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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Do you remember the shepherd? King David did. Imagine this king, the wars are over, the kingdom is safe, the people are protected, and he knows his remaining days are few. Wouldn't you reminisce? The 23rd Psalm is at the heart of most believers in the dark moments of life. But this reflective Psalm comes at the sunset of life, when everything is at peace in his life. His entire Psalm is summarized in the first sentence, "The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want."

David knew what it was like to be a shepherd, protecting the flock. But in hindsight, he sees there was always the Great Shepherd protecting his soul. Reflection lends clarity to life. Psalm 23 resonates because in the midst of the calamity our first thought is not the calm of Psalm 23, but the cry of Psalm 22, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" In the midst of the disaster, our first thought is not the direction of Psalm 23, but the despair of Psalm 55, "Do not hide Yourself from my supplication." In the midst of the fire, our first thought is not the forever of Psalm 23, but the fierceness of Psalm 38. Once we have passed through the valley our perspective can look back with praise for every season of life and know God was able to "Restore my soul."

Restore is an amazing word, meaning "to turn back, return, to refresh, to repair, to bring back." With man it means to bring back a relationship. With God, it means to come back to Him from evil. It means to relinquish one way in order to raise up another. What if, instead of giving up on what is not working in our lives, we restored it to God? Our attitudes, our money, our marriages, our families, our minds, our actions; our all?

The word "my" is powerful, but sometimes its power is distorted in a world where the "Big I" and "Little You" seems to be the theme. When we demand other people fit my expectations, my preference, consider my feelings, protect my sensitivities, meet my demands, praise my actions, and be responsible for my behavior, then we have outsourced our joy of life to all sources outside ourselves. But when I take ownership of "me" a great change begins to take place. My actions, my feelings, my



attitude, my behavior, become my responsibility. Such a choice is powerful, "My life is continually in my hand, yet I do not forget Your law" (Psalm 119:109).

Ultimately, David knew God's restoration was of the soul. We try to restore our health, our wealth, our relationships, our attitudes, and our abilities. But when we are met with resistance or even failure, we throw up our hands in defeat, claiming, what's the use anyway? Reality is, it's not our bodies or bank accounts that need restoring, it's our soul. Hannah poured out her soul to God (I Samuel 1:15), Job said his soul that was tormented (Job 19:2), Jeremiah said his soul had been moved far from peace (3:17), but cried when his soul "sank" remembering the Lord's mercies (Lam 3:20). Jonah said his soul was surrounded by waters (Jonah 2:5). When our Lord entered Gethsemane, it was His soul that was troubled to the point of death (Matt 26:38). I hope you know, the soul you possess, is your greatest blessing and God's object of desire to help save and shape your life into the image of His Son. Remember your Shepherd.

CAMP SNOWBALL VII

DECEMBER 27-29 @ Meribah



**JUNIOR &
SENIOR High
COST —\$55.00
SPACE IS
LIMITED!**

**For More Information
and/or An Application,
Visit**

www.centervillechurchofchrist.org/ministries/youth

Or next to the youth news board!

Youth In The News...

Congratulations to Hannah Pendergrass ! Hannah scored her 1,000th point Nov. 30th as a member of the Hickman County High School Basketball Team. Great Job !

*An Enjoyable Evening
47th Annual Christmas Party
Home of Lonnie & Marilyn
Gilliam*



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON



**December 12
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7**

**-December 13
JR. HIGH
PRAYER
BREAKFAST
HCMS @
7:30AM**

**-December 14
JR. HIGH BIG
FUN
CHRISTMAS
Fellowship Hall
6:00-9:00**

**-December 15
BREAKFAST
WITH SANTA
Fellowship Hall
8:00AM-
10:00AM**

**-December 16
SHOPPING TRIP
Jr. & Sr. High
11:00-5:00**

**-December 16
SR. HIGH
FIRESIDE
Griffin Elkins'
7:00-9:00**

**-December 19
TOY GIVEAWAY
& SUNSHINE
BASKET
PREPARATION
church building
10:15**

**COMING SOON
-Dec 27-29**

**CAMP
SNOWBALL VII
APPLICATION
DEADLINE
DEC 19!!!**

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY PAST WEEK! We had a good crowd and a wonderful time last Tuesday for the Junior High Fireside at Wayne & Jean Qualls'. I can remember sitting in their home myself for Junior & Senior High Firesides and it was a treat to be there again. Then, on Wednesday we had another Lighthouse. Thank you to Jason, Tammy, Gage, and Grant Dotson for hosting. We enjoyed some delicious spaghetti and a great time together! We finished the week with a Senior High Prayer Breakfast. Thanks to Mike Elkins for his help and his sponsorship of FCA at HCHS!

AND THIS WEEK IS MUCH THE SAME!... Sunday night was our annual Progressive Dinner. First, the appetizers, then to soups and salads, and a pause from the eating to worship together. Next, was the main course of turkey, dressing, and all the fixings, and we finished up with dessert and dirty Christmas. We had a unforgettable time and a whole lot of fun. It would not have happened without Alan & Suzette Potts, Chris & Cyndi Hughes, Belinda Potts, Ridonna Goodpasture, and Matthew & Cissy Dotson. One of the highlights of the night was to skype with Justin Bannister. We've missed him while he is stationed overseas and it was good to see and hear him. It was a fantastic and memorable night!

FRIDAY NIGHT IS THE JUNIOR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY... We begin at 6:00 and we will eat, play a lot of games, and play dirty Christmas. We should be finished by 9:00. Be sure to bring a \$10-\$15 gift be ready for a fun night.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA IS SATURDAY! We will have breakfast and snacks, and crafts will be set up for the kids to make ornaments, picture frames, and other trinkets. Also, Santa will be on hand for free pictures. Each child will be given a picture as a memory of the day. We begin at 8:00 and will be come and go until 10:00. Junior & Senior High if you can help, please be at the building around 7:15.

WE NEED THE JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH NEXT WEDNESDAY TOO.. As we help with the Toy Giveaway and prepare Sunshine Baskets. We will start at 10:15 and hope you can make it!

SNOWBALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE DECEMBER 19! Be sure to get yours filled out and turned in! It will be "the most wonderful time of the year!" "TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE, because they have a good return for their labor; If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." -

Eccl 4:9-10 Keep getting involved and encouraging others to do the same. Keep picking each other up and keep sharpening, Proverbs 27:17. follow His path, -Craig

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,359.46
BUDGET \$ 12,820.00
Sunday School
\$162.26

Many families have made the commitment to
 "Be In For Ten"
 Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.
 There are 250 families within our Church Family.
 IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



Thank You

Ruth Stephenson would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards she has received for every occasion.

Sympathy



1933 - 2012

...Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our much loved church family member, Idell Mayberry, who passed away. To her husband, Joe Ward, her granddaughter, Sonya (Jeffrey) Daniels, and her great grandchildren we express our deepest sympathy.

...Sympathy to the family of James Dwyer who passed away in Ashland City. He was the father of Kathy McDonald.

...Sympathy to the family of Ray Russell who passed away in Michigan. He was the nephew of Mrs. A.J. Coates.

Remember Those Away From Home...



PFC Bannister, Justin
 B Btry 3-320th FA
 FOB Gardez
 APO AE 09339

December Events...

...Dec. 15 *Wayne Qualls Sunday School Class Christmas Party* at 6:00 at the Lodge.

...Dec. 16 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting* 5:00 P.M.

...Dec. 15 *Vis. Team 3* meets at the Wolf Creek cabin of Bill & Joy McDonald. at 9:00 A.M.

...Dec. 19 *Sunshine Baskets* PLEASE BRING SNACKS, COOKIES, OR CANDY TO FILL THESE .

...Dec. 25 *Christmas Day* 



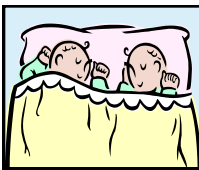
Area Events

5th Annual Sounds of the Season: "Winter Wonderland" Saturday, December 15, 2012. 6:00 P.M.—8:30 P.M. Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall. Featuring the Music of : *Flat Rascals* With the children's "Miked-Up " Sing-A-Long Just a great night of strumming' and hummin' your favorite yuletide songs and carols. Refreshments served.

...Community Christmas Day Meal, Tuesday, December 25th at the Hickman County Middle School.

*Centerville Church of Christ Members: Please sign the list in the lobby for cookies for this event.

One Boy ! One Girl !



Congratulations to Kris & Jill Akens on the birth of twins born December 6, 2012 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. Colton Willis weighed 5 lbs. 3 ozs. and is 18.5 inches long, Abby Callahan weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Shane & Tammy Willis and great grandparents are Guy & Janet Barber and Leon & Margie Willis.



Sunshine Baskets
December 19, 2012

Baskets will be assembled in the new lobby at 8:00 A.M. Please bring snacks, cookies, or candy to fill these baskets.

Please Pray For...

...Curtis McCord is in the Life Care Center.

...Belva Goins is in the Life Care Center.

...Brown Breece, the brother-in-law of Robert Orton and uncle of Karen Phillips, is in the Hickman County Nursing Home with hospice care.

...Michael Lee Sweeney, newborn baby born 3 1/2 months premature . He is in Vanderbilt Neonatal Intensive Care. His Parents are Chad and Amy Sweeney, Elkton, KY and his grandparents are Larry and Cissy Clinard, Guthrie, KY. They are close friends of Mozine Atkinson Family.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:

Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Colby Westmoreland, Dana Johnson, Aiden Turnbow, Marie Boehms, Norma Nicks Parham, Mary Frances Welch, Brenda Joyce Cotton, Fred Hansford, Mollie Orton, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Joyce Carroll, Bobby Kelley, Noah Elliott, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care

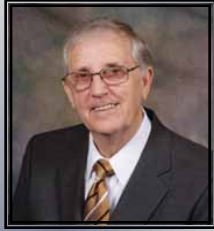
Center: Belva Goins, Curtis McCord, Lois Masters, Jean Plemmons, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard.

Hickman County Nursing Home:

Brown Breece, Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

Home: Mozine Atkinson, Joyce Carroll, Lula Mae Gilliam, Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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Do you REMEMBER when...

Remember This ?

- ... Averaged over 90 at Football 5th Quarters
- ... Monthly Junior & Senior Firesides, Junior and Senior Prayer Breakfast and LightHouse
- ... Trunk or Treat
- ... Camp Snowball Returns
- ... Junior High retreat at Nathan Bedford Forest State Park
- ... Senior Spotlight/Senior High Retreat in Gatlinburg
- ... Senior Sunday
- ... Golden Age Banquet

Ministers

Bryan McAlister	931-994-3525
Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Craig Shelton	615-418-2228
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

Worship Service Times

Sunday A.M.	9:00 A.M.
Bible Class	10:15 A.M.
Sunday P.M.	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

Secretaries

Tammy Willis	931-729-4201
Ruth Reece	931-729-4201

READ SCRIPTURE

December 16 Jason Dotson
December 23 Michael Bryant

Prayer Week of December 16

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Don Luther	Randy James
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Garry Greer	Brian Qualls
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Keith Qualls	Kolton Miley