

Glory to God

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February 19, 2012
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Danny Kellum
Michael Rasnake
Ren Rice
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Dave Torgerson
Steve Trent
Cary Vantine
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Worship Times

Sundays:
Worship,
10 am and 6 pm;
Classes: 9 am

Wednesdays:
Worship, Class,
7:00 pm

Some Thoughts I'd Like to Share.....by Tim Hall

“Always Be Ready”

Have you really not heard of Jeremy Lin yet? Let me give you a brief bio: Born in 1988 in Los Angeles, CA to parents who emigrated from Taiwan, Lin demonstrated early a gift for playing basketball. In high school he led his team to the Division II state championship. But he couldn't get a scholarship offer from any college programs, so he “walked on” at Harvard University. (Ivy League schools don't offer athletic scholarships.)

At Harvard he again showed his gift for playing basketball. In his senior season he was one of 11 finalists for the prestigious Bob Cousy Award, given annually to the best player in the nation. Still, his talents were largely ignored by the NBA; no team drafted him.

He was given a chance to play for the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets, but each team soon dropped him from their roster. In December of 2011, the New York Knicks offered him a limited contract. On February 4, 2012 Lin got his chance. In a desperation move, he was inserted into the lineup and promptly scored 28 points. In the five games since, Lin has started every one and the Knicks have won every game. What Tim Tebow was to the NFL, Jeremy Lin has become to the NBA.

How easy it would have been for Lin to give up at various stages of his career. But because he remained prepared, he was ready when his opportunity came.

Peter tells every Christian to remain prepared: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15).

The world, it seems, grows more skeptical each day. But occasionally an honest seeker will ask a question about the faith we hold. What will we do when that moment comes? Will we have an answer to give them?

When Coach Mike D'Antoni called Jeremy Lin to get into the game, there was no time to lose. “Coach, give me a day or two, and I'll be ready” would have promptly ended his days with the Knicks. Lin had to be ready for “the moment”, whenever it might come.

The stakes for us are much higher. Someone's soul may depend upon our being ready. If we say, “Give me a week or two and I'll get back to you”, they may not be there later.

Preparation means devoted Bible study, both privately and in group settings. Can you say that you are ready if “the moment” comes today?

February 19: LET'S PRAY FOR: Amanda Rhodes, same-day surgery last Wednesday; Tim Hall, knee replacement surgery 2/23; Becky Smith, seeing doctors tomorrow for severe back pain; Louise Welch, doing well following recent back surgery and a case of shingles; Ken Lutterman, eye surgery last Friday; Dean Neal; Chai Chintaleka; Jim Bob Moore; Buddy Barefield; Judy Jones; Allen Jackson; Bob Patton; Sue Neeley; Joyce Hall; Gene Chapman; Carolyn Smith; Jack Brewer; Sherrell Shepard; Phil & Gay Enkema; Karen Stevens. **Skilled nursing/assisted living/homebound:** Bonnie Campbell; the Listers; Velma Stables; Phyllis Haire; Della Edwards; the Daytons; Flora Broskey; Clyde Buckles.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: Martha Burgin, wife of a teacher at SHHS and daughter-in-law of friends of the Sams, waiting on double kidney transplant; Dan Stansberry, friend of the Dyes, surgery last Tuesday; Carroll Shepard, Sherrill's brother, heart problems; Don Clark, Dave Clark's brother, heart bypass surgery last Wednesday; John Pansock; Valerie Merkel; Sandra Ryan; Jamie Byrd; Joe Adams; Matt Scalf; Lon Shuler; Hilda Tester; Jean Hayes; Harold Yates; Lee Thompson; Jesse Crabtree; Robert Sims; Calvin Urserly; Brian Games; Katherine Gilliam; Bea Whitson; Shirley Ely; Josh Adcock; Greta Copas; Sarah Dalcher; Joan Johnson; Hannah Jayne Taylor; Jeannie Blevins; Marty Gasteiger; Clayton & Vivian Winters; Lee Sargent; Duke Gregory; Russell Cook. **NEW/UPDATES UNDERLINED**

MILITARY: Robbie Glenn, Eli Mitchell, Joseph Gilliam, Jordan Heatly, Air Force; Brittany Lobos, Jeremy Cutshall, Nicole Stephens, Devin Stephens, Army; Dustin Humphreys, Marine Reserves.

SUNDAY MORNINGS: "In Search of the Lord's Way", 7:30, Inspiration and Fox; "Biblical Viewpoints", 8:00, "TV Sunday School", 8:30, WJHL.

PUT A CROSS over your name in the Friendship Register if you read the Bible at least 5 days. Last week:

FOSTER HOPE CHILDREN'S CLOSET items for February: **hairbrushes and combs, and girls' hair accessories (bands, clips, etc.)** These can be left beside Kathy's office.

BIBLE STORYTIME tonight, 2nd-3rd graders

BE SURE to update your directory information before March 18 and/or have a new photo taken. To do so, please see John McKinnis or Ron Whitson.

PATTI FATHERREE has asked for any spare child safety seats or booster seats, any size for homeless families. Please leave them in the old kitchen, marked for Patti.

LADIES DAY, East Bristol, 4/21. RSVP to 968-3645 (Lisa Carmody).

SINGING, today, 2:30 p.m., Asheville Hwy

2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7/15-18!

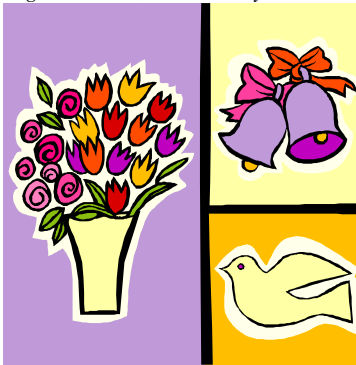
"I WANT TO THANK everyone for all the cards, calls, and especially the prayers during my recent injury and recovery. My wound is healing faster than expected and I believe that the many prayers have helped to make this happen. Dean Neal"

THE ERICKSONS are looking for a college student to watch their children this summer. If you are interested, see Lori or David.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER will resume on Monday, March 5, at 6 p.m.

DORCAS GROUP, Wednesday at 1

WEDDING SHOWER here Sunday, March 4 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. for Amy Farmer and Billy Buselmeier! Hostesses are Debbie Ingram, Rene Gilliam, Louise Clites, and April Looney. Amy and Billy are registered at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



"WE HAVE some secret servants amongst us that are making a lot of people feel loved and appreciated. May God bless you and let the glory be to God. CC"

ANYONE INTERESTED in going on the Nicaragua mission trip the last week of June, please see Perry Jernigan here or email him at pjernigan@aol.com.

FREE & RECOMMENDED! "Daily Focus" is a daily email sent to members of Central. It contains Scripture readings, prayer requests and announcements of church news. If you want to receive it, write to joycaster@gmail.com to be included.

THE FEBRUARY ITEMS we are collecting for SOS are cleaning/personal care items. If you can bring a complete bag of these, please do so and leave under the table in the old foyer. If you want to bring individual items from the list, leave them on top of the table. Items: shampoo, conditioner, soap (bar or liquid), deodorant, toothpaste, dishwashing liquid, clothing detergent, all-purpose cleaner. You can find these for \$1 apiece at the Dollar Tree. Goal: 300 bags.

SUE HOOVER, former Central member, invites all who would like to send her father a card for his 90th birthday! Donald Hill Sr., 211 Hill Dr., Rock Island, TN 38581

CELEBS: Jordan Bacon was pictured in News & Neighbor playing basketball; and Dennis Vonderfecht was featured in N & N talking about the future of health care.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY to Jim and Jane Fillers and Earl and Marie Johnson on the passing of Evelyn Fillers, Jim's mother and Marie's grandmother, last Sunday. Also our sympathy to Jane Fillers, Marie Johnson and Virginia Crowder's daughter Jan on the recent death of their aunt.

THE PEOPLE of the Philippines are suffering again following a strong earthquake recently. News is just now getting out about the tragedy.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for 2 year old Eli Dunham, grandson of a friend of Janice and Mandy Oaks and Teresa Wolfe. Eli fell down stairs recently and was in the PICU at UT Medical Center with head injuries; he has now returned home.

UPDATE to last week's announcement: The address for Rick and Joyce McClimon, who were baptized 2/9, is 365 Whispering Woods Dr., Bluff City, 37618; phone 391-7557.

GENUINELY GRATEFUL: "Joyce and I thank each of you for your expressions of concern for my knee replacement surgery, scheduled for February 23. We'll be in Nashville for a few days for my initial rehab, but we'll be home soon. You have made your love abundantly clear, and we appreciate you! **Tim Hall**"

"THANK YOU for your prayers, kind words of encouragement, cards, visits and meal during the illness and loss of our beloved Mother and Mamaw. Your support during this past difficult week has helped to sustain us. We love you dearly. **Jim and Jane Fillers & Earl & Marie Johnson**"

SIGN UP to teach Spring quarter! See the lists on the KIDSBoard.

BIRTHDAYS: Jim Bob Moore, Blake Robertson (today); Gabriela WiseCarver (Mon.); Toni Bartosch (Tues.); Ken Gilliam (Thu.); Sarah Whitted (Sat.).

YOUTH & COLLEGE NEWS 02.19.12

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

“YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”



-MATT 22:39

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO, YOUTH GROUP!

- Schedule: Check <http://gracemine.org/youthgroupsched.htm> for upcoming events! The schedule is done through 2012, but keep in mind that the schedule is flexible and should be viewed as such.
- Secret Servant: Please don't forget to give your "secret servant" a note(s) for the week. We are here to build each other up, and I pray that we can do so in this way.
- VBS: The meeting was a great success! The congregation's VBS will be held from July 15th – 18th each night at 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The topic will be "The Life of Jesus." If you can help out, please let us know. This is YOUR VBS too!
- Wednesday Night Dinner Date: 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at Cootie Browns (2715 N Roan St.). Bring a friend and help us get to know them better.
- CYC: For those that are going on the trip to Challenge Youth Conference, be at the Church's building on the 24th at 3:45 p.m. so we can leave at 4 p.m. Make sure you have your medical release form filled out!
- Youth Meeting: I would like to talk with the youth Sunday morning of March the 4th after worship for just about 30 minutes. This will be concerning two topics: 1) Picking two youth representatives and 2) Discussing a trip to Harlan KY to do a VBS. For more information, an itinerary will be provided ahead of time in the foyer.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Psalm 22:14, Luke 24:27 - How do you understand the Bible? How come it is not as simple as just reading the words? Every time that we read something, it has to be processed, whether we are conscious of that or not. How we interpret the Scriptures could mean seeing Christ in the right or in the wrong way. Think this week on how to study the Bible right, and if you need help with that, let's talk about it!

7:08 MINISTRIES

TIM.HAYWOOD@GRACEMINE.ORG

COME TO 7:08 THIS TUESDAY NIGHT!

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Sunday Morning:

Contact Doug Booton if unable to serve

Welcome: Gene Chapman

Song Leader: Dennis Vonderfecht

Next Week: Phil Gilliam

Prayer: Earl Johnson

Next Week: Michael Rasnake

Scripture: David Kirby

Next Week: Jerry Bacon

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Judging Others"

Dismissal: Gene Chapman

Next Week: L.A. Hamilton

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Butch Carden

Next Week: Terry Billingsby

Serving: Andrew Easterling, Austin

Hamilton, Ben Crossman, Bill Cruikshank,

Billy Buselmeier, Cary Vantine, Fred

Roten, Jerrod Tolley, Joe Pugh, Larry

Reece, Marshall Stables, Neal Elliott, Riley

Jones, Scott Hoilman, Tom Hudnall, W.C.

Ausborn

Children's Training Class: Phil & Rene

Gilliam

Nursery: Rachel Laycock

Toddler: Justin Laycock

Assistant: Kailee Allen

Wednesday Evening:

Song Leader: Cory Werkheiser

Devotional: Paul Hamilton

Dismissal: Chig Gunter

Sunday Evening:

Song Leader: David Crockett

Prayer: David Collins

Scripture: Brian Crabtree

Sermon: Tim Hall

Topic: "Responding to Grief"

Dismissal: David Erickson

Lord's Supper: Claude Terry, Paul

Hamilton

Nursery & Toddler: Meredith Brewer

Building Security: Robert Harrison, Ren

Rice

Next Week: Paul Elliott, Ron Whitson

Opening, Closing building: Steve

Williams

Next Week: Steve Ingram

For February:

Communion Prep: Roger and Louise Clites

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

Cup & Bulletin Pick-up: 3rd graders

Baptistery: Delora Tidwell

Report from last week

Classes: 211; A.M. 429; P.M. 199; Wed. 225

Offering: \$9,962.22

Weekly Budget: \$12,500.00

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