

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"



Over the last few weeks, many in our congregation have embraced the weekly "Love Lessons" as they were issued in the form of a public challenge. For those who have participated, it has been an enriching experience for their hearts to deliberately think about love, and acting in a loving manner toward one another. The stories shared about the blessings of the reading from the book of love (I John) and the sharing of the gifts of love are inspirational to say the least. This is what the word of God is meant to do, change lives, transform us to a brighter image of the Son, and to make a difference in how we live and treat those around us (Romans 12:1-2).

No one passage of scripture is as popular as the words of Paul in I Corinthians 13. To the Christian they are the epitome of what God has called love to be like when it is lived out in our lives. To the young couple, newly engaged or young and in love, is their hope for their relationship. Even to the non-Christian, to the unchurched if you will, the words of I Corinthians may be found incased in a frame or even a passage or phrase tattooed on the body, as a reminder of what kind of love they would prefer to receive. But if we were to remove the veil from our eyes, and see these words in the time and text they were written, not only would our hope for love come alive, but the reason for love's more excellent way would be real to us in our lives. This passage of scripture builds the bridge, fills in the gap, and reminds the heart of what truly matters in this world and in the lives of men. Can we love with unveiled eyes? Can we love/agape deliberately?

Truth and knowledge must reveal God's identity (I John 2:1). While the book of IJohn was to a people who were threatened with division from forces without, Paul wrote to Christians who were threatened with division from forces within.

They were divided over personality (I Corinthians 1:12); they were divided over immorality (I Corinthians 5:1); they were divided over priority (I Corinthians 8:1). They were divided over spirituality (I Corinthians 12:1), namely the use of the spiritual gifts given for the purpose of growing the church to a mature state. When the church reaches a point where her members begin to say to one another, "I'm more important than you; I've been more active than you; I have more to offer than you" the church has reached a point where she has lost her way. No wonder, Paul said, "But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way" (I Corinthians 12:31, emp. mine), thus the words of I Corinthians 13 were revealed from God, to our hearts.

As we conclude this month's focus on love, we will turn our eyes to the emphasis of loving those we struggle to love, namely our enemies. Jesus knew how to deal with those with whom He was at odds. The Lord's instruction and help to overcome the reality we will at times be in deep conflict with other people, is useful to our hearts. He calls us to be honest with ourselves and with those with whom we are at odds or quite frankly "don't like." I hope you know, there is a better way to respond to these realities of life, and that way is found in the steps of love.



Dear Brother Bobby,

On behalf of your fellow elders and the members of the Centerville Church of Christ family, it is with heartfelt thanksgiving and mixed emotions we accept your letter of resignation from the eldership of the flock you have served for the past 42 years. As was stated the night you gave us your letter, we

know you spent several days making this decision. Because of your deep sincerity concerning this matter, we elected not to argue with you about your desires to step down and instead focus on the good you have done for this church family.

There are truly too many avenues of your service for us to try to thank you for them all, so we will mention only a few. Only eternity will make known the blessings of the work your family started with the bus ministry, and time will reveal what you have done for Camp Meribah and all of us who have grown spiritually there. Your determination to see this church family grow and the time you have invested here is worth more than silver and gold. Your leadership is an example, and your sacrifice an encouragement.

We appreciate your willingness to continue to share your wisdom with us when we need your council, and we know you will use your new found time for continued service in many ways. May God bless you and your help mate, Mary Katherine, on your life's journey, and may your steadfast love for God and one another continue to be an example for us all.

In Christian Love, *The Eldership*



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



**COMING SOON...**

- February 23  
Sr. High Prayer  
Breakfast 7:10a
- February 24-26  
Sr. Spotlight

**WHEN ALL THE SMOKE....** cleared Sunday night, we had an awesome Fireside! We had a great crowd on hand and had the opportunity to do some things that we don't always do! I want to say a special thank you to Mark and Shela Chessor and Jim and Leslie Hudgins for hosting. Mark brought us our devotional lesson and talked about the Golden Rule. It's interesting to think about how the Golden Rule is such a simplistic thought, but encompasses so many other teachings within it. We all know how we want others to treat us, therefore we should all know how to treat others. It seems that this isn't always as easy as it sounds. Mark challenged us to pray for those whom we struggle with, and even if we see no change in them, often times we will see change within our hearts that will help us be more understanding! It was without a doubt, a lesson that we each needed to hear!

**OUR SR. SPOTLIGHT IS COMING UP THIS WEEKEND....** This is without a doubt one of those mountaintop experiences that we all talk about. It's amazing how much good it does our hearts to retreat from what we know everyday and focus on our Lord. There are spots still available, but you must sign up quickly. Applications can be found on our website, Facebook page and the church office! I sure hope you are planning on going!

**THE JR. HIGH RETREAT IS ALSO RIGHT AROUND THE....** corner. The dates are March 16-18. Applications are now available and need to be turned in no later than March 11th. We have plenty of spots, so be sure to invite a friend. This is a terrific weekend and one I pray that you can be a part of!

**I JUST WANTED TO WRITE A QUICK NOTE TO OUR....** Golden Age group. I want to thank you so much for always being willing participants in the Golden Age Banquet. Our Youth Group looks forward to this night and loves spending it with you. It never ceases to amaze me what lengths you will go to play along and join in on the fun! I can't tell you how much I appreciate the interest that you show in our young people. It's your love and your hearts that will truly make a difference in their lives and helping them to see just how awesome of a God we serve! Thank you for your love and encouragement. Light the Way-Chris

## March Birthdays & Anniversaries



Virginia Arnold  
92 Years Old  
March 7, 2012



Polly Chessor Lancaster  
82 Years Old  
March 14, 2012



Bobby Bates  
82 Years Old  
March 24, 2012



David & Pauline Jimerson  
Married 62 Years  
March 25, 2012



**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
Wednesday February 22  
Chili Cook-Off 5-7p  
Wednesday February 29  
Need Host 5-7p

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,475.77

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 170.28

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.

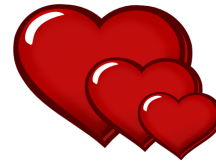
IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



...Feb. 24-26 Senior Spotlight

...Feb. 26 Camp Board Meeting  
at 5:00 P.M. in the Library.

...Feb. 28 Ladies' Night Out



Please  
Pray For...

...Inis Puckett is in St. Thomas Hospital due to suffering a heart attack.

...Shane Willis is recovering from an appendectomy.

...Stella Greer is recovering at home from a heart attack.

...Emma Batts, the infant daughter of Nicholas & Alisha Batts, has returned home from the hospital and is doing well.

...Bobby Dunn, the father of Alisa Harrington, is undergoing tests on his heart.

...Foy Hudgins is recovering from cataract surgery.

...Lane Cude is recovering from a foot injury at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Joyce Plunkett, sister-in-law of Ann Johnston, is in Maury Regional Hospital for tests.

...Cynthia Mitchell has returned home to Tulipwood.

...Stephen Church, the brother of Jan Hopkins Campbell and Joyce Bruno, is currently at the Life Care Center.

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

Andrea Spears, James Dwyer, Janet Barber, Shirley Bryant, Robert Pitts, Patsy Davidson, J.W. Hankins, Tristan Hudson, Billie Sharp, Lisa Shepherd, Ann Orton, Bill Merrick, Robert Bryant, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Home: Alfred Williams, Dorothy Easley, Mary Wilkerson, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Lloyd Bridges, Lula Mae Gilliam, Stella Breece, 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, Brown Breece.

NHC Dickson: Cynthia Mitchell  
812 North Charlotte Street  
Dickson, TN 37055-1009

## Memorials

...A Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Dale Dunn by the following: Wanda Givens' Wednesday night Ladies' Prayer Class and George & Faye Dotson.

## Area Events

... St. Jude Walk-A-Thon, March 17, 2012. Time: 9:30-2:00 P.M.  
Location : Jerry Dixon Walking Trail  
Contact Joyce Boyd for more information at 931-729-4144 or 931-224-4706 Concessions available  
All proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

...Bill McDonald will conduct a free one day Grief Recovery Workshop at Wolf Creek Church of Christ on Saturday, February 25, 2012, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Topics: What Is This Pain We Call Grief? The Normal Grief Process, Major Tasks Of Grieving, Six Characteristics Of Successful Griefers. \* Lunch provided.

## Thank You

Larry & Donna Lawhon write: "Thank you all for the outpouring of the gift of your love during the illness and death our mother, Marie Lawhon. The visits to her bedside, your words of comfort and encouragement, the cards, gifts, and prayers have meant so very much during a difficult time. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten. In Christian Love..."

Shane Willis writes: "I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, and food following my surgery. I deeply appreciate your concern."

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Elizabeth McClannahan Coble who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dolly O'Guin who passed away. She was the aunt of Clara Nell Brown, Marie Bates, and Henrietta Rochelle.

## It's a Boy !



There will be a car shower on Sunday, February 26th, for Mandy King. Corey & Mandy are expecting a baby

boy in April. You may leave your gift on the table in the lobby!



Don't Forget.....To turn in your work form to your bible class teacher or the office. Thank You !



*"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."*  
1 Corinthians 13:4-8



**Learning Your Way  
Through Loss**  
*A Workshop on Making Your Way  
Through The Struggle of Loss*

*Making the Pieces Fit*

**Grief Seminar by Bill McDonald**

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| <b>Week 1</b> | <b>Thursday, March 1</b>  |
| <b>Week 2</b> | <b>Thursday, March 8</b>  |
| <b>Week 3</b> | <b>Thursday, March 15</b> |
| <b>Week 4</b> | <b>Thursday, March 22</b> |
| <b>Week 5</b> | <b>Thursday, March 29</b> |

**Location: Centerville Church of Christ Outreach  
Center**  
**Time: 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

**You may sign-up in the church lobby or contact  
the church office at 931-729-4201 or  
McDonald Funeral Home at 931-729-3561.**

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**Worship Service**  
**Sunday A.M. 9:00**

**Bible Class 10:15**

**Sunday P.M. 6:00**

**Wednesday P.M. 7:00**

*"I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go into the house of the lord."  
Psalm 122:1*

**Ministers**

Bryan McAlister	931-994-3525
Chris Webb	615-394-8710
Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

**Secretaries**

Tammy Willis	931- 729-4201
	931- 994-2672
Ruth Reece	931- 729-4201

**Worship Involvement:**

*Please contact the following if you are unable to  
serve:*

Dorris Claud	931-729-2933
Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
Bryan Woods	931-994-7042

**READ SCRIPTURE**

February 26	Don Luther
March 4	Gregg Johnston

**Prayer Week of February 26**

<b>S.M.W.</b>	<b>S.M.D</b>
Patrick Sullivan	Calvin Hoover
<b>S.E.W.</b>	<b>S.E.D.</b>
Marshall Spencer	Lonnie Gilliam
<b>W.E.B.S.</b>	<b>W.E.D.</b>
Ward Mayberry	Mike Elkins