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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

"We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For He says: 'In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.' Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:1-2).

Cliches of time capture our struggle with utilizing this present constant in our lives. "Rome wasn't built in a day"; "In the nick of time"; "There's no time like the present" all seem to point to our frustration with events of life not coming soon enough or coming sooner than we anticipated. No matter our reaction to time, we cannot escape its reality and bearing on all of our lives. It's compared to a vapor, labor, sorrow; across days that are "few and full of trouble." Some have described our time in terms of a bank account. If a direct deposit was made into your "bank account" at the stroke of midnight every night, in the amount of \$86,400.00, what would you do? What would you do if you also knew the unspent balance would be removed at 11:59pm of every night?

There are 86,400 seconds in every day, and in truth, most of us let more than a few of those seconds go unspent or even wasted on needless thoughts, worries, or useless tasks. 2012 is our year to open our eyes to God's calling and see His need for us to seize the deposit of time He has placed in the account of our hearts. This is the year to hear the plea of Jesus and find the power of His Spirit to fill your life with a purpose worthy of spending every second of your day fulfilling with Him. That's why "The Time Is Now" for us to share His message of forgiveness, faithfulness, and hope for a future.

January has challenged us with the call to live sacrificial lives of service to our great God, our Lord



and Savior Jesus Christ, and to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Our minds are called to be sacrifice for the sake of God and allow transformation to take hold (Romans 12:1-2). Our means reflect where our heart is focused in our relationship with God, and yes, can measure our commitment to Him (whether we like admitting it or not, Matthew 6:21). Consuming our lives in moments devoted to the Master will make each day a day well spent, if only we would awake out of our sleep and see we have so much to do and so great an opportunity like today (Romans 13:11-14).

The sacrifice of self presents the greatest challenge. If the life we live is truly lived for Christ, then it will show in all that we say, think, and do (Galatians 2:20). We can so easily take for granted all that we have been given, starting with and not limited to our pardon from sin and the punishment thereof. We make it our aim to seek our God's forgiveness and then we should make it our all to give Him our lives in return for what He has certainly done for us. I hope you know, "The Time Is Now" to join us, grow with us, share time with us, seek God with us!

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 PM – 9:00 PM thru May 9th 2012.

What an overwhelming success and so much public interest shown from our Fall 2011 Citizens Drug Academy ! Almost 40 individuals attended and completed the class with a great encouragement to host this program again... and we are very glad to do so. CCoC

Have you ever wondered, what's the Drug Task Force and what is it they do? Wondering what it's like to be an undercover narcotic officer or an Interstate Criminal Enforcement officer working America's highways? This free academy is designed to educate residents, teachers, parents, grand parents, business owners, and even police officers, how your Drug Task Force operates and what is out there to deal with. This drug academy class will meet once a week for 9 weeks from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday evening with a brief devotional and light meal provided by the Church.

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.



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

WHEN I READ MY BIBLE, IT.... interest me to see how Jesus always knew how to react to every situation. He always knew what to say or what action to take. I believe this to be an incredible gift. There are plenty of times in our lives when things happen and we simply don't know how to react. We are either caught off guard or simply don't have time to think of what we should say or do. We can all think back to situations that we wish we would have said this or done that, but didn't. I believe that what is said about hindsight is very true. The one thing that I always see in Jesus' reaction however, is to react in a way that will point people to the Father.

Matt. 5:14-16
COMING SOON...
-January 25
Group Service
Project 5-7p
-January 26
HCMS Prayer
Breakfast 7:30a

Jesus had a mission, that mission was glorify His Father in Heaven and lead us to Him. I'm not sure if reacting to day to day situations was easy for Him, but it seemed to be a given that no matter how tough the question or how difficult the situation, His response would point toward God. We as Christians may not be as quick witted as Jesus, but we can always respond in a way that points people to the Father. A small army of people played a huge role in the making of the video that was shown Sunday morning. The basis of the video was simple, in the face of something negative and even difficult, point people toward the Father. I personally want to say thank you to everyone who had a desire to be a part of the video. I thought that finding 109 people to stand in front of a camera and tell the story of Jesus might be difficult, especially in light of recent events. When I would say, "I'm making a Youtube video", I did get some interesting looks. I was amazed, even floored, at how many were eager to sign on once they realized it was being made to point people to the Father. If you haven't had a chance to see it, or share it, you can find it on Youtube by searching Hickman County Christian. We may not always respond the right way, but we will never go wrong when we respond by telling people about Jesus! I have been inspired and encouraged by your faith, thank you.

THE LIGHTHOUSE WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK, WE... will however still be meeting on Wednesday night at 5p for a Group Service Project. Go ahead and meet in the Lighthouse and we will disperse from there. We are also having a Jr. High Prayer Breakfast at the middle school this coming Thursday morning at 7:30am. I pray that you have an awesome week and that the Lord will guide your steps! Light the Way-Chris

Wednesday January 25
Service Project 5-8p
Wednesday February 1
TBA 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,228.89

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 156.66

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 !!!



Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Steve Bowen by Doug & Billie Sue True.

Area Events

...The *Brushy Church of Christ* invites you to hear Brad Harrub on Sunday, January 29, 2012. 9:00 A.M. Bible Class Atheisms' Attack on America 10:00 A.M. Worship: Are You Convicted? Fellowship Meal to follow worship service. 1:00 P.M. Worship: Is Genesis a Myth?

...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

A. J. & Willie B. Coates write:

" We want to thank everyone for the Sunshine Basket and the birthday and anniversary cards we received. We appreciate your thoughtfulness."



We have received a contribution to Framing The Future ! Thank You, Thank You !



...Jan. 29 Mission Committee Meeting at 4:15 in the Conference Room.

...Jan. 29 Men and Women Jail Ministry group will hold a planning/scheduling meeting at 4:00 P.M. in the library.



Night !

January 29, 2012

5:00 P.M. Worship

6:00 P.M. Meal



Please bring your favorite dessert !

Sympathy



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...We express our sympathy to the family of Steve Bowen who passed away last week. To his wife, Linda, mother Fay Bowen, daughters Jody and Beth, sister Becky Harvill, we extend our deepest sympathy. Steve has many other relatives in our church family.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Roy Brown Hedge who passed away last week in Nashville. He was the cousin of Jimmy Reece.

Prayer Requests



...Tristan Hudson, infant son of Ryan & Audra Hudson, was born prematurely on September 22, 2011 and is having a difficult time. Please remember him in your prayers.

...Jackson Mayberry spent a couple of days in the hospital last week due to RSV. He is at home recovering.

...Louise Banks, the sister of Bobbie Lowery, has returned home.

...Cynthia Mitchell is in Maury Regional Hospital for tests.

...Lula Mae Gilliam, the mother of Lonnie Gilliam and Patricia Skelton, has been in St. Thomas Hospital. She is currently at the Life Care Center for therapy.

...J.W. Hankins, the uncle of Tonya Oliphant, is very sick suffering with cancer.

...Anderson Spears, the son of Jamie & Andrea Spears, is home following surgery to repair a shunt in his head.

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

Billie Sharp, Lisa Shepherd, James Dawes, Ann Orton, Bill Merrick, Ethan Skelton, Robert Bryant, Al Baltz, Jason Upchurch, Patsy Davidson, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:

Alfred Williams, 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, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece.

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

Our Elders



Bobby Bates



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Alfred Williams

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Framing the Future Update...

Progress continues to be made on our building and renovation project in great strides. The new addition has "come together" as a result of the efficient and diligent work of the builders. Steady work has been displayed in the auditorium as well, with the most noticeable items being the rocked walls and improved lighting. Much needed improvements have begun in our fellowship hall and Dayschool area as well. New paint, lighting, cleaned air returns and ceiling tiles are just the beginning of the tasks to that well used facility.

As with any project, the journey to completion brings unexpected challenges and opportunities to give attention to areas neglected over time. The next several weeks will continue to see other standout improvements made. Our role in supporting the project through feedback and financial contributions is always needed. Stay tuned for further updates and thank you for your support and interest thus far.

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Worship Involvement: Please contact the following if you are unable to serve:

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Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
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READ SCRIPTURE

January 29	Joey Hunt
February 5	Marshall Spencer

Prayer Week of January 29

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Daniel Dressler	Paul Bryant
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Randy Wright	James Easley
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Don Luther	Larry Lawhon