

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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"I Hope You Know"

**2013 Theme...  
Revealed January 13th...**

Before you say, "How could they?" stop for a heartbeat and ask, "Knowing only what they knew, what would I have done?" John 21, at first glance, may seem to be offensive, given the apostles had a near cold response to their Savior's resurrection. But remember, that's our first glance and we know "the rest of the story." What did you do when your world was turned upside down in the blink of an eye? What did you do the day your plans changed from everything you thought you knew to everything you never dreamed would happen? What did you do when your nest egg cracked, your savings were spent, and your job was gone? What did you do when the news came from the doctor, "It's cancer...it's inoperable...it's stage 4...when the call came and said it's Dad...it's Mom...it's your grandpa...you'd better hurry."?

Life as we know it for the followers of Jesus has been turned upside down, inside out, and every which way but loose. In a matter of hours, their world and the One Who was at the center of that world for the last two and a half to three years, had been arrested, tried in a court of public opinion (not of law), remanded to the Roman authorities, crucified, and buried in a borrowed tomb. On the first day of the week, when the tomb was found vacant, Peter and John are the first to come at the behest of Mary, but they find there no Jesus (John 20:1-10). That night, Jesus appeared to them, revealing the scars of His hands and His side (John 20:20). Eight days later, He would do the same, this time with Thomas in the group (John 20:27). Yet there was still something missing, and so it would be, as the old saying goes, "third time's a charm" (John 21:14). You talk to a Man you saw killed and buried, and see how clearly you are thinking in terms of all your previous encounters

with Him. You talk to a Man who retains His wounds of death, and then you make a rational step.

When the moment final dawned on these weary fishermen that their Lord was actually standing on the seashore, calling to them, they found their way back to His side. When our world is collapsing all around us, or when we think things "will never be the same" those are the moments we do not need to leave the safety of the saints. That is precisely the moment we need to seek to be surrounded by those who we know are faithful and will remind us of the faith that lives inside of us.

That morning, Jesus shared a meal with His followers and they no doubt remembered His love for them. In like manner, when the first day of the week dawns in our life, we have the chance to share a meal with the Savior, and be reminded of the same truth, He loves us in ways we cannot begin to imagine (I Corinthians 10:16). That morning, forgiveness was the theme and not failure (John 21:15). On the first day of the week, the saints are given the assurance their sins are forgiven (Matthew 26:28). That morning, the only words we can obey to make any difference daily in our life, were spoken once more, "Follow Me" (John 21:19, 22). When we share the Supper on the first day of the week, the echo of "Follow Me" rings loud not only by the manner in which we feast, but also through the message of the feast, He is coming again (I Corinthians 11:26)!

2013 is still so very new. The fear of not knowing what to do when difficult arises, can be cast out, but knowing WHO we trust when those moments come, to guide us and give us what is needed to help in that moment of trouble. The great reminder of the Lord's love is every Lord's Day, with His Supper. The saints are gathering, you're called to share in that time. I hope you know, you have a place with the family of God in Centerville!

## **Hospital-Based Food Pantry**

The Hospital-based Food Pantry at Hickman Community Hospital is a program that is provided by Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee through the financial assistance of the Saint Thomas Health Services Foundation. We have also partnered and will be helping to support the Food Pantry with the assembly and storage of the Food Boxes at the Outreach Center. The Food Boxes are filled with healthy non-perishable food items and are tailored to 3 types of specific Diets: Diabetic, Renal and Low Sodium. Each box will contain approximately 17 or 18 individual containers/cans of approximately 11 or 12 different variety of food items, and they will be assembled based upon these pre-set Dietary recommendations. The Food Boxes will be distributed at the Hospital and the Clinic. Those patients in need will be identified by our health care providers through the process of performing their routine medical screenings and care planning for that individual patient. The Food Boxes will be provided to those patients that are identified by the providers as someone who could benefit from the food box based upon the dietary and financial needs of that individual. A Physician, Nurse Practitioner, Nurse, etc. can offer a patient a Diet Specific Food Box as part of their discharge instructions informing them of the healthy food items and how the patient and their family can benefit from a healthy diet. The contents of these Food Boxes will serve as both an educational tool to show the patients what types of foods they need to eat for a healthier lifestyle, as well as provide healthy food items to those who need the financial assistance of a food box. Hickman County, like many rural areas, has been identified as a "Food Desert". These areas are characterized by: A high proportion of people living in poverty and limited access to transportation; Few or no grocery stores; High rates of diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity; High rates of medical complications or early death resulting from these diseases. The Hospital-based Food Pantry at the Hickman Community Hospital is the first program of this type in the state of Tennessee. We will continue our food box distribution as always, this will not impact that assistance. If you would like to volunteer in the assembly of the Food Boxes as a *class*, *group*, or *individual* please contact the church office. The day and time for assembling is optional.



## **YOUTH ON HIS PATH**

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**

CRAIG SHELTON



- January 9  
LIGHTHOUSE  
5:00-7:00
- January 11  
5TH QUARTER  
After the Game  
Until 11:30
- January 14  
JUNIOR HIGH  
FIRESIDE  
Lighthouse  
6:30-8:30
- January 16  
LIGHTHOUSE  
5:00-7:00
- January 17  
SENIOR HIGH  
PRAYER  
BREAKFAST  
Staff Room  
7:15
- January 18  
5TH QUARTER  
After the Game  
Until 11:30  
**COMING  
SOON...**
- Feb. 22-24  
SENIOR  
SPOTLIGHT /  
SENIOR HIGH  
RETREAT  
Gatlinburg
- March 15-17  
JUNIOR HIGH  
RETREAT  
NBF State Park

ANOTHER FANTASTIC SENIOR HIGH FIRESIDE! We had a great crowd and a great time this past Sunday night for the Senior High Fireside. Our thoughts for the night were on "priorities." If we neglect to put God first, He will never be in the spot He should be. Consequently, this keeps every other part of our lives out of rhythm too. Thanks to Misty for helping me with the food and the fun.

NOTICE THE ADDITON of another Lighthouse this Wednesday! It will be a snack only, no big meal, but we will be open at 5:00!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HOST A FIRESIDE OR LIGHTHOUSE? There are still a few spaces left to do just that! The lists are on the youth news board in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDIES ARE COMING! Something new for 2013 is Girl's and Guy's Bible Studies. This is still in the works, but Matthew Dotson & Derek Newsom are looking to lead the guys and Cissy Dotson and Rachel Newsom are to lead the girls. Cissy & Rachel had this idea from remembering when they were in the youth group and Emily Tidwell led an inspiring Bible study for girls. Thanks to these four for the desire to start this back up. I know this will be a blessing to all who can be a part. Be listening for more information coming soon.

COMING SOON will be the application for the Senior Spotlight / Senior High Retreat. The dates are February 22-24 in Gatlinburg, TN. Applications will need to be turned in with a deposit by February 17. I hope to have these available to you in the next couple of weeks. I am excited and I hope you are getting there too for this unforgettable annual retreat!

"THE ONE WHO DOES THINGS THAT COUNT doesn't usually stop to count them." May we challenge ourselves to continually look for ways to make a difference whether others notice or not. Isn't it always interesting to note when our initial intent was to help others feel better, how much good we gain from the experience? Keep seeking ways to encourage, to be of assistance and just to do good! It is truly a benefit for us all! *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*—Galatians 6:9 follow His path, Craig

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,449.67

BUDGET \$ 12,820.00

### Sunday School

\$ 200.80

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 !!!



## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Clara Nell Brown by the following: Sunday Morning Ladies' Bible Class, Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Raymond Bryant by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Catherine Clark who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Reba Dugger Thompson who passed away in Culleoka. She was the grandmother of Robin Smith.

## New Address



Barry, Melissa, & Ashley Anne Shelton have moved.

Their new address is:

1650 Lower Shipp's Bend Road  
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

## A Special Birthday Celebration !



Ruth Gill will be 90 years old on January 13th. Her family would like to invite

her friends to join them in a celebration reception in the basement fellowship hall of the Centerville Methodist Church on Jan 13th from 1-3 PM. If anyone is unable to attend please send a card (funny, sweet, good memories or pictures--no gifts please). Come and share memories, hugs, and good wishes. Thanks for your help in making this a really special day. Her address is:

Ruth Gill  
707 Hickory Street  
Centerville, TN 37033

## JANUARY



### Events...

...Jan. 10 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...Jan. 12 Worship Training Workshop 9:00—10:30 A.M.

*Please meet in the Auditorium*

...Jan. 13 Jail Ministry Meeting at 4:30 P.M. at the Outreach Center.

...Jan. 13 Vis. Team 5 meets in the Fellowship Hall after P.M. worship

...Jan. 20 Vis. Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following P.M. worship

...Jan. 26 Wild Game Supper at the Lodge

...Jan. 27 *Fiesta Night*

## Thank You

The Family of Raymond Bryant writes: "There are no words to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, visits, phone calls, cards, food and all acts of kindness shown to us during the short illness and death of our loved one. The funeral service could not have been more perfect. Thank you for the delicious meal prepared by the Centerville and Clearview ladies, and thanks to those who helped serve. Your comforting words, kindness & thoughtfulness will forever be remembered by the family of Raymond Lee Bryant. *Barry, Melissa, Ashley Anne Shelton, Shirley Bryant & Family*

Becky Coleman, Director of Community Services, Hickman Co. Bd. Of Edu. writes: "Thank you to everyone who helped provide Christmas to over 600 children this holiday season. We truly appreciate your willingness to help those in need!"

## A Baby Shower !



Kyle and Lacey Chessor would like to invite you to a baby shower for their son, Cooper Dean Chessor.

When: Saturday, January 19, 2013  
Time: 1:00 P.M.

Where: Highlands Building Ivy Court Café  
3322 West End Ave.  
Nashville, TN.

Parking under building  
R.S.V.P. 719-250-5558



### Please Pray For :

...Reba Horner is at Signature Healthcare of Columbia for therapy. Her address is: 1410 Trotwood Ave. Room 110 Columbia, TN 38401

...Claire Wright, infant baby of Randy & Jana, spent 2 days at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital due to an infection. She is at home and doing much better.

...Don Qualls has been sick for several days dealing with mono, inner ear problems, and is recovering from the flu.

...Molly Orton will undergo an auditory brainstem response test on January 11th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...Maxine Shepherd has blood clots in her left leg and is confined to her home.

...Andrea Spears received a great report from the M. D. Anderson Clinic in Houston, Texas. She is cancer free!

...Holly (Galey) Stewart is recovering from surgery on her ankle.

...Pearl Mayberry is in Maury Regional Hospital due to a broken hip.

...James Westmoreland is at home.

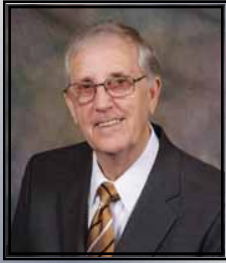
...Ruth Stephenson is in the local hospital due to illness.

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

Bob McDonald, Karen Rial Powers, Michael Lee Sweeney, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Colby Westmoreland, Aiden Turnbow, Norma Nicks Parham, Mary Frances Welch, Fred Hansford, Mollie Orton, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Bobby Kelley, Janie Billions, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Belva Goins, Lois Masters, Jean Plemmons, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard. Hickman County Nursing Home: Brown Breece, Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

## Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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Daily Updates  
And a Devotional Message  
931-729-5055  
931-729-0022



***Worship Service***  
Broadcast on Local Dickson  
Cable Comcast Channel 19  
Sunday Morning  
10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

### Prayer Week of Jan. 13

S.M.W.

Dr. Jerry Nash

S.E.W.

Mike Elkins

W.E.B.S.

Mike Plunkett

S.M.D

Philip Jacobs

S.E.D.

Wayne Chessor

W.E.D.

Colby Shelton

### READ SCRIPTURE

January 13

January 20

Marshall Spencer

Derek Newsom