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Minister's Moment—What Do I Stand For?

When I was in elementary school, every day we would pledge allegiance to the flag. Our entire school would stand at attention, place our hands over our hearts, and then unanimously pledge allegiance. We could have said the same words and even placed our hands over our hearts while sitting but we didn't, why? I think the simple reason is because we want to visibly and unitedly declare honor to what we were participating in and also what it represented, our Nation.

If you are in the military and an officer of superior rank enters the room you stand and salute. When we sing the National Anthem at a ballgame we stand, take off our hats, and place our hands over our hearts. Even at a wedding when the bride enters the auditorium we stand as she walks in. Many of us have even been taught to stand if seated when someone comes over to shake your hand. All of these gesture display honor. They all say that I respect the person or the function I am participating in. Read with me what Nehemiah says in chapter 9.

Nehemiah 9:1-3 - On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in bur-lap and sprinkled dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the LORD their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the LORD their God.





This is the second time in two chapters that Israel has stood at the reading of God's Word, why? Because they want to show how much they honored God. The reading of God's Word is more than just opening up a self help book with the hope of finding some comfort and direction. Reading God's Word is coming face to face with the Love God has for us, the depth of our sinfulness and helplessness, the unfathomable holiness, perfection, and purity of God, and His call on our life, to name a few. The Bible is not simply a book, it is God's Word to us and it is living and active, as well as having the ability to transform us and empower us. As a Church family we have decided to honor God's Word in a visible way by reading through it completely. We want to proclaim in a tangible way that we love God and we want to listen to what He has to say to us. Reading God's Word through continuously as a Church will hopefully bring a great understanding of the importance it should have in our lives. To give up sleep to come out and read, to read even when we might get a passage with names we can't pronounce, to rearrange our schedule to make a priority out of God, are all ways we are declaring to God, we honor You, love You, and want to be directed by You.

So back to the question, what do I stand for? I hope we can all answer, I stand for God's Word, on God's Word, and with God's Word in everything we do.

Colossians 3:16,17 - Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Will you join us in the visible display of honoring God by reading His Word?

March 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Don't forget Time Change on Sunday, March 10th! Spring Forward!					1	2
3 9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School 5pm-Bible Study in the auditorium Connections Groups (see Todd W) 6:30pm—SNAC at Amigos in Eliz.	4 5pm-Men's Bible Study	5 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-High School Boys Bible Study 5:30pm-Grace Grp 6:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study	6 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	7	8	9
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17 10am-Combined Worship@Pavilion (Followed by Fellowship meal) 1pm-Deacon's Meeting No Connection Groups	18 5pm-Men's Bible Study	19 5am-Men's Study 4:30pm-HS Boys Sty 6:30pm-High School Girls Bible Study 7pm-CC Men's Fellowship@Central	20 4pm-Ladies Bible Study 6pm-Youth Group 6:30pm-Wednesday Worship & Bible Study Children's Class	21	22 8pm-Youth Lock-In 	23 8am- 
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31 7am-Easter Sonrise Service (followed by breakfast) 9:10am-Worship/Kid's Worship 10:35am-Worship/Sunday School No Connection groups						



- 1-Carolyn Arwood

3-Brad Johnson

4-Tonya McKinney

5-Joshua Asche

5-Jerry Hendrix

6-Paul Dailey

7-Julia Strazay

8-Becky Kelly

9-Leslie Luttrell

9-Maple Winningham

10-Hayden Hyden

12-Jesse Carr

12-Lou Stiltner
- 13-Donna Ward

16-Carolyn Caraway

19-Chesley Mowry

21-Samuel Kelly

22-Allison Fowler

23-Marie Buck

25-Allison McClain

25-Ariel Wood

26-Tim Robey

29-Regan Dykes

30-Bob Hendrix

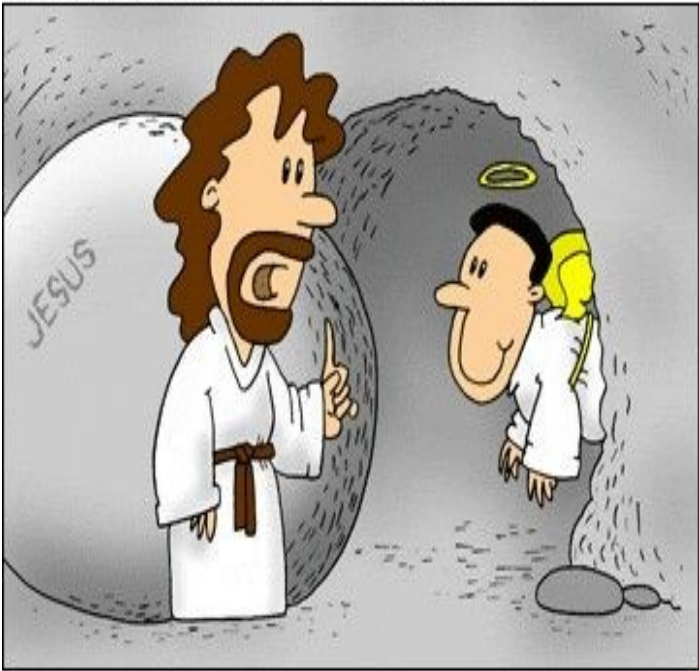
30-Alayna Carr

31-Patsy Franklin



24-Todd & Susie Wolfe

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(See John 20:1-18) 03-29-2002
I WANT YOU TO FOLD UP MY BURIAL CLOTHES,
WAIT FOR MARY, AND REMEMBER THAT THIS IS
SERIOUS ... NO HIDING AND YELLING "BOO"

March 2024

Workers' Schedule

Children's Ministries

Preschool/Nursery 1st Worship

- 3: Courtney Dailey, Alison Lundy
& Lori Whitson
- 10: Sharon Hammons, Brandi Kerr,
& Katelyn Kozee
- 17: Theresa King, Mikkayla King
& Lori Whitson
- 24: Ashley Church, Julie Yunker
& Sarah Turbyfield
- 31: Karen Vick, Lori Whitson
& Sharon Hammons

Nursery 2nd Worship

- 3: Karen Robey & Summer Hyden
- 10: Karen Robey & KC Wolfe
- 17: Combined Worship
- 24: Karen Robey & Lori Whitson
- 31: Karen Robey & Jennica Norman

Preschool 2nd Worship:

- 3: Janet Wolfe
- 10: Carolyn Caraway
- 17: Combined Worship
- 24: Lori VanDyke
- 31: Leora Hendrix

Preschool Helpers 2nd Worship:

- 3: Leora Hendrix
- 10: Lori Smith
- 17: Combined Worship
- 24: Connie Wade
- 31: Connie Wade

Kid's Worship

- 3: Janice Greene
- 10: Jamie & Alison Lundy
- 17: Family Sunday
- 24: Julie Murphy/Keira Wolfe
- 31: Jeremiah & Allison McClain

Worship Ministries

Communion Meditations:

Worship #1 & 2

- 3: Garrett Townsend
- 10: Nathan Wunningham
- 17: Sam Kozee
- 24: Andrew Norman
- 31: Lee Morrow

Sound Room:

- 3: Josh Carter, Wayne Turbyfield
Matt Wolfe & Levi Wolfe
- 10: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter
Daniel Hill & Lori Whitson
- 17: Wayne Turbyfield, Matt Wolfe
& Jeff Whitson
- 24: Wayne Turbyfield, Josh Carter,
Padraig Murphy & Aaron Church
- 31: Josh Carter, Wayne Turvyfield
Matt Wolfe & Levi Wolfe

Brew Crew:

- 3: Jessica Greene
- 10: Lori Whitson
- 17: Combined Worship
- 24: Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 31: Billy Murphy

Worship #1 Greeters:

- 3: David & Theresa King
- 10: Tim & Karen Robey
- 17: Tom & Terry Turbyfield
- 24: Michael & Karen Vick
- 31: David & Theresa King

Worship #2 Greeters:

- 3: Chauncey & Betty Fernandes
- 10: Larry & Sharon Hammons
- 17: Kemp & Marcia Haley
- 24: Everett & Lori Smith
- 31: Bob & Fetty Judge

Service Attendants

- 3: Orange Team
- 10: White Team
- 17: Blue Team
- 24: Red Team
- 31: Orange Team

Men's Wed Youth Sponsor Schedule

- 6: Jamie Lundy
- 13: Garret Townsend
- 20: Tom Caraway
- 27: Bob Judge

Central family!



C4 Family! There's a lot of exciting fundraising opportunities coming up to help support our summer here for C4 students. This year our summer is going to look a little different. We will be doing not one, but 2 big trips for our students.

In May we are planning to have our first annual C4 Students summer retreat. It will be a 3 night spending a weekend in a cabin with intentional time in God's word together. Our theme for this year is "Sent" we will be discussing how God has a plan and a purpose for every student.

This July we are partnering with Crossroads Missions and will be taking a group of students to Eastern (coal country) Appalachia. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to be the hands and feet of the church. Please be on the look out for more info on both events!

Now that I have everyone excited about our summer, let me be transparent with you. This isn't a cheap summer for our ministry. It is my heart for our students to have to pay as little as possible for these events so that every student who wants to, is able to attend. As a result of that, there are several fundraising opportunities coming up.

The first of these isn't new to you. As we have in previous years our April Sunday Fellowship dinner will be put on by the youth and will be a fundraiser for our events this summer. The second one is new to us. On Saturday, April 27th from 11am-2pm the youth will be having a "free" car wash to help raise money for our summer!

Another returning fundraiser we will be doing this year is the "Pick a number" Fundraiser. Essentially, there is a grid of numbers between 1-100. If you donate you "purchase your spot on the grid for the number it is." (If you pick Square #20, you donate \$20, etc.)

This is sure to be an incredible summer of service and discipleship this year at C4 Students. If you can't give financially please partner with us in prayer for our students this summer.

As always if you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to reach out to me at sam@jesusiscentral.com or at 865-455-3118.

In Christ,
Sam Kozee

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays: 4:30pm-Highschool Boys Bible Study, led by Sam Kozee
Tuesdays: 6:30pm-Highschool Girls Bible Study, led by Courtney Dailey
Friday, March 22: 8pm-7am-Lock-in (Free)
Sunday, April 21: Youth Fundraising Meal
Saturday, April 27: 11am-2pm Car Wash

March Sunday School Lesson Schedule

Adults/Youth:

March 3: The Interceding Priest (Doctrine: Christ as Priest)
March 10: The Accused King (Luke 23)
March 17: Combined Worship
March 24: The Crucified King (Luke 23)
March 31: The Risen King (Matthew 27-28)

Children:

March 3: Jesus is our Perfect Priest (Hebrews 7)
March 10: Jesus Was Put on Trial (Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 18)
March 17: Combined Worship
March 24: Jesus Was Crucified (Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23-24; John 19-20)
March 31: Jesus Was Raised (Matthew 27-28; Mark 16-16; Luke 23-24; John 19-20)





Sunday, March 17

at 10:00 am

at the Pavilion



Beginning in March, we want to invite everyone for a special time of fellowship on Sunday nights. We will meet at 6:30 following Connection groups at a specified restaurant! The schedule for March is:
 March 3: Amigos in Elizabethton
 March 10: Pizza Inn
 March 24: Amigos in Elizabethton



On March 10, we will be feeding the homeless in Johnson City. We will meet at the church at 2pm to prepare food, deliver it and serve it that Sunday. If you want to participate in any part of this process, see Billy Murphy!

On Tuesday, March 19th, at 7pm, we will host the Carter County Christian Men's Fellowship. Following the Worship service we will be serving a BBQ meal. We will be asking the ladies of the church to bring desserts. See Betty Fernandes if you would like to help!

Men's Fellowship

Coming on April 27:

Donation Yard Sale

Please save items to donate to the Yard Sale! All proceeds will go to pay for paving the Pavilion Parking lot!

Youth Car Wash

Proceeds will go toward the upcoming KY Mission trip this summer!



On Sunday, March 17, we will have an *ALL Carry-in meal* following the Combined Worship. Please bring a meat, side dish, desserts and drinks for your family and to share with visitors. Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship!



Deacons' Meeting

There will be a Deacons' Meeting on Sunday, March 17, following clean-up of the fellowship meal. All deacons, plan to attend!



On Saturday, March 23rd at 8:00am we will have a church work day! There will be things to do inside and outside the church. Please plan to come and serve with us together! Many hands makes light work!

Easter Egg Hunt

It is time to begin collecting Pre-Filled Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30th at 1pm. There will be a box in the foyer for donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Easter Sunday Schedule:

7:00am—Sonrise Service at the Pavilion
 Followed by Breakfast
 9:10am—1st Worship/Kid's Worship
 10:15am—Fellowship Time
 10:35am—2nd Worship/Sunday School Classes

***No Connection Groups



2024 Bible Reading Plan

March 2024

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	Date	Day #	Wk. Day	Old Testament Reading	Completed	New Testament Reading	Completed
Wk 9	1	61	Thur	Numbers 31-32	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 8:22-38	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2	62	Fri	Numbers 33-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 9:1-29	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3	63	Sat	Numbers 35-36	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 9:30-50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 10	4	64	Sun	Deuteronomy 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 10:1-31	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5	65	Mon	Deuteronomy 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 10:32-52	<input type="checkbox"/>
	6	66	Tue	Deuteronomy 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 11:1-19	<input type="checkbox"/>
	7	67	Wed	Deuteronomy 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 11:20-33	<input type="checkbox"/>
	8	68	Thur	Deuteronomy 10-11	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 12:1-27	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9	69	Fri	Deuteronomy 12-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 12:28-44	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10	70	Sat	Deuteronomy 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 13:1-13	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 11	11	71	Sun	Deuteronomy 16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 13:14-37	<input type="checkbox"/>
	12	72	Mon	Deuteronomy 18-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 14:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/>
	13	73	Tue	Deuteronomy 20-21	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 14:26-50	<input type="checkbox"/>
	14	74	Wed	Deuteronomy 22-23	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 14:51-72	<input type="checkbox"/>
	15	75	Thur	Deuteronomy 24-25	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 15:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
	16	76	Fri	Deuteronomy 26-27	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 15:21-47	<input type="checkbox"/>
	17	77	Sat	Deuteronomy 28-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark 16	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 12	18	78	Sun	Deuteronomy 30-32	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 1:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/>
	19	79	Mon	Deuteronomy 33-34	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 1:26-56	<input type="checkbox"/>
	20	80	Tue	Joshua 1-2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 1:57-80	<input type="checkbox"/>
	21	81	Wed	Joshua 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	22	82	Thur	Joshua 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
	23	83	Fri	Joshua 7-9	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 4:1-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	24	84	Sat	Joshua 10-12	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 4:31-44	<input type="checkbox"/>
Week 13	25	85	Sun	Joshua 13-15	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 5:1-16	<input type="checkbox"/>
	26	86	Mon	Joshua 16-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 5:17-39	<input type="checkbox"/>
	27	87	Tue	Joshua 18-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 6:1-26	<input type="checkbox"/>
	28	88	Wed	Joshua 21-22	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 6:27-49	<input type="checkbox"/>
	29	89	Thur	Joshua 23-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 7:1-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	30	90	Fri	Judges 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 7:31-50	<input type="checkbox"/>
	31	91	Sat	Judges 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Luke 8:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/>