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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

"Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked..." (Acts 4:32-35).

Acts shows the church of today how to be through all their yesterdays. Through the events of the last week and the weeks ahead, we have seen an active, growing, and vibrant church seizing and creating opportunities to live as the church and become more and more of the church Christ has made us to become. Saturday's mission forum was well organized and focused on the mission in our hearts, in our home, and in our whole world. David Shannon offered practical challenges to this mission, and good seeds were planted in hearts. Sunday the church gathered and was encouraged by our John Durham to have joy for salvation and joy for seeing it come to the lives of others.

One of our largest ministry groups ,the 20/30's group, enjoyed a marvelous retreat to the gorgeous Great Smoky Mountains. Organized by Matthew Dotson and Craig Shelton, the weekend was filled with laughter, learning, and love for fellowship in the Lord.

**SHARING
HEAVEN**

IN 2011

For three days we celebrated our faith, our church family, and Craig Shelton's birthday! All were blessed by the opportunity to share this time.

Did you see those words from Acts? "all things in common...the resurrection of our Lord...grace was upon them all...nor was there anyone among them who lacked..." These blessings are no small part of the church Christ bought with His blood. But they do not come to our hearts unless we are actively seeking relationships with our church. The church was made to be one heart and one soul. We have and can hope in so much more together as the church. I hope you know how great it is to be in the church; how great it is to be in the Centerville Church of Christ !

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...

Bobby & Betty Breece



Bobby & Betty Breece live at 1104 Woodmont Drive in Centerville, Tennessee. Bobby serves on the Missions Ministry and the Stewardship Ministry.



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



COMING SOON...

- Feb. 24
Prayer Breakfast
- Feb. 25-27
Sr. Spotlight
In Gatlinburg

I WRITE THIS WEEK ABOARD.... the church bus heading home from Gatlinburg with the 20/30's group. It's been a great weekend spent with some really great people. We laughed so much this weekend that it literally hurt. I'll also say that whatever you may hear about this trip and hypnosis, don't believe it! I want to say thanks to Matthew and Craig who work so hard to make sure people in the 20/30's age bracket (and some who are even older than that) have the opportunity to be around other Christians and have the support system that all Christians need. It's a special group of people and just another thing that I am thankful for in

Centerville. As many of you read this, depending on the day you do so, we are preparing to go back to Gatlinburg with the Sr. High group for our Winter Retreat. This is the first time I've made this trip back to back weekends, so I'm excited to see how this goes! Nonetheless, I'm as excited as ever to be with our Sr. High simply because of what special people they are. Youth Groups go through many changes year after year, just like many congregations do as a whole. Our dynamic changed a great deal this year and I'm so thankful that many from our Sr. High have stepped up to the lead the way. I believe that was evident this past week for our Golden Agers. Our banquet this year was one of the best I've ever seen. From Patricia Skelton showing us how to properly remove ping pong balls from a box, to J.B. Brown showing us he still knows a thing or two about bouncing a ball! I want to say a special thank you to several people for going above and beyond this year, Ethan Skelton for hosting, Derek and Rachael Newsom for cooking the awesome meal, Glenda Dorton for helping out with drinks, and Johnnie Ruth Elrod, Karen Bridges and Joanie Stewart for decorating the fellowship hall. These people in no way would want this recognition, but they deserve it nonetheless for their selfless efforts. It's hard to name names because of the number of people who help make this happen. In case I left anyone off, I want to say thank you to everyone who chipped in. It was without a doubt a night where memories were made and relationships were strengthened. I want to end this week by simply saying that I love this church family. Not just for your kind words or support, but for always making me and my family feel like more than just the youth minister and his family, but truly like your Christian brothers and sisters working hard to keep the faith. Thank you for making Centerville such a great place to live, raise children, and labor for the Lord! We love you.

Light the Way-Chris

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



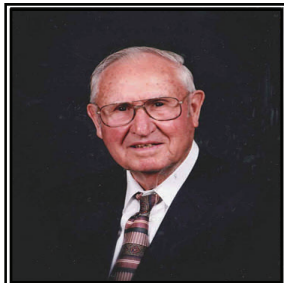
Virginia Arnold
91 Years Old
March 7, 2011



Adell Griggs
84 Years Old
March 10, 2011



Polly Lancaster
81 Years Old
March 14, 2011



Robert Jacobs
94 Years Old
March 18, 2011

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday February 23
The Lawsons 5-9p
Wednesday March 2
Need Host 5-9p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,028.13

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 172.25

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 Ralph & Tommie Bates by Ronnie & Donna Martin.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Tommie Bates by Calsonic Kansei in Shelbyville, Tennessee, the workplace of her son-in-law, Darrell Rochelle.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Morell Ferguson by Paul & Betty Litton.

Area Events

...Walnut Street Church of Christ invites you to Ladies' Day, March 5, 2011. Speaker: Jenny Nolan Diamond. "The Mirror in Each of Us" Registration - 8:30 a.m., Event - 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. Lunch provided. R.S.V.P. by March 1st to church office at 446-2909.

Thank You

The Family of Jerry Barber writes: "Thanks to everyone who expressed kindness during Jerry's illness and death. Thank you for all prayers, visits, food, cards and phone calls."



If you are interested in taking a Mission Trip to Anderson, South Carolina on April 2nd & 3rd, please sign the list in the lobby. For questions, see John Plemmons, Jr. They will leave on Saturday morning, April 2nd, and return after church on April 3rd.



NEWS & EVENTS:

...February 25-27 Senior High Retreat.

...February 27 - Visitation Team 3 will meet at the lodge after p.m. Services.

...March 1, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., Men's Bible Study at the Springhouse "The Parables of Jesus"

...March 10th, Visitation Team 2 will meet at the Outreach Center at 6:30 p.m.

...March 11 & 12, Father/Daughter Retreat at Beaverdam.

...March 17th Elder/Deacon/Ministers Quarterly Meeting. the chapel.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of John Randall. He passed away on February 15th. He was a college friend of John Smith.

Address



Mailing Address for Josh Bradley:

PVT Bradley, Joshua A.
A CO. 787th MP BN,

2nd Plt. 2230 Iowa Ave., BLDG. 939
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473

*Place the platoon number on outside envelope flap so he will be sure and get it. His platoon number is 2. Josh is the son of John & Debbie Bradley.

Mission Weekend 2011 - Final Update

What an incredible Saturday morning we had with David Shannon at our Mission Retreat! It is impossible to describe what you missed so we plan to place the videos of his lessons on our web site.

I also want to say a special "thank you" to Betty Breece, Susan Dotson and Cindy Garland for doing such a superb job coordinating our food and refreshments as well as all the ladies that provided the desserts for lunch.

I appreciate Dave McCrary coming up from the Campbell Street congregation in Jackson, TN and sharing with us information on the work they are doing at the *Nicaragua Christian School*. If you are interested in obtaining more information on the school, you may contact me. John Durham



Please Pray for...

...Nicus Loveless, the father of Becky Gatewood, is in the local hospital with a respiratory infection.

...Joyce Primm, the sister-in-law of Wayne & Carolyn Chessor, is having a difficult time suffering with cancer.

...Tony Johnston, cousin of Michael Bryant and Cheryl Chessor, is undergoing tests for serious health problems.

...Debbie Brooks Mencer is recovering at home and improving.

...Steve Bowen, son of Fay Bowen, is in Centennial Hospital.

...Donnie & Jamie Tanner request prayers for their unborn child, Easton. Easton has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida. Due to the results of testing last week, it was determined that Easton will not have surgery until after he is born, due to nerve damage. He is the grandson of Jeff & Janet Wright and Tony & Jennifer Hutchison.

...Doug True has been in St. Thomas Hospital for tests on his heart. He is home and recovering.

...Gail Hackworth, the daughter of Barbara McClannahan, is facing surgery for corroded arteries in the coming days. She lives in St. Louis.

...Keith Gossett is recovering from a serious accident he had several weeks ago. He is at the home of his parents, Danny & Rita Gossett.

...Michael Worley is in the trauma unit at Vanderbilt Hospital following a serious motorcycle accident.

...Minnie Powers will have gall bladder surgery on March 7th at Maury Regional Hospital.

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

Danny Galey, Trevor Houston, Harland Krantz, Destiny Griffin, Marge Rushton, Reva Moss, Wayne McCrary, Ann Orton.
Home: Francis Coble Harris, Belva Goins, Dorothy Easley, Allene Wade, Troy Parks, Sue Roder, Edward Loveless, James & Louise Westmoreland, Jean Plemmons.

Nursing Home Residents : NHC Dickson:

Hazel Lampley, Clatie Bates

Life Care Center: Mattie Lou Weatherspoon, Thelma Deitmen, Robert Jacobs, Marie Lawhon, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Girleen Copley, Ida Mable Gerard, Virginia Coleman.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Hazel Riley, Brown Breece, Myrtle Holt.

Crossroads Care Center : Stephen Bradley
309 McHenry Ave., Woodstock, IL. 60098

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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Bobby Bates
81 Years Old
March 24, 2011



David & Pauline Jimerson
Married 61 Years
March 25, 2011



Moving forward as a church family we should always look for ways to be more effective with communications. The availability and opportunities we have with the internet allows us to reach out beyond the boundaries which in the past were somewhat limited. During the month of February, we ask that you consider how you would prefer to receive a copy of the weekly Messenger. The Messenger is currently available in the front lobby each week, Wednesday through Sunday for everyone in our church family and mailed out to numerous individuals upon request.

E-mail : ccoc@centervillechurchofchrist.org

To be more cost effective, we want to offer 4 options:

- 1) The Messenger will be available for pickup in the front lobby Wednesday through Sunday.
- 2) The Messenger will be mailed to our shut-ins and anyone requesting a mailed copy.
- 3) The Messenger will be available on our website each Tuesday afternoon by 6:00 pm. This version of the Messenger is in full color, available two days earlier and allows you to read the Messenger at your convenience. The Messenger is archived for future reference and available worldwide.
- 4) The Messenger (in full color and two days earlier) will be emailed to you each Tuesday afternoon by 6:00pm. You may electronically save it for future reference.

If you are currently receiving a mailed copy each week, but prefer option 1, 3, or 4 it would be helpful with reducing our annual cost for postage. Please give consideration to these options. Thank you, The Elders

Scrapbook/Hobby Night...

Scrapbook/Hobby Night.....Ladies, do you have a hobby you enjoy like scrapbooking, card making, sewing, painting, etc. ? Bring your supplies to spend some fun time working on your hobby while fellowshiping with friends !

Where: The Outreach Center
When: Friday, February 25, 2011
Time: 6:00 p.m. until
What to bring: Hobby supplies and your favorite snack for the food table.

READ SCRIPTURE

February 27 - Marshall Spencer
 March 6 - John Smith

Prayer Week of February 27, 2011

S.M.W. David Hudgins	S.M.D Michael Bryant
S.E.W. Dr. Jerry Nash	S.E.D Brandon McCauley
W.E.B.S. Wayne Qualls	W.E.D. Warren Potts