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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

It's the most needed, most abused, most sought after, most confused, most desired, and most denied concept given to us by God of God. Where can we see love, the way it ought to be? We see it in the tired eyes of a mother, up all night because their little one just can't sleep, unless they are wrapped in a blanket of two arms. We see it in the wearied hands of a father, fighting back the world everyday, to provide, not just an income, but an environment of safety and security for all in his care. That little life has no idea what is being done for it. It doesn't know the toll on the body to supply food. It doesn't know the fatigue on the muscles to be deprived of sleep. That little one doesn't know the inconvenience of un-patterned time. They can't walk, so they are carried. They can't talk, so they have an interpreter named Mom. They are unable to defend themselves, so they have a protector in the family. These things are not done because they are convenient. If it were out of convenience that these needs were met it wouldn't be extraordinary. But it's not out of convenience, it's out of love. That little one will go literally years before they ever know their earliest days were provided for through sleepless nights, interrupted days, calmed tears, or soothed fears. We are still, so much like little children. It will be years before we see, truly see, there was always One, staying up with us at night when our tears kept us awake. It will be a lifetime before we know of the One who fought for us when we were sick and really didn't know it, but knew what we needed to help us be better. It will take some of us a lifetime to realize, just how many times we were held by unseen hands; how often we were protected by an unmistakable power; how that ultimately we were saved by an indescribable love.



"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (I John 4:7-11).

For the month of February we will turn our focus to the ultimate command, the "new commandment" of our God, that we love one another, even as God in Christ loved us. With each week we will offer a new challenge to practice the love God has called us with in our lives. We will set our challenge this week to reading the book of love, I John. Reading these five chapters and seeing the light of love (ch. 1), the lesson of love (ch. 2), the life of love (ch. 3), the Lord of love (ch. 4), and the length of love (ch. 5), will only enhance our connection to our God and each other. I hope you know what a great gift His love is for us!

Love Lesson This Week— Read 1 John

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Carl & Fay Burton to our work and worship ! They live at 120 East Swan Street, Apt. 336, Centerville, Tennessee 37033. Welcome !

Wild Game supper...



Please join us Feb. 18th at 5:00 P.M. at The Lodge for the 4th Annual Team Harvest Wild Game Supper. It doesn't matter if you bring a dish or not, come join us for a evening of Fun, Fellowship, and Food ! This year we will share some of the exciting mission work adventures we shared this past year from the Turks and Caicos Islands to Montana and points in between. We will discuss plans for the upcoming year. Don't miss out !

Please Join Us !

"Ladies' Night Out"

**Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012
6:00 P.M.**

**Location: The Farmhouse, Upstairs
\$12.00 per person**

Please sign the list in the lobby



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



COMING SOON...

- February 9
Jr. High
Prayer Breakfast
7:10a
- February 13
Bible Study 6-7p

IT WAS A WHIRLWIND TYPE... weekend, but a great one to say the least! I had the privilege of going on the 20/30's retreat and had an absolute blast! Craig and Matthew do a great job in their ministry and I'm thankful I was able to spend that time with this group! Our Super Bowl Party was a great event as well. We had a huge crowd and need to say a special thank you to Alan and Suzette Potts and Warren and Tammy Potts for hosting! One thing I especially want to highlight this week is our Tournament of Champions! I don't want to take the time in this article to talk about how the adults are now 6-0, remain undefeated, and had the biggest

blowout in the history of this tournament. What I do want to mention, is how important it is to see such a large number of adults interacting with our youth. All jokes aside, I believe that Youth Ministry is one of THE, if not THE MOST important ministry in the church. The one thing that our young people need more than Firesides, basketball, and 5th Quarters, is YOU! I've never been shy talking about the families that played such a huge role in my spiritual development. Members of my home congregation took an interest in me and helped me be accountable for my walk with Jesus. It seems today that we have a huge number of kids worshiping among us who need our help. No matter what their background may be, they need spiritual accountability. Families that helped me be accountable when I was 14 still take the time out to call me even today, 16 years later, to see how my spiritual walk is. Can we even begin to fathom how important that is in the life of a Christian, much less a young Christian. We have a large number of kids who have no one here to sit with, often no one to bring them to church or take them home, but they want to be here. What can we do to fill that void? What can we do help their precious souls? It's easy to complain because we see young people doing things that they shouldn't be doing, but ask yourself the question, "What am I doing to help shine a bright light into their lives?" As a body of believers, I want to challenge you to adopt a child! Not in the literal sense, but in a spiritual sense. Take the time to get to know some of the youth of this congregation and see how you can help shape their lives. One thing I have learned over the years is that God can use us, no matter how young or old, rich or poor, if we let Him, He can use us! I end this article every week with these words, and I do it for the very reasons stated above, I pray that you will help....Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday February 8
 The Conders 5-8p
Wednesday February 15
 Service Project 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,666.00

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 218.31

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 Mission Fund in memory of Dale Dunn by the following: Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, George K. Nelson Family.

...a Memorial has been given to the Mission Fund in memory of Steve Bowen and Dale Dunn by Mike & Janice Brown.

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Marie Lawhon by Visitation Team 3.

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.

Baptism



...We rejoice with Roy Harrington who was baptized on January 29, 2012. He is one of the housemates that lives at Impact's Columbia Avenue group home with Paul (Buck) Buchanan.

...We rejoice with Desai Easley who was baptized on February 3, 2012.

God's Love is so
BIG!



...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

...Feb. 28 Ladies' Night Out

Sympathy

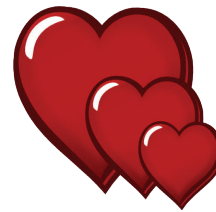


Marie Lawhon 1922—2012

We express our sympathy to the family of Marie Lawhon who passed away. Mrs. Lawhon and her late husband, Jack, were married for 67 years. Mr. Lawhon preached in many different areas. Mrs. Lawhon moved to Centerville after his death and was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. To her children Larry (Donna) Lawhon, LeAnn (Stoney) Ramsy, Sherrel (Cathy) Lawhon, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, we extend our deepest sympathy.



We have had a donation to Framing the Future!
Thank you...



Please
Pray
For...

...Lloyd Bridges, uncle of Bill & Bob McDonald, is in the Life Care Center.

...Alfred Williams is in the local hospital.

...James Dwyer, the 91 year old father of Kathy McDonald, is dealing with health problems.

...Wayne Prince spent a couple of days in the hospital due to a heart problem. He is at home recovering.

...Shirley Bryant, the mother of Melissa Shelton, is recovering from back surgery.

...Janet Barber is recovering from shoulder surgery.

...Patsy Davidson has returned home from the hospital.

...Robert Pitts, the father of Eric (Kari) Pitts, will start treatments for cancer.

...Mozie Atkinson is in ICU at Baptist Hospital.

...Barbara Wood had a heart stent implanted and is doing very well.

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

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: 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



Hospice Volunteering Request... How about you?

Most of us remember a person who seemed to go out of their way to help us during a difficult time in our life... a grandparent, a teacher, even a stranger who became a friend. The recollections of these "faces of caring" remind us of the good within each of us. No where are these faces of caring more common than among the volunteers that are part of Hospice Compassus. We are currently looking for compassionate hearts to join our team of volunteers throughout the six counties in which we serve. If you live in Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall or Maury and this speaks to your desire to service others, please contact, Julia Logan-Mayes, Volunteer Coordinator @ 931-381-4090 or email @ Julia.logan-mayes@hospicecom.com. The offering of a few hours a month can bring joy, comfort, and relief to caregivers who are weary. In this New Year, this perhaps is one of the most precious and priceless gifts... the gift of time.

Citizens Drug Academy 2012

Presented By:
21st Judicial District Drug Task Force
Hosted By:

Centerville Church of Christ, Outreach Center
Classes begin on Wednesday evening March 14th @ 6:00 PM. Classes will be held weekly in the Outreach Center from 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. thru May 9th 2012.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pattie Dunning with the Task Force at (615) 790-2691 Ext 2198 to receive an application form. Applications may also be obtained from the business office of the Centerville Church of Christ (729-4201). The application may also be obtained at <http://www.drugtaskforce.net/drugacademy.html>. Application forms may be completed and mailed to the Drug Task Force. Class size is limited to 35 students and you must be at least 21 years old to attend. Complete background checks, by the Drug Task Force, are required for each applicant. Priority may be given to applicants who live and work in the judicial district. You will be notified by mail if you are accepted into the next Academy. All applications need to be submitted by February 15, 2012.

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

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Children's Bible Hour

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

February Theme:

***Stand Up For Jesus
"Esther"***

***Hey kids ! Don't forget :
February Hungry Hound Pantry Item:
Green Beans or Soup***

READ SCRIPTURE

February 12	Mark Chessor
February 19	Michael Bryant

Prayer Week of February 12

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Matthew Kincade	Jimmy Copley
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Mike Plunkett	Leon Gilbert
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Alan Potts	David Hudgins