



From the Minister

"The Priceless Pearl of Perfection"
(Part 1)

As Jesus went among villages, towns, and cities preaching the kingdom of God, people listened and they wondered about the messages He preached. To help with the understanding and comprehension of the kingdom of heaven, Jesus used parables; earthly messages with heavenly meanings to describe its splendor, scarcity and significance.

Jesus says, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it." (Matthew 13:45-46) The word "goodly" in this scripture means *beautiful*. Also, there are several types of "goodly" pearls: fresh watered pearls, cultured pearls, black pearls, sea water pearls, etc. Pearls come in different sizes, shapes and colors; however the brilliance and authentication are unique for each one. Knowledge of the quality and worth of precious pearls keeps one from being easily deceived or cheated by "counterfeit pearls." Satan, as an angel of light, seeks to deceive through dishonesty and deception. He has counterfeit preachers, counterfeit churches, counterfeit gospels, and counterfeit doctrines that seduce men from the truth. These deceptions look like and sound like the real things. If it were possible, these counterfeits could deceive God's elect; those chosen of God who have believed the truth. (2 Thessalonians 2:1) Therefore, one must know what true beauty is since it can be manufactured to look like the real thing.

Like merchants, we also are searching for the priceless pearl of perfection, the Kingdom of Heaven. It is priceless and perfect because of its origin, blood, and purpose. It was in the mind of God before the foundation of the world. (Romans 16:25) Jesus died for it (Acts 20:28) and the Holy Spirit equips it for the Godhead's purpose. One who searches and accepts it finds something beautiful. As the scripture says, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things." (Romans 10:15)

Willie L. Rupert

MORNING WORSHIP

Invocation	Clinton Miles III
Songs (2)	Devin Harney
Scripture	Kevin Nash, Jr.
Responsive Reading	Mitchell Bennett
Prayer	Randy McKinley
Songs (2)	Devin Harney
Sermon	Willie Rupert
Invitation	Anthony Rudolph
	Andre Parker, Jr.
Requests/Confession	Randy McKinley
Baptism	Frank Garner
Offering	Anthony Milton
Emblems	Governor Tillery
	Michael Singletary
Ushers	George Jordan
	Lafayette Boone
	Marcus Miles
	William Downs
Announcements	Albert Goode
Benediction	Paul Hall

EVENING WORSHIP

Invocation	Andre Jones
Songs (2)	Andre Parker, Jr.
Scripture	William Brown
Responsive Reading	Donnie Whitfield
Prayer	Dwight Glenn
Songs (2)	Andre Parker, Jr.
Sermon	Willie Rupert
Invitation	Gilbert Dargan
	Tony Lee
Requests/Confession	Randy McKinley
Baptism	Frank Garner
Offering	Derrick Lindsey
Emblems	Archie Veale
	Maurice Miller
Ushers	Frank Garner
	Kenneth Harvin
	Richard McKinley
	Tyrone Atkins
Announcements	Jerrell Bratcher
Benediction	Robert English

BEREAVED

Sis. Ronda Louden

Loss of her mother, Sis Phyllis Henry

The Family of Sis. Thomasenia Ware

Loss of Sis. Ware

Sis. April Brown

Loss of her aunt and grandfather

Sis. Dorothy Roundtree

Loss of her aunt, Gladys Walcut

Bro. William Brown

Loss of his daughter

SICK AND SHUT-IN

Sis. Catherine Stepney	Bro. Sherman Parsons
Bro. Booker T. McCann	Paradise Assisted Living
Keswick Medical Center	
Sis. Earland Shepard	Sis. Ada Thacker
Caton Manor	Sis. Francis Thompson
	Esther's Place
Sis. Arnetta King	Sis. Carolyn Nicholson
Future Care (Charles Village)	Ellicott City
	Nursing Center
Sis. Hattie Wilkens	Sis. Vernell McIntosh
Future Care (Gilmore St.)	Manor Care,
	Delaney Valley
Sis. Ruby Wright	Sis. Ruth Holmes
Future Care (Athol Ave.)	Emerald Estate
Sis. Bessie Cager	
Sweet Rest and Care	
Assisted Living	
At home	
Sis. Joyce Adams	Sis. Vauline Malloy
Sis. Ella Brown	Sis. Pam Neverdon
Sis. Beatrice Burrus	Bro. Paul Peterson
Sis. Robin Cephas	Sis. Freda Smith
Sis. Ethel Campbell	Sis. Mary Talbot
Sis. Alberta Daye	Sis. Gertrude Williams
Sis. Lilian Flager	Sis. Ella Williams
Sis. Mary Green	
Sis. Karen Harris	

EDUCATION

Central Church of Christ Vacation Bible School

Monday - Friday August 16-20

"Rise and Shine for Jesus"

Classes for all ages, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Be a part, and bring a guest!

BENEVOLENCE

Reaction meeting next Wednesday evening for all participating ministry leaders and committee members concerning Community Outreach Day. 6:30- 7:30 in the old Fellowship Hall

EDIFICATION

Basic Sign Language Class

Conducted by Sis. Sandi Nelson, continues Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:30p.m.

The New Central Pictorial Directory

If you have not yet scheduled an appointment or missed your appointment to have your photo taken for the church directory, please call or see Sis. Blue.

GENERAL

Central Church of Christ Men's Retreat September 16-18, 2010 Ocean City, Md.

\$164/person - Double Occupancy

\$328/person - Single Occupancy

(Includes buffet style meals for the entire weekend)

Initial Deposits are due now with the remaining balance due by August 1st. See Bro. Corey Williams for more information and to make payment