

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

The night of the Lord's betrayal, started it all; all the heartache, all the sorrow, all the confusion, all the pain, and all the rejection. The night of the Lord's betrayal began a pattern of our Lord being left, rejected, forsaken, that could only end in His deepest agony, the agony that brought forth great drops of sweat mixed with blood in the garden of Gethsemane. That dreadful night, some left Him permanently, some left Him prematurely, while others left Him predictively.

Having just shared the Passover meal, Jesus spoke to His betrayer Judas, "What you do, do quickly" (John 13:27). John records Judas went out immediately. You see, Judas permanently left Him (Matt 27:5). Gathered in the garden, Jesus was approached by a mob of soldiers lead by Judas. Thinking they would defend their Master, some began to confront the mob (Matt 26:51). Jesus intervened and reminded them His power was greater than that of the sword, and that this must take place in order to fulfill the scriptures. "Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled" (Matt 26:56). Perhaps they thought they had defended their Savior, but sadly they prematurely left Him. When Jesus told of His coming betrayal and being forsaken, Peter confidently protested saying, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble" (Matt 26:33). Jesus said, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times" (Matt 26:75). Peter did predictively forsake Him.

Yet what brought Him sorrow in the garden, what made Him weep sweat with blood, what brought angels from heaven to strengthen Him, would be that at the cross He would be forsaken purposefully. At the cross, the weight of sin would be thrust upon Him fully, as result, at the cross His Father could not look favorably upon the Son (II Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13). So much left the Lord leading to the cross and at the cross, what did not leave Him was the power of the 22nd Psalm.



David wrote of the Redeemer Who would come to secure the fellowship with the Lord for all eternity (Psalms 16:10-11). He wrote how the Messiah would establish the kingdom of the Lord (Psalms 2:6). He even wrote how the Messiah would reign over all the nations (Psalms 2:8). Yet his most vivid Psalm of Jesus, (did we not know better), would appear to us that David was an eyewitness to the crucifixion, yet his words were 1,000 years before Jesus, before crucifixion, before Rome, before it was time. This is unlike any of the other Psalms, particularly the Psalms of David. The glorious words of Psalm 22, are void, empty, free, of any admittance of sin on the part of the sufferer. Even when reproached by enemies and afflicted, there is still an admittance of guilt of some form of sin on the part of the Psalmist. Not here; not in Psalm 22. This is the greatest glimpse to the heart of the Holy Spirit.

Nearly every aspect you know of the Lord's day of death, the darkest day on the earth, is found in Psalm 22: Jesus' dying words (22:1, see Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34); the wagging of the heads (22:7, see Matthew 27:39); the mocking of the crowd (22:8, see Matthew 27:43); His cry for thirst (22:15, see John 19:28); the piercing of His hands and feet (22:16); His unbroken bones (22:17, see John 19:33); the staring of the crowd (22:17, see Matthew 27:36); the casting of lots for His garments (22:18, see Matthew 27:35). I hope you know, were the Bible void of any other words concerning Jesus Christ and His sin sacrifice, save the words of Psalm 22, we would still be able to believe, "My Lord and My God!"

## Spotlight on Leaders...

For the next few weeks, we will be spotlighting our **Deacons** and their families to show our appreciation for the work. This week, we are featuring...

### *George & Cindy Garland*



George and Cindy Garland live at 7041 Cavendar Branch Road, Lyles, Tennessee. George serves on the Hospitality/Fellowship Ministry, Missions Ministry, and the Transportation Ministry.



*His L.I.G.H.T.*  
LEAD, IMITATE, GLORIFY, HUMBLE, TOUCH  
Chris Webb

THE MONTH OF MAY IS... creeping up on us and we all know what a busy month this seems to be. Sr. Sunday is just around the corner, so please let me know of any seniors who are graduating this year so that we can honor them on Senior Sunday. Camp Kerusso will also be gearing up starting May 29th and going through June 1. This year there will also be Camp Kerusso for Daughters of the King starting on June 2 and going until June 4. Go ahead and be making plans to be a part of these great activities! You will be blessed by it no doubt!  
Light the Way-Chris



## May for Meribah

While many of us are familiar with Summer Camp at Meribah, I often wonder if we are really aware of the impact this mission has on the youth of Hickman County and the Kingdom of God. The enrollment for the past three years has been 235 (2008), 266 (2009), and 269 (2010). The Day Camp which operates during the week of VBS has averaged approximately 50 campers during this same period. On average less than 45% of campers are from our congregation. This means that over 55% are not members or affiliated with the Centerville Church. For many of these young people this is the most Christ-centered instruction and activities they will have during the year, and for some it will be their only Christ-centered experiences during that time.

Camp sews the seeds of the Gospel in the youth of our community. While the harvest of some may be years away, we see on average 13 baptisms each year during camp or directly after the close of camp. We will never really know how many have come to know our Savior through camp, but I can assure you it far exceeds the yearly average we do know about.

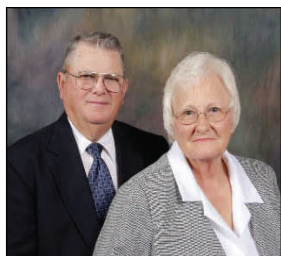
It is a desire of the camp staff to never turn down a potential camper based on financial concerns. If this was to happen we would be turning away a willing soul who desires to learn about and experience the Good News of our Lord. With this in mind, scholarships provided through the donation of individuals and the "Paul Rogers Memorial Golf Scramble" play a significant role in the number of young people able to attend camp. Over the past 3 years approximately 25% of campers have benefited from these scholarships, averaging \$8,700 each year. We anticipate the need for scholarships to increase this year.

With the approval of the elders we are using the month of May to bring to the attention of the congregation the need for individual donations for camp scholarships. One full-scholarship would require a donation of \$180 with partial scholarships being in any amount designated by the donor. Funds for scholarships can be given to the Deacons overseeing our Youth Ministry (Brian Qualls, Mike Elkins, Lonnie Mayberry and David Hudgins), Youth Minister Chris Webb or Camp Director Clay Chessor. Scholarship donations can also be left with the church staff during the week. Also, during the month of May, Youth Deacons and Camp staff will be in the lobby after morning services each Sunday accepting any amount of donations from individuals for the scholarship fund.

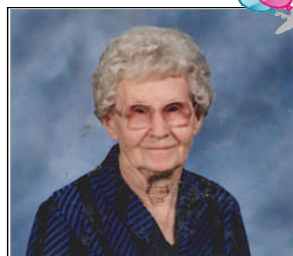
In closing I will quote our Lord from the book of Matthew, "Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

For the Youth Deacons, Mike Elkins

## Special Days in May



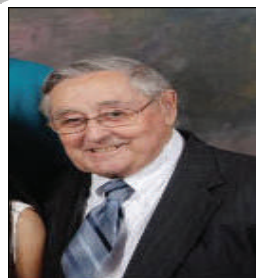
**Dorris & Margie Claud**  
Married 52 Years  
May 2, 2011



**Myrtle Wherry**  
96 Years Old  
May 4, 2011



**Hattie Delk**  
94 Years Old  
May 6, 2011



**Dwight Boehms**  
83 Years Old  
May 7, 2011

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,318.15

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$199.11

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 236 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Girleen Copley by Dee Byrn.

...a Donation has been given to the Day School in memory of Christine Huddleston and Benjamin Bates by Charles & Martha Minick.

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of : Emma Lou Gilmer, Jerry Barber, Tommie Bates, and Morell Ferguson by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

## Area Events

...Singles Retreat April 28th—May 1st. For more information please e-mail Laura Stockman at lstockman@charter.net.

...Annual Singing at the Shady Grove Church of Christ Friday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

...Hickman County Humane Society will be having a spring yard sale on May 26, 27, & 28 at the East Hickman Community Center. Both branches of the public library are accepting donations. For pick up of larger items, please call 729-2697.

## Thanks

Calvin Hoover & Family write: "Church Family, Thank you so much for the calls, visits, cards, food and especially your prayers through my surgery and recovery. Your many kindnesses have meant so much."

## Bridal Tea



There will be a Bridal Tea for Kimberly Blystad, bride elect of Skyler Harrington, on May 8th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. at the Outreach Center. Kimberly and Skyler are registered at the Pottery Barn and Walmart.

### NEWS & EVENTS:

...May 1st Mission Committee Meeting

...May 8th Mother's Day

...May 12 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30 p.m.

...May 15 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

...May 15 Senior Sunday

...June 20-22 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mildred Cannon who passed away. She was a former member of the Centerville Church of Christ and the aunt of Terry Harrington.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Paulina Fields Baker who passed away. She was the grandmother of Chris Teet.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Myrtle Holt who passed away. She was the sister of Louise Gordon and the aunt of Thomas Chessor.

## Baptism



We rejoice with Draven Atkinson who was baptized on Sunday. Draven is the son of James & Dana Atkinson and the grandson of

Mozine Atkinson.

We also rejoice with Mackenzie Baltz who was baptized on Sunday. Mackenzie is the daughter of Al & Jennifer Baltz, the granddaughter of Bobby & Sandy McFarlin, and the great granddaughter of Mrs. Vilma McFarlin.

Mission Update... My first 10 days in Ukraine have been busy but productive. I had the opportunity to share some of the messages from our Mission Weekend with the congregation in Zugres on Friday and Saturday and to the congregation in Makeevka on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Sunday was a busy day since I was able to speak at both congregations. We traveled to Krivoy Rov and worked through some issues the congregation is facing there before going on to Ivano-Frankivsk for Easter Sunday.

Please keep me in your prayers.

*John Durham*



## Please Pray for...

...Priscilla Barber is recovering from a fractured back.

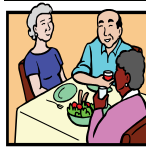
...Bob Grimes, the brother of Janet Barber, is in critical care in a Battle Creek, Michigan hospital.

...Floy Gatewood, the mother of Gary Gatewood, is recovering at Baptist Hospital from triple bypass surgery.

...Grady Scott, the nephew of Percy Lancaster, is in ICU at Baptist Hospital recovering from a stroke.

...Belva Goins is in Williamson County Medical Center.

## Widows/Widowers Luncheon



Visitation Team 3 will be honoring our Widows & Widowers with a luncheon at the

Outreach Center on Sunday, May 15th, immediately following Bible class. They would like to ask all of our Widows & Widowers to join them for this. Please sign-up in the lobby or call the church office by Wednesday, May 11th in order to help with food preparation.

## Requesting Prayers

Pam Peone asked on Wednesday night for your forgiveness and prayers. Let all of us encourage Pam and her family.

## Jail Ministry Volunteer & Recruit Dinner 2011

A Jail Ministry Volunteer & Recruit Dinner is scheduled for Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> in the Centerville CoC fellowship hall. A complete meal and program overview, including a video presentation, is planned. All volunteers and others that have an interest in working with this ministry are encouraged to attend.

We encourage outlying area congregational leaders to attend this important meeting. We solicit your involvement in this program. This ministry does not require monetary support; only Christians that choose to help make a positive impact on lives that need to know that someone still cares for them.

Please contact the church office (729 - 4201) with a list of those attending by Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> so we may know how many to provide for. A sign-up sheet will also be provided in the church lobby.

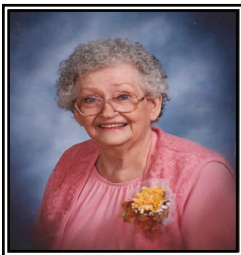
# More Special Days...



**Ellis Maddox**  
84 Years Old  
May 15, 2011



**Jack & Loretta Cunningham**  
Married 58 Years  
May 9, 2011



**Lois Sanders**  
91 Years Old  
May 19, 2011



**Dean & Marie Bates**  
Married 53 Years  
May 20, 2011

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More to come next week...

<p><b>Wait on Table 1st Sunday</b> Larry Lawhon Guy Barber <b>2nd Sunday</b> Don Luther Paul Bryant <b>3rd Sunday</b> Jeremy Qualls Craig Shelton <b>4th Sunday</b> Chris Teet Randy James <b>5th Sunday</b> Mike Brown Bobby McFarlin <b>Serve Audience</b> <b>Right</b> David Hudgins Leon Gilbert Wayne Chessor Mike Elkins <b>Left</b> Bill Cude Brandon McCauley Thomas Chessor Don Qualls <b>Alternates</b> Eric Coleman Teryl Freeman</p>	<p><b>Those to Serve in May</b></p> <p><b>Meals On Wheels</b> May 4 Jane Talley May 11 Mary Wilkerson May 18 Margie Copley May 25 Barbara Wood</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper P.M. Worship</b> James Aydelott Dr. Jerry Nash</p> <p><b>RADIO ROOM</b> Gary Gatewood Cody Woods Eric Hughes Michael Oliphant</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> Frank Atkinson, Patrick Sullivan, Don Roder, Robert Orton, Mark Chessor</p> <p><b>GREETERS FOR MAY</b> Joey &amp; Charlene Hunt Robert &amp; Juanita Bowman Lonnie &amp; Kay Mayberry Bobby &amp; Valerie McCoy</p> <p><b>Children's Bible Hour</b> Wayne &amp; Jean Qualls Ethan Skelton, Logan Hunt Blake Warren, Justin Holt Help Others "Good Samaritan"</p>	<p><b>READ SCRIPTURE</b> May 1 Daniel Dressler May 8 James Aydelott</p> <p><b>NURSERY</b> Marge Gilmer</p> <p><b>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING</b> Rachel Newsom</p>	<p><b>To Drive Bus in May</b></p> <p>5/ 1 Brandon McCauley A.M. Chuck Taylor P.M.</p> <p>5/4 Ralph Shelton</p> <p>5/8 John Bradley A.M. Mark Chessor P.M.</p> <p>5/11 Mike Goodpasture</p> <p>5/15 Patrick Allen A.M. Phillip Allen P.M.</p> <p>5/18 George Garland</p> <p>5/22 Michael Bryant A.M. Bill Cude P.M.</p> <p>5/25 Lonnie Mayberry</p> <p>5/29 Chuck Taylor A.M. George Garland P.M.</p> <p>Contact <b>John Bradley</b>, 931-994-7358, if you are unable to drive.</p>												
		<p><b>PRAYER WEEK Of May 1</b></p> <p>S.M.W. Lonnie Gilliam S.M.D. Randy James S.E.W. Larry Lawhon S.E.D. Chris Teet W.E.B.S. Alan Potts W.E.D. Dr. Jerry Nash</p>	<p><b>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MAY</b></p> <p><b>1ST SUNDAY</b>—Elijah Mayberry, Case Martin, Jake Martin, Houston Hudgins <b>2nd SUNDAY</b>— Aaron Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, Connor McAlister, Jason Oliphant <b>3rd SUNDAY</b>—Grady Teet, Jackson Thigpen, McKale Baltz, Trevor Buchanan <b>4th SUNDAY</b>— John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage Dotson, Grant Dotson <b>5th Sunday</b> - Riley Halthcoat, Bryce Hughes, Jerad Brown, Luke Brown.</p>												
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