



The Central United Baptist Church

Pastor Randy J. Skeens

October 2017

If You Go Home Hungry...

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

We've all heard it said that we are what we eat; that certainly is true when applied to our Christian life. When Daniel was being forced by the king to eat and drink from his table Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with those things the king offered him. For us, the world offers a lot of enticing things that promise to satisfy the cravings of a hungry soul, but none of them can satisfy what your soul is really needing, a long cool drink of living water. The Bible offers the bread of life and living water, something that cannot be found in the finest restaurants around the world. The word of God is a smorgasbord filled with spiritual manna to satisfy a hungry soul, yet many walk away, week after week, still hungry and thirsty."

Some have tried to satisfy their hunger with money, fame, and wealth, but it leaves them parched, dry, and with a thirst that cannot be quenched. **John 4:** Tells the story of a woman who had become a disgrace to her family as she tried to find something that would bring her satisfaction. She spent most of her life trying to find happiness in relationships and in the things that the world offered. It was high noon, the sun at its peak, a real scorcher of a day. While most women came early in the morning to draw water from the community well, she came at the hottest time of the day. She most likely was trying to avoid the judgmental glares and whispers of her neighbors. Her empty water pitcher was a symbol of her life, empty in need of filling.

There's an old saying that states, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." The retort is, "If you make the horse thirsty enough he will drink on his own." Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." There were two things this woman didn't realize. First, this was a divine appointment; secondly, she was thirsty and didn't even know it. The woman at the well responded to our Lord's offer of living water by saying, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not."

In our town we have a Chinese restaurant that boasts on their radio commercials that, "If you go home hungry, it's your own fault." The same is true about spiritual nourishment. With the Word of God readily available to every believer, along with good preaching and teaching, there's no reason for you to face spiritual famine. So if you are spiritually starving to death don't blame the preachers or the teachers. Remember, "If you go home hungry it's your own fault."

Love and prayers...

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Central Church Calendar

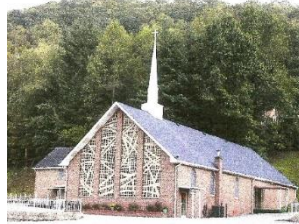
Mondays - Men's visitation, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays - Ladies visitation, 3 p.m.; Youth Meeting - 7 p.m.; Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 1 – Central HOMECOMING
Saturday, Oct. 7 – Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar, CCC
Monday, Oct. 9 – Ladies Auxiliary & Men's Fellowship, 7 p.m.
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Sunday, Nov. 5 – Super Sunday & Day Light Saving Time ends
Monday, Nov. 9 – Ladies Auxiliary & Men's Fellowship, 7 p.m.
Thurs. & Fri., Nov. 16 & 17 – Decorate CCC for Christmas
Thursday, Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving
Monday, Nov. 27 – Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas
Sunday, Dec. 3 – Church Christmas Dinner
Monday, Dec. 11 – Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party

A Special Worship Service of Welcome and Celebration

Our 66th Year

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, October 1st – 10:30



*The Central United Baptist Church on the Holden Road
Worship God with us in our Beautiful Sanctuary,
Sing Favorite Hymns, Hear the Jubilee sing and
A Special Homecoming Message by Rev. James Ed Baisden,
Catch Up with Members and Friends Past and Present,
And enjoy a Delicious Meal with us
at the
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