour of sleep!

START SAVING good used clothing for the next Saturday of Service (SOS) coming up in a couple of months. If you want to start bringing clothing in, you can leave it in the lower level area close to the elevator entrance.

SYDNEY WITHERPOON is selling fruit for the band. Please place orders by 11/1.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: 11/7, Sevierville Church of Christ, **Nancy Daniels, Jane Washington**, speakers. Please RSVP to 865.453.8009.

KIDS NIGHT IN/PARENTS NIGHT OUT has been moved up to October 30 instead of the first Friday of November. Theme: "Fall Fun and Surprises" Any parents who can help out with snacks, see Patti.

TRUNK AND TREAT this Wednesday after classes in the parking lot. Kids, bring your costumes to change into; adults, decorate your car and be prepared to hand out treats!

TIM AND AMANDA HAYWOOD'S new address is 1804 Glen Echo Rd., JC 37604. Tim's new hours are 9 a.m. to noon here, 1-5 p.m. at the college house.

FUN OPPORTUNITY! **Regina Collins** is looking for volunteers who could go approximately once a month to Cherry Haven for a few hours to bake, watch movies, do crafts, or just take a walk with **Joanna and Laura**, the young ladies living there. See Regina if you would like to do this. Thanks!

NANCY LAWS, who has ALS, can still talk on the phone and would enjoy calls. She and her husband D.C. can be reached at 256.325.3456.

THERE ARE COPIES available on the welcome counter of a recent article by **Reed Dayton**. Feel free to pick one up.

IT IS TIME for our "Fall Landscape Planting" to begin around the building. The planting program has been planned and is shown on the display board in the main foyer. The elders request that members interested in contributing should give their contribution to the "Fall Landscaping Fund". Donations should be given directly to one of the elders or to **David Frakes**, treasurer. However, should there be those who desire to fund a specific project or purchase specific plants as indicated on the display board, you may do so. **James Hunt** is available to answer any questions about the planting program and to assist with any necessary coordination. Donations to the planting program will be prioritized to match the order of the numbered photographs on the display board. Thanks!

A CHILD'S FIRST LIBRARY OF LEARNING SERIES, 22 volumes, is new in the Children's Library! Check it out!

PANTRY ITEMS: **Bar soap, spaghetti sauce, canned chili**. Please leave outside the office door or by the pantry. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS: **Andrew McCormick** (today); **Martha Dayton, Sarah Booher, Ruth Ann Mowery, Jenny Usher, Fred Roten** (Mon.); **Treva Bacon, Jordan Looney** (Tues.); **David Barefield, Cheryl Chernesky** (Wed.); **Gladys Keene** (Thurs.); **Thomas Phillips** (Fri.); **Campbell Kellum, Charles Hartman, Kacey Jackson** (Sat.). ANNIVERSARIES: **Danny & Arlene Kellum** (Mon.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 10.25.09

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

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



YOUTH GROUP

Be planning for these activities!

- Wednesday Night Dinner Date- 5:30 @ Barberito's!
- Area Wide Youth Gathering @ Abingdon Church of Christ today! The guest speaker will be Johnnie LeMaster. Johnnie played Major League baseball for 12 seasons. He now serves as an elder in the Lord's Church in Paintsville, Kentucky. Youth, Parents, and anyone else are invited to hear brother LeMaster speak on how he was able to avoid temptation and how he was able to share the gospel with and even baptize some of his teammates. The van will leave at 1:30 and return around 9:15. Dinner will be provided.

COLLEGE GROUP

WWW.708MINISTRIES.ORG

- Halloween Costume Party! This Tuesday, October 27th. Be original and creative and come dressed in a tasteful costume. We'll have lots of games and food. The fun will start @ 7:08 @ 708.
- Backpacking/Caving/Camping Trip November 6-8! Let Tim 2 know today if you plan to go!
- Winter Retreat is coming up soon! Be watching for details.
- CSO/708 Homecoming November 13! This will be a chance to see/meet former members of the college group!

*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: Matt Mahaley

Prayer:

Next Week:

Scripture: Warit Jithpratuck

Next Week:

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Understanding Authority"

Dismissal: Gene Arrowood

Next Week:

Lord's Supper,

Presiding: Charles Elliott

Next Week:

Serving: Anthony Bagley, Bruce Barnett, Clay Bailey, Dustin Roberts, Jarrett Whitson, Jay Stevens, Jerry Mitchell, Kyle Higginbotham, Mike Stephens, Neal Elliott, Paul Elliott, Steven Cromie, Tom Young, Tom Hudnall, Tom Reeves, W.C. Ausborn

Children's Training Class: the Gilliams

Nursery: Louise Clites

Toddler: Debra Quesinberry

Assistant: Sydney Davis

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Paul Hamilton

Devotional: Danny Kellum

Dismissal: Tom Cromie

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Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: Jacob Witten

Prayer: David Erickson

Scripture: Paul Herrin

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Wanna Bet?"

Dismissal: John McKinnis

Lord's Supper: Sherrell Shepard,
Conor McKinnis

Nursery & Toddler: Stacy Rice

For October:

Communion Prep: Gay Clark

(contact the Shepards, 477-2278, if unable)

Cup Pick-up: 3rd graders

Emergency Food: Judy Jones

Baptistery: Aretha Joyner, Myra Stables

Report from Last Week

Classes 172 A.M. 370 P.M. 173

Wed. Offering: \$11,057.75

Weekly Budget: \$12,000.00