

“Sojourners & Exiles”

Wednesday Nights In September, 2021
Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, TN

All Christians look forward to heaven. But do we realize that our transformation begins here and now? Five lessons this month will help us better understand Christ’s expectations of His people.

September 1 – “This World Is Not My Home” (the example of Abraham)



Don Iverson will show, through the life of Abraham, how God calls us to leave behind the old and familiar and press on to things above. Don has worked with the Banner Elk (NC) Church of Christ for many years, and has especially been active with spreading the gospel in India. Don is well known to us, having spoken here at other times.

September 8 – “Falling In Love With This World” (the example of Lot’s family)



Drew Leonard will talk about how the world can lure and entangle God’s people, based on the example of Lot’s family. Drew is the preacher for the Cherokee Church of Christ in Johnson City, and is an adjunct instructor for the Tri-Cities School of Preaching & Christian Development, and a regular speaker on the “Biblical Viewpoints” TV program. This is Drew’s first time to speak at Central.

September 15 – “This World Will Be Destroyed” (the example of Noah)



Greg Wanderman will show, using the example of Noah, that this world is not our final destination. Greg, the son-in-law of Kerry and John Hutchinson, is the Director of Development for the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville, and the former preacher for the Clover (SC) Church of Christ. Greg has spoken often at Central.

September 22 – “Our Citizenship Is In Heaven” (the example of the apostle Paul)



Jesse Nelsen will show that Christians must acknowledge heaven as their first allegiance, above all that is in the world. Jesse is the preacher for the Lenoir City (TN) Church of Christ. This is his first time to speak at Central.

September 29 – “We’re Marching To Zion” (the example of Barnabas)



Keith Hovis will speak about the encouragement Barnabas gave to his fellow saints, and how that mutual encouragement is a key to keeping Christians today on course to our heavenly home. Keith, the preacher for the Lebanon (VA) Church of Christ, has spoken at Central on other occasions.

Where Is “Home”?



“This world is not my home, I’m just a-passing through” begins one of our favorite hymns. But do we live the message we sing?

“Do not love the world or the things in the world,” John warned in 1 John 2:15. Loving the world will pull us away from Christ, as it appeared to lead Demas away from serving the Lord (2 Timothy 4:10).

We need continual encouragement to keep our eyes on the straight and narrow path (Matthew 7:13,14). That’s what we hope to accomplish in this series of lessons.

Each session will be broadcast over Central’s YouTube channel, our Facebook page, and through our audio live stream. But for the greatest impact we urge you to be here for each Wednesday night session.

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7:00 – 8:00 p.m. each evening



“Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” (1 Peter 2:11, ESV)

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