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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

What do you do, when the wounds of your heart have come from the relationships in your home? What do you do, when the challenge to be kind to people, comes within the walls of your church building? What do you do, when the weight of forgiveness is found heaviest toward those with whom you worship? What do you do, when your place of work is embattled with conflict and not cooperation? The reality is we will have enemies in our lives and in our relationships.

Some will be enemies by our design. There will be a moment when your are unkind; when you act inappropriately; when you behave sinfully toward another. Hopefully those times will be few and repented of to the person. Some will be our enemies by dissonance. Dissonance is another word for confusion, and some will be your enemy, they will hate you, based on half truths, speculation, or gossip. Some will be your enemy by deception. They will have taken your trust and betrayed it. They will have lied, stolen an innocence, or perhaps violated you or someone you love. We will have enemies in this world. Scripture says our eyes waste away through grief over our enemies (Psalm 6:7); enemies can be deadly (Psalm 17:9). We need salvation from our enemies (Psalm 18:3). Our enemies will talk about us (Psalm 41:5). But we should display confidence and trust in God in the presence of our enemies (Psalm 23:5).

When the bible describes an enemy, the identity of this individual to another is one who is hated, someone who is odious, or extremely unpleasant, repulsive, offensive. There is a hostility either in action or attitude toward this person. When we consider how we will deal with our enemies, it begins with a desire for love to be "without hypocrisy" and to "cling to what is good." Romans 12:9 begins with a most powerful word, "let." It is a word of permission and a word of willingness in our hearts and in our lives. When we let love reign, when we allow love to transcend all other motives and actions, then we have let love be the genuine bond and force for good in our lives. We must sincerely seek and desire peace with those who are around us (Romans 12:18).



This journey contains some difficult steps. Because if we fail to make this journey, we begin to hold onto our wounds and they fester and refuse to heal. The unforgiving spirit which lives in us turns into bitterness, one of the vilest, if not the vilest of all sins. We harbor hatred and that pain we hold onto wounds our hearts with a poison which courses through our bodies. In 2009, the question was asked, "is bitterness the next mental disorder" (Lane, Psychology Today, May 2009)? Bitterness over a job loss, a retirement account lost, an estranged relationship, or a broken promise can fill our lives and our hearts with too much pain and poison. Our culture is convinced that if we can diagnose something in our hearts or minds that should not be there, then somehow we have an excuse to let it remain in our lives. God never said we would not have bitterness, we will. He did clearly say though, for us to "lay it aside" (Ephesians 4:31). I hope you know, when we lay aside this "flesh" and "put on" the fullness of our Lord in baptism, we have conquered the greatest enemy of all, "sin and death." It will open our hearts to learn to love our enemies and become the perfect children of God (Matthew 5:48).

Roger Dotson, Superintendent		
Pre-School Ruth Reece, Supervisor		
Class	Room	Teachers
Nursery	109	Hattie Delk
Babyland	B6	Tonya Oliphant Jessica Dressler <u>Wed.</u> Glenda Dorton Juanita Bowman
Age 2	B8	Suzette Potts <u>Wed.</u> Carolyn Chessor
Age 3	B14	Henrietta Rochelle Helen Simmons
Age 4	B16	Megan Lampley <u>Wed.</u> Ages 3 & 4 Charlene & Lauren Hunt
Kindergarten	B18	Dana Nicholson <u>Wed.</u> Amanda Mayberry

Primary Faye Dotson, Supervisor		
Grade 1	208	Misty Shelton
Grade 2	206	Johnnie Ruth Elrod <u>Wed.</u> 1 & 2 Sara Lawson
Grade 3	200	Calvin & Dedra Hoover
Grade 4	204	June Roder <u>Wed.</u> 3,4,5 Mina Dressler

Jr./Sr. High George Dotson, Supervisor		
5th & 6th Grade Girls	215	Ridonna Goodpasture
5th & 6th Grade Boys	220	Mike Brown
7th & 8th Grades	224	Jeremy Qualls
9th-12th Grades	B7	Chris Webb <u>Wed.</u> Grades 6-12

Adult Don Qualls, Supervisor		
20/30 'S	222	Craig Shelton, Mike Elkins
Adults	225	Bill McDonald, Shane Willis
Adults	218	Wayne Qualls
Adults	214	Lonnie Gilliam <u>Wed.</u> Young Men Bill McDonald
Ladies	Chapel <u>Wed.</u> Library/ Conference Rm.	Various Ladies Various Ladies Wanda Givens
Adult	Fellowship Hall	Ward Mayberry
Adults	Auditorium	Different Men <u>Wed.</u> Bryan McAlister & Others



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



COMING SOON...
 -March 9
 Father/Daughter
 Retreat
 -March 11
 Fireside 7-9p

WE HAD A TERRIFIC SR....
 Spotlight this past weekend! We took a bus full on Friday and went hard all weekend long! Our theme this year was Liar, Liar. We discussed all the different lies we are tempted to tell not just to each other, but to ourselves and to God. I want to say a special thank you to the adults who went along this weekend and carried the brunt of the load: Mark and Shela Chessor, Chris and Cyndi Hughes, Patrick Allen, Melody Skelton, Erin Webb, Niki Davis, Kay Gonazales and my mama, Patsy Dillard! It was awesome having the group that we did and some great memories were made. Something

happened this weekend that I just can't help but write about. On Sunday, we stopped at the Tanger Outlet malls, just as we do every year. We all had on our matching retreat shirts and had a little less than an hour to shop. About ten minutes in, I received a phone call from a shop employee. She stated that a group of our boys were in her shop and one of them shoplifted an item from her store. I was floored. I contacted the person she had accused and had them meet me at the shop. Now I want to preface this by saying, the person she accused is someone that I was quite certain did not do the crime. I went to her shop and introduced myself and simply wanted to know exactly what had happened. She started out talking about how disgusted she was with youth groups. Her exact statement was, "Youth group kids are the worst thieves around." A pretty bold statement. She went on to say that when kids entered the store wearing matching shirts, all employees went on watch. After the accused arrived and we all talked about what had happened, it became pretty obvious that she did not see anything shoplifted, she was just more suspicious than anything. She apologized, and we all went on our way. This disheartened me for several reasons. First, do we realize how much our actions as an individual represent a group as a whole? When we claim to be Christians, we represent all Christians, as well as God. As in this situation, this lady's dealings with Christians, youth groups in particular, has left a scar on her heart. Second, it reaffirms the need that our kids have for positive Christian influence in their lives. My fear is that as adults, we are quicker to accuse and condemn than we are to reach out to embrace and lead. There are young people shoplifting and doing even worse. The time is now, for us to step up and help a generation come to know our God! Light the Way-Chris

Wednesday February 29
 TBA 5-7p
Wednesday March 7
 TBA 5-7p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,022.90

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 107.30

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 !!!



Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Dale Dunn by the Centerville Woman's Club.

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Retirement Reception Honoring :

Bill Davis and Bobby Batz

Sunday, March 4, 2012

Worship : 5:00 P.M.

Reception: 6:00 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall

Please Join Us To Honor These 2 Men

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10

Mission Trip



There will be a **Mission Trip** to **Anderson, South Carolina** May 5 & 6, 2012. If you would like to go, please sign-up in the lobby. * 15 spaces available.



...March 4 **Retirement Reception** for Bill Davis & Bobby Bates following P.M. worship service.

...March 8 **Visitation Team 2** meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...March 9 & 10 **Father/Daughter Retreat** at Beaverdam. ***Sign-Up in the lobby.**

...March 14 **Wednesday Night Dinner** hosted by Youth.

...March 16-18 **Jr. High Retreat**

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

...March 18 **Visitation Team 3** meets at the Outreach Center after P.M. worship.

Please Pray For:



Matthew Day, a relative of Donna Blackwell, who is stationed in Afghanistan. Two in his army unit were killed February 23rd. Matthew is from Ohio and is married with 4 children. This

family has requested your prayers for his safety.

Youth in the News...



Congratulations to **Adley Elkins** for winning the third six week's Math Bee ! Great Job !!



Understanding Medicare

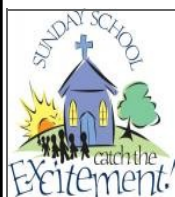
Informational Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Location : Outreach Center

Time: 10:30 A.M.

Followed by a Question & Answer Session



SPRING QUARTER STARTS MARCH 4TH!

BACK TO BIBLE SCHOOL....

THERE IS A CLASS JUST WAITING FOR YOU...



...Andrea Spears had surgery Wednesday, February 29th, at Mury Regional Hospital.

...Inis Puckett has been moved to The Meadows in Nashville. Her address is :

Lakeshore the Meadows
8044 Coley Davis Road
Nashville, TN 37221

...John McCrary, the father of Wayne & Carolyn Chessor's son-in-law, has recently been diagnosed with cancer and is very sick.

...Janie Billions is dealing with health problems.

...Louise Campbell has recently been diagnosed with cancer. She lives in the Pleasantville area.

...Patsy Davidson spent a few days in the hospital last week. She has returned home.

...Bobby Dunn, the father of Alisa Harrington, is dealing with heart problems.

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

Andrea Spears, James Dwyer, 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, Katie Lane Jones.

Home: Mazine Atkinson, 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: Stephen Church, 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.



We had a donation to **Framing the Future !** Thank You....



**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**

**Location: Centerville Church of Christ Outreach
Center**

- Week 1 Thursday, March 1**
- Week 2 Thursday, March 8**
- Week 3 Thursday, March 15**
- Week 4 Thursday, March 22**
- Week 5 Thursday, March 29**

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 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**

Those to Serve in March

<p><u>Wait on Table</u> 1st Sunday John Plemmons, Jr. 2nd Sunday James Aydelott 3rd Sunday Marshall Spencer 4th Sunday Mark Chessor Serve Audience Left Robert Bowman Steven Willis Brandon McCauley Derek Newsom Right Phillip Jacobs Patrick Allen Phillip Allen Wayne Chessor Alternates J.B. Brown Chris Teet</p>	<p><u>PRAYER WEEK</u> OF March 4 S.M.W. Chris Webb S.M.D. Paul Bryant S.E.W. Larry Lawhon S.E.D. Bob McDonald W.E.B.S. Chris Teet W.E.D. Mark Chessor</p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels March</u> 3/7 Joy McDonald 3/14 Jean Qualls 3/21 Judy Rogers 3/28 Roberta Anderson PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MARCH</u> 1st SUNDAY –Major Qualls, Aiden Wallace, Lincoln Smith, Lake Bates 2nd SUNDAY - Elijah Mayberry, Case Martin, Gage Buchanan, Houston Hudgins 3rd SUNDAY - Joseph McCauley, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Luke Brown 4th SUNDAY - Zachary King, Will McDonald, Andrew Weaver, Cameron Wright</p>																																				
<p><u>Lord's Supper P.M.</u> Mike Elkins Griffin Elkins <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p>	<p><u>NURSERY</u> Johnnie Ruth Elrod <u>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING</u> Susan Griggs</p>	<p><u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 3/4 Gregg Johnston 3/11 Derek Newsom</p>	<p><u>RADIO ROOM</u> March Gary Gatewood Cody Woods Barrett Davis Riley Qualls</p>																																				
	<p><u>Bible Hour March</u> Joey & Charlene Hunt Draven Atkinson, Blake Warren, Griffin Elkins, Lauren Hunt "I'm Special" "Joseph" Pantry Item for March: Corn, Beans, Soup</p>	<p><u>GREETERS MARCH</u> Bill & Joy McDonald Michael & Shirley Bryant Jack & Bobbie Lowery Bobby & Faye Claud</p>	<p><u>To Drive Bus in March</u></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td>3/4</td><td>Brandon McCauley</td><td>A.M.</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Lonnie Mayberry</td><td>P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>3/7</td><td>Mike Goodpasture</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3/11</td><td>John Bradley</td><td>A.M.</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Mark Chessor</td><td>P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>3/14</td><td>David Hudgins</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3/18</td><td>Michael Bryant</td><td>A.M.</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Bill Cude</td><td>P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>3/21</td><td>Lonnie Mayberry</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>3/25</td><td>John Bradley</td><td>A.M.</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>Mark Chessor</td><td>P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>3/28</td><td>George Garland</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Contact John Bradley, 931-994-7358, if you are unable to drive.</p>	3/4	Brandon McCauley	A.M.		Lonnie Mayberry	P.M.	3/7	Mike Goodpasture		3/11	John Bradley	A.M.		Mark Chessor	P.M.	3/14	David Hudgins		3/18	Michael Bryant	A.M.		Bill Cude	P.M.	3/21	Lonnie Mayberry		3/25	John Bradley	A.M.		Mark Chessor	P.M.	3/28	George Garland	
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