



## *The Central United Baptist Church*

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### **A Far Better Place to Go...**

**2 Corinthians 4:17** For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”

– Endurance is based on one’s ability to look beyond the physical to the spiritual; beyond the present to the future, and beyond the visible to the invisible. Paul is encouraging us not to lose hope when we experience suffering in this life; as a matter of fact, we need to prepare for it. Scottish theologian William Barclay once said, “Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory.” Compared to what is awaiting us in Heaven, earthly suffering is nothing more than a bump in the road. Hardship and personal hurt look a whole lot smaller from Heaven’s viewpoint.

– To gain insight and understanding to this powerful verse we must look back on some of the experiences that Paul endured while on earth. He had received thirty-nine lashes with a whip on five different occasions by the Jews. He was beaten three times with rods and on one occasion stoned. Three times he had experienced shipwrecks. His life was lived in constant peril and threat. He was familiar with weariness, painfulness, hunger, and thirst. Yet he wrote the following words to encourage all that are battling satanic attacks: **Romans 8:37** “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us

– Paul understood that the greater the suffering, the greater the eternal glory. He was able to endure long prison stays because he knew there was a far better place to go. When we are confronted with life’s many challenges, we must always remember it’s all about having the right prospective. Spiritual warfare is a battle for the mind and heart of the believer. **Colossians 3:2** “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” Always remember, earthly problems are temporary and they do serve a much higher purpose in God’s plan for your life.

When Paul and Silas were beaten and cast deep inside the Philippian jail they didn’t form a support group for suffering saints; they decided to praise God in spite of their circumstances.

Love and prayers....

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**Central Church Calendar**

**Mondays** - Men's visitation, 6:00 p.m. All men of the Church are invited to join in this great ministry.

**Wednesdays** - Ladies visitation, 3 p.m.; Youth Meeting - 7 p.m.; Prayer Meeting - 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Aug. 5** – Super Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m. Pastor Randy preaching. There will be Children's Church and special singing too.

**Saturday, Aug. 11** – Sanctuary reserved for Memorial Service, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 16** – Hey, Kids! It's back-to-school-day in Logan County!

**Saturday, Aug. 24** – Ladies Auxiliary Tea

**When You Pray**—In addition to our continuing Church family prayer list, please pray for Pastor Randy and Sharon, Linda Williamson, Jewell Kazee, Millard 'Bo' Ellis, Janet Doss, our shut-ins, those who are hospitalized and in the nursing homes, and the families who have lost a loved one. Thank you for your prayers.

**Congratulations**—*Letters were recently released to the students who were awarded one of the Central United Baptist Church scholarships given each year to deserving students who intend to continue their education by attending college. The students receiving the Catherine and Jennifer White Scholarships were Grace Belcher, Melanie Burgess, Kenna Jeffrey, Abby Kirk, Kimberly Evans and Alex Toler. Receiving the Bill and Ramona Wooten Scholarships were Matthew Brown, Samantha Curry, Brycen Kuenzel and Thomas J. (Tjay) Mullins. We wish them great success with their future education and chosen career field. May God Bless All of Them is our prayer.*



**WHO IS THIS PERSON?**

In chemistry, he turned water into wine.

In biology, he was born without the normal conception.

In physics, he disapproved the law of gravity when he ascended into heaven.

In economics, he disapproved the law of diminishing return by feeding 5000 men with two fish & 5 loaves of bread.

In medicine, he cured the sick and blind without administering a single dose of drugs.

In history, he is the beginning and the end.

In government, he said that he shall be called wonderful counselor, prince of peace.

In religion, he said no one comes to the Father except through him.

**SO, WHO IS HE?**

He is Jesus! He is the Greatest Man in History.

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.

I feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us!