

# The Blame Game

James 1

January 10, 2021 ~ Rev. Roland Smith ~ Central Baptist Church, Crossville, TN

- The blame game is the oldest game in the world!

It goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden.

(James 1:13-15)

I. A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13a)

- “\_\_\_\_\_”, not “\_\_\_\_\_”
- Being \_\_\_\_\_ does not keep you from being \_\_\_\_\_!

*“When God opens the windows of heaven to bless you,  
the devil opens the doors of hell to blast you.”*

Leonard Ravenhill

II. A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13b)

- It is impossible that:
  - A. God can be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. God to \_\_\_\_\_ man with \_\_\_\_\_
- God will \_\_\_\_\_ you, but not \_\_\_\_\_ you.

III. A \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14 & 15)

- Sin is very much like a man or woman being seduced.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)

- “enticed” is the Greek “deleazo” from “delear” (to bait); means “to lure”

*“all these things come from within and defile the man”* Mark 7:23

B. \_\_\_\_\_

*"we are free up to the point of choice but then the choice controls the chooser"*

Mary C. Crowley

C. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15a)

- What is the child that is born? \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 15b)

- Sin first \_\_\_\_\_, then it \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- Sin is an attempt to satisfy a legitimate need in the wrong way.

January 10, 2021  
*Welcome, We Are Glad You Joined Us Today*

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Read the Bible through in 2021

Pick up a Bible reading plan in the atrium and let's read through the whole Bible this year as a church. We have also created a **"2021 Bible Reading Group"** on Realm. You will find 48 posts that correlate to each week of the plan, there will be a PDF of the NIV translation for each day's reading and an audio file of each chapter. Search within "groups" on Realm to join. We hope this group will be a blessing to you in your study of the scriptures this coming year.

#### 2020 Contributions

To get credit for contributions in 2020, please have them to the church on or before January 3, 2021.  
Thank you.

#### 2021 Offering Envelopes

2021 Offering Envelopes are available to be picked up in the Atrium. If you need envelopes, please put your name on the signup sheet provided in the Atrium.

#### Realm Help

If you are having trouble using Realm for church information, online giving, etc., please call the church office and let Karen know what you need help with, she will give the information to Rhonda, who will set up a time to assist you. Thank you.

#### Used Christmas Cards

Please bring your used Christmas cards to church for recycling into gift tags. A can will be near the Welcome Desk to receive your cards.  
Thank you.

#### Christmas Toy Store Ministry

The Central Family blessed the community with love, prayers, gifts and service this past Christmas Season. The 2020 Christmas Toy Store served 213 families and provided for 466 children. Each child received three toys, one plush item, a container of candy, a Christ centered book; each family received one roll of wrapping paper, tape, bows, handmade gift tags, a tin of cookies, box of candy canes, several stocking stuffers, *The Christmas Promise Devotional* Book, a letter from CBC and CBC brochure, *PEACE with God* tract from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, PEACE handmade Scripture card, and a \$40.00 Food Voucher to Save a Lot. Central has operated a free Christmas Toy Store since 1995. The year 2020 was the 26<sup>th</sup> Toy Store. Money and gifts are not included in Central's Annual Church Budget, but the Central family gives freely during the "Christmas in July" emphasizing the Christmas Toy Store Ministry. Over \$32,000.00 was given by members of Central and the Christmas Toy Store gave out \$32,000.00 worth of toys, other items and food vouchers. There were approximately 100 Volunteers involved in the Christmas Toy Store Ministry.

#### MISSION PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Ben & Cindy Sustar who are IMB missionaries serving in Niger, Africa. Our Lottie Moon Offering goes to support them as well as over 3,000 more international missionaries.  
Thank you for your faithfulness to give.

#### VOLUNTEERS

**DEACON OF THE WEEK:** Randy Dalton  
(931) 484-8589  
**PARKING LOT WATCH:** (9:30-10:30) Gene Garrett  
(11:00-12:30) Carl Shenk  
**SANCTUARY CARE:** (Jan. 11) Wayne & Kathy Kimmerly  
**HEART TO HOME VISITS (week of Jan. 10):**  
**IN HOME VISITS:** John & Karen Chase, Linda Lloyd  
**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED:** Donna Blake,  
Keith Gowen

## **MARRIAGE & FAMILY MINISTRY**

### **Sunday NIGHT Parenting League**

**TONIGHT** (6:00-7:00p) - Multipurpose Room  
Starting this Sunday night, January 10, Jennifer and I want to help you discover biblical support for your journey to raise Christ-centered children. This will be an encouraging time as we learn to manage parenting expectations and grow in our walk with God.

#### **Here is a taste of topics discussed:**

- Make God Real to your Children
- Teach Children/Teen to Pray
- Make Church a Positive Experience for Kids/Teens
- Nurture a Child's Faith
- Use Stories to Pass on the Faith

\*Nursery and Childcare provided  
(PreK - 4th Grade in Gym)

***(RSVP if you require Nursery to Terry May  
(931-337-9235)***

*(Why did I call it a, "League." Simple. One, it sounded FUN! And B, a league is defined as a group of individuals having a common goal. I like the sound of that! See you Sunday night!)*

### **Wed. NIGHT WORSHIP**

**Jan. 13** (6:00-7:00p) - Multipurpose Room  
Join Pastor Terry, Jennifer and Friends.  
There'll be Fun, Worship, Study  
**EVERYBODY WELCOME!**

### **Marriage Retreat - 2021**

**Feb 19-21** (6:00-7:00p)  
The Cove / Asheville NC  
**Cost:** \$250.00 per person  
**Deposit:** \$50.00 due by **Jan 27** (Wed)

### **Marriage MENTORING**

Two on Two Marriage Mentoring is available at Central. Trained Mentors are ready for Mentees. Give it a shot. Who knows, it may be exactly what your marriage needs right now. Email [terrymaycbc@gmail.com](mailto:terrymaycbc@gmail.com) and we'll get things started.

### **Family LIFE Journey**

We believe that God designed the family as the primary place for discipleship. The Family LIFE Journey exists to partner with you as you guide your child's faith path one step at a time. Start the journey in your family by following the link below.  
[cbccrossville.faithpathweb.com](http://cbccrossville.faithpathweb.com)

## **LEGACY MINISTRY**

(50+ Adults)

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**Grandparenting Summit Simulcast**  
March 18-19, 2021

### **Legacy Ministry Beach Week**

May 3-10, 2021

Panama City Beach, FL

Each day we will offer an optional activity or two. Make your own transportation and housing arrangements. You choose your length of stay within the week. Information Packets will be available beginning Sunday, January 17.

### **Branson, MO Charter Bus Trip**

September 13-18, 2021

Information is available at the Legacy bulletin board. Registration Packets will be available beginning Sunday, January 17.

## **CENTRAL STUDENTS MINISTRY**

### **Student Worship on Wednesdays**

5:30 - Free Food

6:00 - Worship

7:00 - Open Gym

*\*Connect Groups will resume on January 20\**

### **New Year's Lock-in**

Friday, January 29-Saturday, January 30  
8pm-7am

### **Ski Adventure 2021**

**Winterplace Ski Resort, WV**

Feb. 12-15, 2021

**\*FORMS DUE JAN. 17\***

*\*Packets available in the Boonies and at the ministry board in the atrium.\**

### **Sunday School Starts Back**

Next Sunday, January 17

9:30-10:30am in the Boonies

### **RECREATION MINISTRY**

#### **Upward Basketball and Cheerleading**

Game #1 will be Saturday, January 16.

Pray for players to learn new skills and most importantly have a better understanding of the Gospel.

#### **Pickleball**

Hours: 12:45 to 3:45 p.m.

Mondays-Advanced, contact Dave Southall to sign up, 931-200-8521

Tuesdays-Beginners, contact Muffin Liskovec to sign up, 931-788-2198

Thursdays-Intermediates, contact Jeanne Foster to sign up, 931-335-0433

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

Worship Packets are available on the console to the right of the main sanctuary doors.

Join us for Children's Church during the 11:00 Worship Service

Kids4Truth, Wednesday, January 13,

Family Night: Game Night in the Multi-Purpose Room

5:30-7:00pm. Pizza dinner will be provided.

#### **PLEASE HELP EACH OTHER STAY HEALTHY!**

- If you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had direct contact with someone who has COVID-19, please stay home and get well!
- We will be doing temperature checks as you arrive.
- Masks are encouraged, but optional.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.
- Maintain physical distancing with those outside of your small group.

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

#### **Manhood Study**

Gather with other Central Men on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 for teaching based on Jesus' 33 years on earth. We cover a man and his design, a man and his story, a man and his traps, a man and his work, a man and his marriage, and a man and his fatherhood. Because of Tennessee's personal distancing guidelines, we are doing this study as a virtual Zoom meeting. Invite a man one generation behind you to meet you for this foundational training for godly manhood. Please contact Chris for the Zoom meeting invite link. [kcvb@aol.com](mailto:kcvb@aol.com)

#### **Central Men Fellowship Breakfasts**

Central Men meet on the third Saturday morning of each month from 7:30-9:00 for great fellowship, great teaching, and great food. Please contact Chris to reserve your place [kcvb@aol.com](mailto:kcvb@aol.com)  
January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 & May 15

#### **No Regrets Conference**

Central will once again play host to the nation-wide live-streamed men's conference on Saturday morning, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 - 12:30. Speakers include Brian Carter, Chris Brown, Steve Carter, Eric Mason, Wilfredo De Jesus, and Jason Romano. Go to [noregretsconference.org](http://noregretsconference.org) for the schedule and more details. Register now at [cbccrossville.org](http://cbccrossville.org)

