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"I Hope You Know"

An Open Letter To The Centerville Church of Christ,

Over the last few weeks, the space reserved for this article has been used to convey important messages from my heart to the hearts of others who need to know their value and impact they have had in my life. Some time ago, a personal lesson was learned to make every effort to let those closest to you know how you feel about them, particularly to share with them your thanks for their connection to your life.

In a few short months, our family will have completed thirteen years of ministry. During our time of just over a decade, we have been privileged to love and be loved by some of God's greatest people. From my earliest days of ministry and the influences, both men and women, who have encouraged and admonished, God's providing hand of care has placed what I am certain, are His very best for me to meet. Some have gone on to be with Him, and oh how I wish I could visit with them for just a bit longer. For now, He's allowed me this extra opportunity to tell of those who are in my life today, how much I am thankful for their presence.

Upon our arrival to Centerville, three years ago this month, we began what continues to be the greatest transition our life as a family has ever seen. There were families here who took upon themselves personal sacrifice and adjustment to make our coming possible. To them, we say 'thank you' for what you endured during those early days of our coming. During our first year here, each month of a holiday, birthday, anniversary, in our family, or just because, one special soul marked such an event with a kind gift. That still continues to be a thankful memory.

There have been families who have reached out to our families as though we are blood relatives. When we see the cross and the bond of our Savior, we know we are, and should not be surprised by such kind acts of love. Still they overwhelm the heart with thankfulness. Being a distance from our relatives, not all events and occasions traditionally shared with extended family can



be kept by ours, given our obligations here. That being said, many of you have not failed to include us in your own traditions. Thank you.

When we came those three years ago, the nature of our time with our beloved Jackson came with traits of that work which carried over to this new work and new eldership. Written agreements, clearly stated goals and responsibilities, and annual evaluations of mutual work performance, were among the items they embraced as part of our relationship. This year, their method of evaluation was not only useful, but perhaps one of the most verbally encouraging acts that could be shown by an eldership to a minister. It was the very prompt to me that if they are challenging themselves to grow, I must not only do so, but do a better job of challenging those I love to do the same. Thus, these words of the last few weeks are offered for your eyes.

I hope you know how precious the task of preaching is seen from the eyes of this author. I hope you know how precious the nature of souls are viewed from the same eyes. I hope you know how honored my family and I are to be a part of this family. I hope you know how thankful we are for the way you regard our children as children, loving them, encouraging them, and helping them know the church is here for the purpose of love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, patience, and self-control. I hope you know how thankful we are for you and yours.



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

ALL I CAN SAY IS WHAT A ... weekend! It started Friday night with our first 5th Quarter of the basketball season! We had a great crowd and great fellowship. Saturday night we had a blast getting to be involved with this years Christmas parade! I have to say a big thank you to everyone who helped out with that project! It was a big undertaking, but turned out great, even if our generator died as we were pulling out and our Christmas lights didn't work!! It was still a great event. We wrapped the weekend up in a special way. The Sr. High Progressive Dinner was great. As always, we each ate entirely too much! Thanks so much to Chris and Cindy Hughes, Mike and



COMING SOON...
 -Dec. 8
 Jr. High Prayer Breakfast 7:30a
 -Dec. 10
 Mall Night
 5p-10:30p

Regina Elkins, Alan and Suzette Potts and Warren and Tammy Potts for hosting! It was a great weekend and a blast to spend this much time together!

WE HAVE ONE MORE PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR EACH... group this year. This Thursday will be the Jr. High Prayer Breakfast. It will begin at 7:30a in Coach Webb's room. Next Thursday, the 15th, the Sr. High will have their Prayer Breakfast at 7:10a in Coach Elkins's room. Go ahead and mark it on your calendar. I hope to see you there!

THIS COMING SATURDAY NIGHT WILL BE OUR ANNUAL.. Mall Night. We are participating in Operation Santa again this year and will be buying gifts at the Mall. The bus pulls out at 5p and will be back around 10:30p. Be sure to invite a few friends to tag along. Try to save up around \$20 to spend on your assigned person so that we can buy them several gifts. It's sure to be a special night!

THIS PAST SUNDAY MORNING REMINDED ME OF HOW... much I love this church. Working with young people on a daily basis I feel like sometimes they get the impression that attending worship is dull and boring and something that we only do because we are commanded. I look forward to worshipping here every Sunday for many reasons, one of them being that it is never dull or boring. When I walk into this building it's always a comforting feeling. I know that I'm with friends and family. I know that I'm with fellow sinners who are fighting the good fight. I always leave here feeling that I can do more and give more. I love the way we laugh together (even though I'm often the one being laughed at). I love the way we work side by side and share the load. Most of all, I love worshipping our God, next to all of you!
 Light the Way-Chris



THE LIGHTHOUSE
 Wednesday Dec. 7
 The McCauley's 5-8p
Wednesday December 14
 Lighthouse Closed-Service Project



All Church Night & Newcomers

Dinner

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Worship:

5:00 P.M. in the Auditorium

Meal:

6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Menu:

- Smoked Pork Loyn
- Smoked Turkey
- Green Beans
- Coleslaw
- Shredded Potato Casserole
- Festive Cranberry Salad
- Rolls
- Tea/Lemonade
- Coffee
- Desserts**
- Coconut Cake
- Pumpkin Pie
- Deacon's Delight
- Christmas Cookies
- Special Guests:**
- All Families That Have Placed Membership in 2011

Special Days in December...



Glenn Earl & Joyce Johnson
 Married 54 Years
 December 1, 2011



Belva Goins
 86 Years Old
 December 3, 2011



James & Sue Roder
 Married 57 Years
 December 3, 2011



Louise Westmoreland
 87 Years Old
 December 3, 2011

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,513.00

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 209.67

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 Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Danny Galey by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

Area Events

...Toy & Coat Drive...Please bring your coats and toys to :

Cash Express 132 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN. Please drop off by December 15.

...Dec. 25 Community Christmas Meal HCMS cafeteria.

Welcome To The World !



Major Lee Thomas Spears, the adopted son of Mark & Jana Spears, was born on Tuesday,

November 29. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are James & June Aydelott.

4th Annual Sounds of the Season:

Do You See What I See?

Friday, December 23rd

6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

Featuring the Music Of:

Flat Rascals

Greg McCord, Darin Cochran,
Phillip Jacobs, Matthew Skelton,
Randy Prince, Joel Breece, Jeff Breece

Upcoming Events in December...



...December 11, 2011 Camp Board Meeting 4:00 P.M.

...Dec. 11, 2011 All Church Night & Newcomers Dinner 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

...Dec. 14 Sunshine Basket delivery 8:00 A.M. Assemble in the hallway at church. Please bring snacks to fill the baskets and help ! Thanks

...Dec. 16 Wayne Qualls Sunday School Class Christmas Party, 6:30 P.M. at MLEC Community Room.

...Dec. 17 Operation Santa Claus Toy Give-A-Way School System 8:00—11:00 A.M. Outreach Center

...Dec. 18 Men's Monthly Business Meeting in the chapel at 5:00 P.M.

...Dec. 25 Christmas Day!



Thank You

The Family of Danny Galey writes:

"We would like to say thank you for all acts of kindness during Danny's illness and death. The plant was beautiful. He appreciated so much all cards, calls, food, visits, and especially all the prayers offered in his behalf. The dinner after the service was so nice. We appreciate everyone who helped by serving or preparing food. Danny loved everyone at the Centerville Church so much. He always enjoyed being an usher and was very proud of his little helper, Andrew Sullivan. With much Love & Thanksgiving, Sherry, Holly, Jeff, Kari, Eric, Guy, Janet and all of the family."

Donna Blackwell writes: "Dear Christian Friends at Centerville Church of Christ, Just a note to thank you for your prayers for Tristan Hudson, infant son of Ryan & Audra Hudson. He now weighs over 5 lbs. and still has breathing problems but they have improved. He did not have to be put on a ventilator. The power of prayer is terrific. In Christian Love..." *Donna is a member of the Thursday morning Ladies' Bible Class.*

From the Jail Ministry...With great success, 110 meals were prepared and delivered to inmates and Jail Staff on December 3. Thanks to all the volunteers that continue to make this a successful program.

Prayer Requests



...Al Baltz will have a kidney transplant on December 19th. Please remember him in your prayers and also the donor, Jason Upchurch.

...Reba Horner fell and dislocated her elbow. She is at home recovering.

...James Stoltz, the father of Helen Simmons and Melissa Qualls, is having some health problems. He attends the Upper Sinking Church of Christ.

...Janet Plemmons Nixon, daughter of Jean Plemmons, is recovering from heart surgery at Centennial Hospital.

...Rowan Lloyd, the premature infant of Robin & Tracey Lloyd, was born weighing only 1 lb. 6 ozs. This family has requested prayers for this baby.

...Betty Lampley is recovering from surgery.

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

Janet Wright, Barbara McClannahan, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Stella Breece, Jean Plemmons, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece.

Home: Allene Wade, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Requesting Prayers

Mrs. Johnny Denton has requested prayers for forgiveness of sin in her life.

Ephesians 4:32 ESV "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Special Days in December...



Jean Plemmons
83 Years Old
December 12, 2011



Nicus Loveless
93 Years Old
December 13, 2011



Mozine Atkinson
82 Years Old
December 13, 2011



Robert Orton
86 Years Old
December 14, 2011



Gladys Sharp
89 Years Old
December 17, 2011



Billy & Juanita Garner
Married 65 Years
December 23, 2011



Paul & Betty Litton
Married 56 Years
December 23, 2011



Bobby & Joyce Mayberry
Married 56 Years
December 23, 2011

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Children's Bible Hour

*Every Sunday Night at
6:00 P.M.
Bible Stories, Songs,
Puppets*

December Theme:
"Thankful"
Hey kids! Don't forget:
December Hungry Hound Pantry Item:
Tuna or Soup

READ SCRIPTURE

Dec. 11 Roger Dotson
Dec. 18 Larry Lawhon

Prayer Week of December 11

S.M.W. Ward Mayberry	S.M.D. Bob McDonald
S.E.W. Matthew Dotson	S.E.D. Brian Qualls
W.E.B.S. Mike Brown	W.E.D. Bobby Breece