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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

In 1957, a monastery in Thailand was being relocated and a group of monks was put in charge of moving a giant clay statue of Buddha. In the midst of the move, one of the monks noticed a crack in the figure, so the work was immediately halted before more damage occurred. That night, one of the monks went to check on the statue. He aimed his flashlight all over the figure, but suddenly notice a reflected gleam from the crack. His curiosity aroused, he procured a hammer and chisel and began widening the split. As he knocked off piece after piece of clay, the statue grew brighter and brighter - and after hours of work the clay was all gone, and in its place stood a golden image of Buddha. Many historians now believe that the original statue had been covered with a layer of clay by Thai monks several hundred years earlier, to hide its worth before an attack by the Burmese army. All of the monks present on that occasion died in the battle, and it was not until 1957 that its great value was discovered. A similarity exists between that old statue and modern Christians. Afraid we might be cast out by society or deserted by family and friends, we hide behind a shell that makes us look like average people. But Jesus called us to a difference that should be easily seen by others. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." (Randall Toye). One author recently described our dilemma by saying we have put "A Christian spin on the American dream." We have our possessions in abundance, we keep pace with each other materially, but in reality there is little if any distinction between us and the world.

Sacrifice; how have you done at it this month? When it comes to the driving force of your life, that thing which motivates you to get up, stand up, speak up, and wake up, has it been more of the Lord and less of you in recent days?



When it comes to the money you've earned has He been first on your mind to thank Him and to give back to Him? When it comes to your pride, do you cling to it or do your surrender self preservation in order to be an example for the Master? When it comes to the time you have at your disposal, have you offered your time in thought, in action, in word, and in deed to God?

When it comes to sacrifice has your attitude been more Cain than David? Cain offered what was convenient (Genesis 4:4). David was given the chance to offer what was convenient but insisted, "No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which costs me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24). The cost of our sacrifice to and for God ought to be surrendered from the best that we have to offer. When you consider the great price sacrifice for your soul and for mine, nothing less will suffice. The sacrifice of Jesus wasn't common, although some count it as a common thing (Hebrews 10:29). The sacrifice of Jesus wasn't easy, although some would believe it was (Matthew 26:39). I hope you know, His sacrifice was for you. So tell me, has it cost you anything or has it been convenient?

Special Days in February



Alfred & Coleen Williams
Married 57 Years
February 4, 2012



Doug & Maxine Shepherd
Married 55 Years
February 9, 2012



Louise Bates
85 Years Old
February 10, 2012



Curtis & Margaret McCord
Married 58 Years
February 12, 2012



Carl & Mattie Ayers
Married 57 Years
February 18, 2012



Marie Lawhon
90 Years Old
February 20, 2012



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

IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO BE.... together with your church family. It's hard to go home on a Sunday and not be uplifted by being around people you love. We had a great crowd at our Fireside Sunday night that was hosted by Wayne and Jean Qualls. I don't want to make anyone jealous, but after eating all of that food at Fiesta Night, we did one better and went up to the lodge for dessert! Wayne brought us our message Sunday night and left us with some great things to think about! I appreciate so much everyone who puts forth the effort to host firesides, the lighthouse, etc.... It is a great undertaking, but one that I pray is helping to make an impact in the lives



COMING SOON...

- February 2
Tournament of
Champions 6:30p
- February 5
Super Bowl
Party 7P

of our young people. As I looked out over our group last night, I noticed that more than ever our young people need you! We see fewer and fewer teenagers coming from homes where the Bible is taught. Fewer and fewer teenagers have someone at home helping them be accountable for their spirituality. Fewer and fewer teenagers walk through the doors of this building having family on the inside waiting. This is a feeling I know all too well. Don't be afraid to reach out. Don't be afraid to ask someone to sit with you during worship, or go out to lunch with you after service. Don't be afraid to ask someone to stand in line with your family during a fellowship meal or come over some time for a Bible study. There is a generation of young people out there who need Christian adults to help guide their souls. It's not as tough as you might think, and you never really know just how big of an impact you might make!

THIS WEEK WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL TOURNAMENT OF... Champions coming up! This Thursday night at 6:30p, the fellowship hall will be transformed into a room of rivalry! I pointed out to the kids at the Fireside last night that their record is 0-5 at the Tournament of Champions. The adults are undefeated! All adults of all ages, hear this, we need you Thursday night to defend our title! The young people are hopeful, even confident, that this year will end our reign! Everyone plan to come out, it's a free dinner and a night that you don't want to miss!

THE GOLDEN AGE BANQUET IS COMING UP ON FEB. 16.... As always, it will kick off at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Go ahead and be making plans to be there! Our theme this year isFamily Feud! It's sure to be a blast! I'll see you there! Light the Way-Chris



1 Corinthians 13:4-8 *Love* is patient and kind; *love* does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. *Love* bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. *Love* never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday February 1
The Elders 5-8p
Wednesday February 8
The Conders 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 14,907.97

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 172.60

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

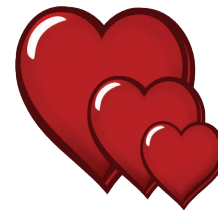
Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current contribution.

There are 250 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



...Feb. 3-5 20-30's Retreat
...Feb. 9 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.
...Feb. 10 & 11 Lad/Dad Retreat at Beaverdam.
...Feb. 16 Golden Age Banquet 6:30 P.M.
...Feb. 19 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel.
...Feb. 19 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center after P.M. worship.
...Feb. 22 Chili Cook-Off
...Feb. 24-26 Senior Spotlight



Please
Pray
For...

...Lloyd Bridges is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
...Cynthia Mitchell is in NHC in Dickson for therapy.
...Alfred Williams has returned home from the Life Care Center.
...Donna Gaspard is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
...Shirley Bryant, the mother of Melissa Shelton, will have back surgery on Friday, February 3rd at Maury Regional Hospital.
...Janet Barber will have shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, February 7th at Maury Regional Hospital.
...Patsy Davidson is in Williamson County Medical Center.
...Robert Pitts, the father of Eric (Kari) Pitts, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is in St. Thomas Hospital.
...Janice (Cooper) Bernard, cousin of Alisa Harrington, is recovering from surgery.

Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Steve Bowen by Tony & Connie Mayberry.
...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Allene Wade by her niece Sarah Love Swanton.

Sympathy



Dale Dunn
1935-2012

We express our sympathy to the family of Dale Dunn who passed away. Mr. Dunn and his late wife, Mable, were members of the Centerville Church of Christ for many years. Mr. Dunn served in the Hickman County School System for 35 years as a teacher, coach, principal, administrator, and Superintendent. He was a great supporter of the Mission Work at the Centerville Church of Christ. To his daughter Vanessa McMullen (Mark), son Monty (Amy), grandchildren Brianna, Hayden, Allison, Eric, sister-in-laws Martha & Nancy Leathers, and many relatives in our church family we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Roy Hill who passed away last week in Columbia. He was the brother-in-law of Bobbie Lowery.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:
J.W. Hankins, Tristan Hudson, Billie Sharp, Lisa Shepherd, Ann Orton, Bill Merrick, Robert Bryant, Al Baltz, Jason Upchurch, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Home: Mazine Atkinson, Mary Wilkerson, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Area Events

...Walnut Street Church of Christ invites you to their 5th Annual Ladies' Day, Saturday, March 3, 2012. Speaker: Bernadette Bullington * Sign-Up in the lobby. Deadline for registration is February 24th.

Thank You

Sarah Swanton writes: "Thank you for your kindness and love. My Aunt Allene loved your church. It was a part of her that we will always remember." Love, Sarah Swanton, for the family of Allene Wade.

The Family of Steve Bowen writes: "Thank you for the calls, cards, food, and every act of kindness during Steve's sickness and death. We appreciate our church family so much."

A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Matthew & Kristina Roberson on the birth of a baby boy, Gabriel Jaxon. He was born January 20th and weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and is 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Melvin & Felicia Roberson.

Attention Ladies !



You are invited to a baby shower for Jessica (Holt) Dressler on Sunday, February 5th at the Outreach Center from 1:00—3:00 P.M. It's a girl !!



We have received 4 generous donations to the Framing the Future Fund ! Thank You !



A Note from Doug & Maxine Shepherd:
 "The Sojourners had a wonderful Super Saturday in Florida with a great crowd..."

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SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT...

The scholarship committee is happy to report that the **Emma Nicks Scholarship Fund** has awarded a total of \$15,000 for the academic school year 2011-2012. The funds were provided to ten (10) students in the amounts of \$1,000.00 for the fall semester and \$500.00 for the spring semester. Additionally, the **Kittrell Scholarship Fund** has awarded \$2,000.00 to one student with \$1,000.00 being paid in the fall and the other \$1,000.00 being paid for the spring semester. Anyone desiring additional information on the scholarship program should contact **Ward Mayberry**.



The **Korean Mission Fund** has received a generous donation. This donation is very much appreciated.

Those to Serve in February

<p><u>Wait on Table</u> <u>1st Sunday</u> Matthew Dotson <u>2nd Sunday</u> Carter Hoover <u>3rd Sunday</u> Ethan Skelton <u>4th Sunday</u> Will Chessor <u>Serve Audience</u> <u>Left</u> Jim Hudgins Pat Sullivan Alan Potts Jimmy Copley <u>Right</u> Mike Brown Randy James Warren Potts Marty Smith <u>Alternates</u> Joey Hunt Bob McDonald</p>	<p><u>PRAYER WEEK</u> <u>OF Feb.5</u> S.M.W. James Aydelott S.M.D. Randy James S.E.W. Dr. Jerry Nash S.E.D. Patrick Allen W.E.B.S. Wayne Chessor W.E.D. Brian Qualls</p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels Feb.</u> 2/1 Leslie Hudgins 2/8 Glenda Delk 2/15 Shirley Devore 2/22 Regina Elkins 2/29 Marge Gilmer <u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u></p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN FEBRUARY</u> <u>1st SUNDAY</u> - Hunter Webb, Heath Buchanan, McKale Baltz, Trevor Buchanan <u>2nd SUNDAY</u> - John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage Dotson, Grant Dotson <u>3rd SUNDAY</u> - Andrew Weaver, Gage Buchanan, Lake Bates, Aaron Sullivan <u>4th SUNDAY</u> - Riley Haithcoat, Bryce Hughes, Jared Brown, Jackson Thigpen</p>										
<p><u>Lord's Supper P.M.</u> Colby Shelton Riley Qualls <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p>	<p><u>NURSERY</u> Jane Talley <u>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING</u> Shirley Devore</p> <p><u>Bible Hour February</u> Brandon & Charity McCauley Draven Atkinson, Blake Warren, Grady Teet, Alexis Hudgins <u>Stand Up For Jesus</u> "Esther" <u>Pantry Item for February:</u> <u>Green Beans or Soup</u></p>	<p><u>RADIO ROOM</u> Teryl Freeman, Patrick Allen, Griffin Elkins</p>	<p><u>To Drive Bus in February</u> 2/1 George Garland 2/5 Brandon McCauley A.M. Chuck Taylor P.M. 2/8 Mike Goodpasture 2/12 Lonnie Mayberry A.M. Mark Chessor P.M. 2/15 David Hudgins 2/19 Michael Bryant A.M. Bill Cude P.M. 2/22 George Garland 2/26 Patrick Allen A.M. Phillip Allen P.M. 2/29 George Garland Contact John Bradley, 931-994-7358, if you are unable to drive.</p>										
<p>*PLEASE CONTACT DORRIS CLAUD (A.M.), 729-2933 OR BRYAN WOODS (P.M.) 931-994-7042, IF YOU CANNOT SERVE.</p>		<p><u>NURSING HOME SERVICES</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u></td> <td><u>HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/5 Shane Willis</td> <td>2/5 Marshall Spencer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/12 David Hudgins</td> <td>2/12 Robert Bowman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/19 Daniel Dressler</td> <td>2/19 James Aydelott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/26 Larry Lawhon</td> <td>2/26 Alan & Warren Potts</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Tulipwood Service - John Bradley</u></p>		<u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u>	<u>HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME</u>	2/5 Shane Willis	2/5 Marshall Spencer	2/12 David Hudgins	2/12 Robert Bowman	2/19 Daniel Dressler	2/19 James Aydelott	2/26 Larry Lawhon	2/26 Alan & Warren Potts
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