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Denny's Dabblings...



I look forward to this coming Lord's Day, February 28th. I will begin a new sermon series, **"One Month To Live."** The first sermon in this series will be "Live Passionately." Does this word 'passionately' describe the way you are living the life you have been given? We do know that we are in this world for just a limited time. No one of us has been promised tomorrow but we do have today. How are you living the life you have today? We will address these kinds of issues in the sermon.

My yoke is easy and my burden is light...

A lecturer was giving a lecture to his students on stress management. He raised a glass of water and asked the class, "How heavy do you think this glass of water is?" The students answers ranged from 20 grams to 500 grams. The professor said, "It does not matter on the absolute weight. It depends on how long you hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it is okay. If I hold it for an hour, I will have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you will have to call an ambulance. It is the exact same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." The professor concluded his remarks with these words: "If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, we will not be able to carry on. The burden becomes increasingly heavier. What you have to do is put the glass down, rest for a while before holding it again." We have to put down the burdens periodically, so that we can be refreshed and then are able to carry on. So, before you return home from work, put the burdens down. Don't carry them home with you. You can pick them up again tomorrow. Whatever burdens you are having now on your shoulders, let down for a moment if you can. Pick it up again later when you have rested. Life is short, enjoy it!!! (Dr. Wheeler Jones)

There is really great news for us regarding the burdens that we try to carry in our life. And every one of us do have burdens.

Jesus is the great burden-bearer for us. He offers to take our burdens upon himself and carry them for us. Look at his words in Matt. 11:28-30 – *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.* Ridding ourselves of our burdens is matter of coming to Jesus so we can find the rest we need from the weight of our burdens. We come to Jesus and he takes our burdens on himself and that gives us the needed rest and relief. However, let me remind you that this also involves leaving our burdens there. Many times I have sought to have Jesus take my burdens and I have prayed for his help but I have left my prayer time still trying to struggle with and carry those very same burdens.

The burdens we encounter is life weigh us down to the point that we become weary and exhausted. But this invitation of Jesus also involves taking Jesus' yoke and learning from him. Note that Jesus says his yoke is easy and his burden is light. Jesus' yoke is easy and his burden is light because he is gentle and humble. This easiness and light burden is found only in a relationship with Jesus who is filled with compassion and devoted to humble service on behalf of his people. Following one who is so devoted to us will not make us weary or exhausted. It gives rest for our spirits.

DRAMA PRACTICE
Sunday, February 28th
5:00 p.m.

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Central's Facts and Figures

Memorials

M/M Ron Sieling, M/M Gilbert Kamer, and the Friendly Workers Class gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of *Tony Gearheart*.

M/M Ron Sieling, M/M Jim Morgan, and M/M Gilbert Kamer gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of *Thelma Conley*

Frieda Underwood gave to the Memorial Fund in memory of *Virginia Hollis*.

February 22nd, 2010

General Fund.....	\$3,832.00
Missions.....	\$511.00
Building Fund.....	\$553.00
Memorial Fund.....	\$120.00
Capital Savings Fund.....	\$50.00
Deacon's Fund.....	\$10.00
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$5,076.00

Current Expenses:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$28,351.68
Received to Date.....	\$26,437.72
Under Budget.....	\$1,913.96

Missions:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$3,788.89
Received to Date.....	\$3,189.50
Under Budget.....	\$599.39

Building Fund:

Budget Need to Date.....	\$4,891.52
Received to Date	\$2,493.50
Under Budget.....	\$2,398.02

ATTENDANCE February 21, 2010

Sunday School.....	84
10:30 Morning Worship.....	177
6:30 Evening Service.....	77

Mark Your Calendar

- **Saturday, February 27th**
 Men's Prayer Breakfast
 7:30 AM
 (will be moving Drama props after breakfast)
- **Sunday, February 28th**
 Children's Ministry
 immediately following Morning Worship
- **Tuesday, March 2nd**
 6:00 PM Elders Meeting
 6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
 7:00 PM Combined Board Meeting
- **Thursday, March 4th**
 6:00 PM – Double Nickel Meeting
 Church Fellowship Hall
 Spaghetti provided – bring salad – dessert or bread – Sign up list is posted on bulletin board by the Nursery
- **Friday, March 5th**
 Laser Tag
 6:30 – 8:30 PM
 Grades 1st – 6th
 Chaperones are needed for this outing!!! See Jane Stevens or Tracy Smith for more information!
- **Monday, March 15th**
 KYOWVA Men's Supper Meeting
 Church Van leaving from Central at 4:30 PM
 New Life Church of Christ
 Flemingsburg, KY
 Kerry Allen – preaching

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended to our church family:

To Oscar Conley and family in the death of Oscar's mother, Thelma Funeral arrangements were conducted Saturday, February 20th.

To the family Harold Tilton, long-time member of Central. Harold died Monday, February 15th and funeral services were held on Friday, February 19th.

Central Church of Christ

exists to

REACH the unchurched community to **CONNECT** them with the church to help them **GROW** in their faith and to challenge the growing to **DISCOVER** their ministry and **HONOR** God with their life!