

THOSE TO SERVE

Call To Worship	Jack Lipsey
Hymns	Keith Freeman
Announcements	Ronnie Bean
Hymn	Keith Freeman
Lord's Supper /Contribution	Rick Elium Chris Caltrider, Donald Bost
Hymn	Keith Freeman
Scripture Reading	Randy Allen
Sermon	Jack Lipsey
Hymn	Keith Freeman
Closing Prayer	Hubert Kyles

Times of Worship

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening	6:00 PM
Wednesday	6:30 PM

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WELCOME TO THE CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 5, 2012

The Gospel

*** The Incarnation....Phil. 2:6-7**

*** The Life of Christ....John 1:14; 1 John 1:1-2**

*** Christ Died, was Buried, and Resurrected....1Cor. 15:1-5**

Our Response to the Gospel - God's Plan of Salvation:

*** Hear the Good News....Romans 10:17**

*** Believe.....Mark 16:16**

*** Repent of All Sins.....Luke 13:3**

*** Confess the Name of Christ.....Matt. 10:32-33**

*** Be Baptized into Christ.....Acts 2:38; Romans 6:1-10**

*** Live As Jesus Did.....1John 2:6**



CONSIDER CHRIST IN 2012

Dying for Friends

Many allied prisoners of war during World War II suffered at the hands of their captors. For some, their faith was their only deliverance. Several POWs shared their faith resulting in amazing transformation within the camps. Men would give of themselves for others in extraordinary ways.

Ernest Gordon, in Miracle on the River Kwai, writes: "During one work detail, a shovel was missing, and the Japanese guard shouted, insisting someone had stolen it. Striding up and down before the men, he worked himself up into a paranoid fury. Screaming in broken English, he demanded that the guilty one step forward to take his punishment. When no one moved, the guard's rage reached new heights of violence. 'All die! All die!' he shrieked. To show that he meant what he said, he cocked his rifle, put it to his shoulder, and looked down the gun sights, ready to fire at the first man at the end of the line. Another man stepped forward, stood at attention, and said calmly, 'I did it.' The guard kicked the helpless prisoner and beat him with his fists. He lifted his rifle high over his head and, with a final howl, brought it down on the soldier's skull, who sank limply to the ground and did not move. The men of the work detail picked up their comrade's body, shouldered their tools, and marched back to the camp. When the tools were counted again at the guardhouse, no shovel was missing."

Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" (John 15:13). In the context Jesus was instructing His disciples (and ultimately all of us) to love others the way He loved (loves) us. True love is willing to

go the complete distance. He did (See Galatians 2:20)! The question is, "Will we?"

It is my prayer that love will prompt all of us to reach out!
Terry Casey

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"Therefore I urge you, brothers in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship." Romans 12:1

When the Jewish people offered sacrifices to God, the animals were killed and the meat was presented to God. As Christians, we are called to make sacrifices of a very different kind. God desires from us living sacrifices, and we ourselves are the sacrifices. Like the rams, goats and lambs that were once presented at the altar, we, too, become His.

But how exactly do we act as "living sacrifices"? By dying to our own desires (Ro. 8:13) and putting God first. We are living sacrifices when we choose His will over our own and we follow him instead of the world (Ro. 12:2). The Bible teaches that there are many ways to worship God, including praise, prayer, thanksgiving, rejoicing, sacrifice and service. But perhaps no act more clearly demonstrates our desire to follow God than that of laying down our lives – and our desires – for him.

(Women of Faith Study Bible)

Prayer List

David Leasure
April Burton's Mother
Hubert Kyles
Rick Abernathy, a friend of Donald Bost
Vanessa Allred, friend of the Beans
Doug & Claudia Pinkston
Joyce Kyles, a cousin of Hubert Kyles
Larry Potts
Lee & Evelyn Miller
Max Leonard serving in the Navy
Matt Leonard
Linda Leonard, the mother of Phil Leonard
Rose Morgan, Ronnie Bean's mother
Kathy Lipsey, the mother of Jack Lipsey
Brandon, the grandson of Shelia Cole
Lisa Brown, the niece of the Beans
Jimmy Sexton, the brother in law of the Beans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember the SWEETHEART BANQUET coming up Saturday Night at 6:00 PM. Sign Up Sheets are in the foyer.

LADIES – A group of ladies from our congregation are planning to attend the Ladies Day at the Cary Congregation, on Saturday, February 25th, if you would like to go please see Julia Horn. (We are planning to go up on Friday night.)

**Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following dates:
LADIES BIBLE CLASS – THE 20TH, MONDAY NIGHT AT 6:30 PM AT THE HOME OF THE LIPSEYS’.**

MENS STUDY – THE 21ST, TUESDAY NIGHT HERE AT THE BUILDING.

COVERED DISH LUNCH – THE 26TH AFTER THE MORNING SERVICES.