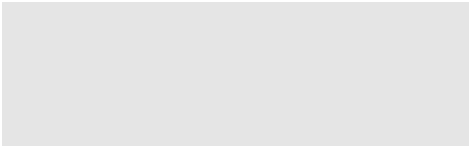


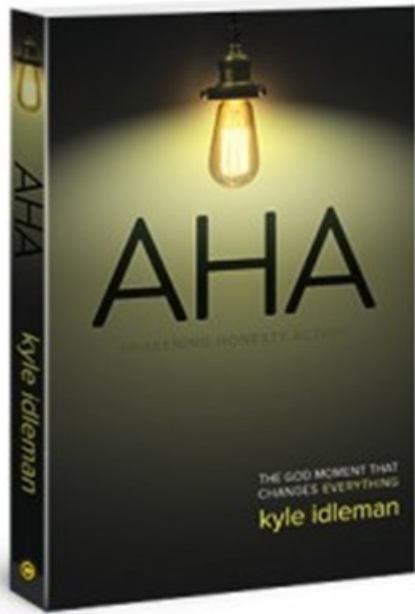
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ATTENDANCE: 2015			
	Dec.	Jan.	
	27	3	
8:30 a.m.			
Worship	85	107	
10:45 a.m.			
Worship	192	213	
Youth	57	61	
Total 1st & 2nd Services -	334	381	
Sunday School	122	144	

SERMON SERIES
January 10—February 14, 2016



THE GOD MOMENT THAT
CHANGES EVERYTHING
(This new series is inspired by the book
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SERVICE TIMES	
<u>Sunday</u>	
1st Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
2nd Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Jr./Sr High Youth	5:30 p.m.
(during school year)	

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"AHA". The word 'AHA' is defined as "a sudden understanding, recognition, or resolution."

If you listen to someone's story about how and when God got their attention, three elements come together. It doesn't matter how different the specifics are; when these three things come together, "AHA" happens.

The three ingredients that come together to produce AHA are:

- **Sudden Awakening**
- **Brutal Honesty**
- **Immediate Action**

In Scripture you can see the consistent collision of these three factors when someone has an "AHA" moment in their life.

I believe the clearest "AHA" experience in Scripture is seen in Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11-32. "...There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father." (Luke 15:11-20)

Over the next several weeks, during the message, we are going to study this story that Jesus told. It can teach us a lot about God and His invitation into the transformational power of Jesus that leads to the "AHA" experience that God desires for us.



DARRYL DENNEY

On Sunday, December 20th, I concluded the sermon series on “The Mathematics of Grace” with the focus on division. Division simply means “to separate from”.

In the three sermons preceding this message, the mathematical analogies focused on the gifts that God gives us through His “grace” (addition, subtraction, and multiplication).

On December 20th, the sermon on division was from the perspective of what happens when we don’t live in God’s grace and neglect to offer His grace to others. I pointed out that we either invite others into the equation of God’s grace or we can cause them to miss out on God’s grace. This is seen clearly in Hebrews 12:14-15. *“Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”*

I pray that in 2016, we can all live in peace with everyone. God’s Word teaches us how to resolve conflict in a way that allows the peace of Christ to rule in our hearts and in our relationships. I pray we all grow in this as we honor the Lord in every relationship.

The following is God’s plan for us in regards to how we should respond to conflict in our lives. (This process of Biblical conflict resolution was also shared in my 10-13-15 newsletter article.)

- 1. **Pray about it first—not last.** (Philippians 4:6-7; James 5:13-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- 2. **Get the log out of our own eye.** (Matthew 7:3-5; 1 John 1:8-9)
- 3. **Address it quickly and directly with the person(s) involved. Expect the same from others.** (Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:3; Galatians 6:1; 1 Timothy 5:19-20)
- 4. **If the act of a one-on-one communication is unsuccessful, (lack of repentance and reconciliation), take two or three other believers with you to address the conflict.** (Matthew 18:16)
- 5. **Always be kind, but firm. Speak from a motivation of love or don’t speak at all.** (Ephesians 4:15; Galatians 6:1-2)
- 6. **Remember that you are not responsible for “success” in dealing with conflict (whatever that might be) but you are responsible for a Christ-like attitude.** (Philippians 2:4-5; Mark 10:27)
- 7. **“Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”** (Colossians 3:17)

*If you ever miss one of the sermons, video recordings of the sermons are available on Center’s website (www.centerchristianchurch.org) under the media tab.

THANK YOU...

Center Family, Thank you so much for the generous Christmas bonus. My family was very blessed by your kindness. I am honored and thankful to serve the pre-school children!

Sarah Springman & Family

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the Christmas gift! I love serving Center in my capacity as Financial Secretary and look forward to doing it each week. Thanks for being such a loving and giving family. Love,

Betsy Williams

Center Church Family, Thank you for the generous Christmas bonus. It is a blessing to work at Center with the Center Care children and their families. Thank you for supporting this after-school ministry.

Nadine Jarvis & Sylvia Hatfield

A BIBLICAL STUDY OF SEXUAL INTIMACY

Who: Any married woman is invited (all ages)
When: Thursday evenings beginning January 7 (12 weeks) 6:15—7:30 p.m.
Where: Betsy Williams’ home—10718 N 300 E, Rushville
Register online at centerchristianchurch.org, or call Betsy at 765-561-4005.
Cost: \$5.00

HEAVENLY HEALTH

When: Saturday, January 9, 8:30-10 a.m.
Tuesday, January 19, 8:30-10 a.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall
What: Weigh & Pray—Improve mind, body and soul, by what we eat, read, pray, and our fitness (weigh-in optional).
If you have questions, contact Teresa Leisure.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

An overnight event designed for young ladies in 6th—12th grades.
When: January 15-16, 6 p.m. Friday—8 a.m. Saturday
Where: Center Christian Church
Register online by January 8 at centerchristian-church.org
For more information, contact Megan Miller (260-273-0695) or Lana McDaniel (217-276-3089).

MEN’S BREAKFAST

When: Saturday, January 16, 8-10 a.m.
Where: Center’s Fellowship Hall
Sign-Up: in the Fellowship Hall or Foyer
Come join in the fellowship and learn of new ministry opportunities for Center men!



ETHAN DAVIS

January is a fresh start. As we make personal and professional resolutions for the New Year, what would it look like if we made some spiritual goals for ourselves and our children?

At Center Christian Church, here are the BIG GOALS for our Students, Kids, and PreK areas:

- Our **Jr. and Sr. High Schoolers** have taken the challenge to read the Essential 100 reading challenges. This Bible reading plan incorporates 50 Old and New Testament Scriptures. Our goal for our students, by the time they graduate from high school, is to OWN their FAITH and JOIN God on MISSION. The absolute best way to join God on mission is to be a disciple-maker!
- Our **Elementary Kids** are starting a new curriculum in both Sunday School and during 2nd Service. 252 Basics teaches our K through 5th graders the basics of faith through the lens of Luke 2:52, *“Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.”* Our goal for our elementary kids, by the time they leave 5th grade, is to UNDERSTAND the basics and to BEGIN to own their own FAITH!
- Our **PreK Kids** are continuing to utilize the curriculum called MyFirstLook! This curriculum focuses on 3 big truths: God made me, God loves me, and Jesus wants to be my friend forever. Our BIG WIN for our PreK, by the time they head to Kindergarten, is to give them an AMAZING first look at their HEAVENLY FATHER! By doing so, we create a wonderful foundation for future growth in Jesus.

What are some of your goals for 2016? Spiritually, what do you want to see more or less of in 2016? More peace, less frustration ... find someone you know who is spiritually further down the road to explore how God can transform your 2016 into the Best. Year. EVER!

MEN FOR CHRIST RALLY...

When: Monday, January 11, 2016
Where: Cadiz Christian Church, 4894 W St. Rd 38, New Castle, IN 47362 (phone: 765-533-6364)
Dinner: Beginning at 6 p.m. (baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, and dessert);
Program: 7 p.m. Worship will be led by Steve Kehrer, with Steven Foster on piano. Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Jack Cottrell, Professor, Cincinnati Christian University

The 2016 goal of the Men For Christ is “The Strengthening of the Churches”

If you would like to carpool from Center, meet in Center’s parking lot by 5:20 p.m.

PRAYER LIST

(as of January 4, 2016)

IN HOSPITALS: Rush Memorial: Beth Birkle (surgery to reinsert port 1/5)

AT HOME: Marion Adkins, Brenda Aldridge (cancer), Patrick Back, Nila Bales (cancer-Sue Masters’ sister), Jeanne Holliday, Rita Horn (back problems), Janice McDaniel (cancer), Bob Morgan (dialysis), David Rea, Mary Lou Rea, Ryan Remington (cancer-Sue & Fred Krill’s grandson), Jeff Simpson (lung cancer-Alisha Montgomery’s brother), Mildred Stewart, Daniel VanNatta (eye surgery 1/8), Katrina Weddle (blood disorder/cancer)

IN NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING:

Flatrock Lodge: Ray Hay, Katherine Stewart
Golden Age/Brandywine (Greenfield): Dorthy Russell (Bailey Russell’s grandmother)
Millers Merry Manor: Wilna Chance, Bill Clevenger
The Waters (New Castle): Jim George (Dennis George’s father), Richard McManus (Lisa Markley’s father)

SERVING OUR COUNTRY: **Marc Collins** (son-in-law of Russ & Nadine Jarvis); **Landon Heger**, Marines (Shelbi Koors’ boyfriend); **Tyler Martin** (friend of Lauri Jackson)

NOTE: *Please call or email the church office if you would like to be added to the Prayer List. Requests must come from the individual requesting prayer, or family member.*