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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Marriage has many unique charges, that is to say, many unique responsibilities, tasks, jobs, assignments, missions, and functions. "Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church" (Eph 5:25). "Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord" (Eph 5:22). Another that is just as unique, "be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). Being married or bearing children are not commands we must observe to be faithful to God. But when we do choose these blessings, we must be careful to concern ourselves with God's goals for life and family. We want many things for our children, and yet if we place a greater emphasis on education than we do eternity; if we are more concerned with their social acceptance than we are their soul's assurance; if we place a stronger emphasis on a salary than salvation, we have made a fatal mistake as parents. No, you're right, there is a point in every child's life when they must put away childish things and make responsible decisions, but we must take the responsibility now to give them the tools and training to choose faithfulness. God knows more than a little about what it is like to have children be faithful and unfaithful. His words of Hosea 11 closely mirror the hearts of parents who are concerned with eternal matters. If your children are faithful today, are you to blame? If not, are you to blame? The emphasis is not one of guilt, but the guidance we have sought from God to help us through the divinely appointed task of parenting.

John's prayer should be our prayer for our children, "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth" (III John vs. 3-4). The image of the father of the prodigal son (Luke 15) called for his son to be clothed with new clothes, given new shoes, signaled with a ring for his finger, and celebrated with a feast of joy, not because the father was right and the son was wrong and realized it, but because the son had chosen faithfulness. It is a journey that must begin immediately, as soon as life is known. Paul said to Timothy, "From your youth, you have known the holy scriptures which are able to make you wise unto salvation"

SHARING
HEAVEN
IN 2011

The text is centered over a background of white, fluffy clouds against a dark sky. The words are in a large, black, serif font.

(II Timothy 3:15). Literally, Paul said, your youth, your infancy, your childhood, since a nursing babe, you have known what can save you. As with any journey there are twists and wrong turns, some u-turns, delays, and stretches of great blessing. The journey of faith is no different, but it must begin as soon as possible.

For all parents two things are true. One, there are no flawless ways to parent. Since there are no flawless people, there are not flawless families or parents. There will be mistakes and regrets, should have done or can't believe I ever did. Whatever the case, we must come to grips that in our hands and our hands alone, parenting will find flaws, because there are no flawless ways to parent. Two, there are only faithful ways to parent. We are more interested in seeing what faith has taught us and can teach us in order to live our lives pleasing to God. The commitment which we desire to see in the lives of our children, must first find an anchor of hope and trust in our own souls. We cannot introduce our children to a Savior we do not personally know ourselves. Our lives are blessed with many opportunities to serve our Lord, parenting is no small portion of these blessings. I hope you know His love for you and desire for you to be the kind of parent he can help you be.

Spotlight on Leaders...

For the next few weeks, we will be spotlighting our *Deacons* and their families to show our appreciation for the work. This week, we are featuring...

Bryan Woods Family



Bryan, Lori, and Cody Woods live at 3429 Dodd Hollow Road, Nunnely, Tennessee. Bryan serves on the Education Ministry and the Worship Involvement Ministry.



We rejoice with Megan Loveless, the daughter of Hal & Stephanie Loveless, who was baptized at Camp Meribah. We also rejoice with Ginger Conder and Katie Conder who were baptized at Camp Meribah. Ginger and Katie are the daughters of Greg & Leah Conder.

Friends & Family Day



Start planning now for our:
Friends & Family Day
Sunday, August 28,
2011.

We will have a potluck lunch at 11:00 A.M. in the *Fellowship Hall* with an evening worship service immediately following lunch.
Invite, Invite!

Hope to see you there!



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

IT HAS BEEN A WHIRLWIND.... Summer! It has flown by quicker than anticipated but without a doubt has been a grand one. I was kind enough to loan John the best looking picture he has ever had beside one of his writings last week. He did a great job of summing up our trip to Bogalusa. I won't give you another write-up on the trip, but I will simply say that it was one of the best trips that we have ever had! I give John Durham a tough time every chance that I can, but I have to say that I appreciate so much all of the work he put into this trip by helping us prepare! Plans are already being made for a return trip next year. If you did not get to go this year, I can assure you that it's a trip you will never forget! I will have the dates out in the next few weeks for 2012!



COMING SOON...

-August 1
Sparks and Inter
Pool Party 6-8p

WE ARE IN CINCINNATI, OHIO THIS WEEK ON OUR.... annual Cincinnati Blast! This is always a great trip to end our summer on! We have a full bus and are praying that that it holds up!! Regardless, this trip will be a blessing. I do want to say just one thing about our bus break downs, that is, that no matter how many times we have found ourselves on the side of the road over the years, I have never heard any complaints from our kids. Even traveling from Columbia to Birmingham this past week with no air conditioning, they were still content just to be together. This speaks volumes for our group and their parents. I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work with such an outstanding group of teenagers. They make me a better person every time that I am with them! Pray for our trip this week. Pray for these precious souls! They are truly striving to do the Lord's work and for that we should be thankful!

THE SPARKS AND INTERMEDIATES ARE HAVING A.... Pool Party on August 1st at the Centerville Pool. This is for all Sparks and Intermediates and their families. Dinner will be prepared that night for everyone and there is no cost for this night. Everything will kick off at 6pm and end around 8pm! We will also be having our annual Youth Group River Trip on August 6th. We will leave the church parking lot at 8am and return around 5pm. We have several boats lined up and Super Mable is packed and ready to go! This is for all 6-12th graders and is a trip you don't want to miss! Pick up a calendar, the activities roll on! We sure hope to see you soon!
Light the Way-Chris

Sparks and Intermediates Pool Party



Monday, August 1st, at the Centerville Pool from 6-8p. Dinner will be served and there is no cost! All Sparks, Intermediates and their families are invited.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,949.13

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 230.30

Mable Dunn Fund - \$ 800.00

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 !!!



Memorial

...A Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Robert Jacobs by the following: Billie Parham, Jean Plemmons and John Plemmons, Jr., Gerald & Margaret James.

Area Events

...Jim Scates will be the speaker at Columbia Avenue Church of Christ, Sunday, July 31. Morning Worship is at 11:00 A.M. ; Evening Worship is at 5:00 P.M. *Everyone is invited.*

...Gospel Meeting at the Upper Sinking Church of Christ, August 7-10, 2011. *Speaker: Roger Banks* Bible Study: 10:00 A.M. ;Worship: 11:00 A.M. Sunday-Wednesday night: 7:30 P.M. *Everyone Welcome!*

Thank You

The Family of Robert Jacobs writes: "We would like to thank everyone for all of the visits, calls, cards, prayers on our behalf, and the food that was prepared for our family. We appreciated it more than words can say. God Bless you all..."

Marie Boehms writes: "I want to thank everyone for all of the birthday cards. It is so nice to be remembered."



NEWS & EVENTS:

...August 7 Back To School Teacher and School Employee Appreciation Night 6:00 P.M. Followed by a Banana Split Social in the Fellowship Hall.

...August 11 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...August 21 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the Chapel.

...August 21 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center after evening worship services.

...August 21 Sunday School Promotion Day

...August 27 Trap Shoot & Family Day

...August 28 Friends & Family Day

Sympathy



Robert Jacobs

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We express our sympathy to the family of Robert Jacobs, a long time member of our congregation, who passed away following a stroke. To Robert & Brenda, Gary & Glenda, Mickey & Linda Hitt, his grandchildren Phillip, Shelda, Patrick, Shawn, Cheri, and Olivia, we express our deepest sympathy.



Please Pray for...

...Sue Fox, the sister of Judy Rogers, is recovering from injuries due to a car accident. Her address is : 1314 Southeast Broad, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130.

...Tony Johnston, the cousin of Cheryl Chessor, Michael Bryant and Brandon Bryant, is in Dickson Horizon Medical Center.

...Robert McAlister, the father of Bryan, was unable to have his heart procedure done last week due to an irregular heart beat. He is at home and will be treated with medication.

...Troy Parks has returned home. He is recovering from surgery and dealing with an infection.

...Janie Warren, the niece of Doyle Rushton, is recovering from surgery in Centennial Hospital.

...Mozine Atkinson is in Baptist Hospital dealing with blood clots and pneumonia.

...Faye Daniels, the sister of Ann Johnston, is in ICU at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Dean Stem, the mother of Amanda Mayberry, is having a difficult time as she deals with cancer.

...Mary Etta Madden, the sister of Maxine Shepherd, had a very serious surgery Tuesday in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Home: Curtis McCord, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland, Jean Plemmons.

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

George Church, Jonathan Arnold, Roger Livengood, Norman Ballard, Lois Sanders, Easton Tanner, Jimmy Horner, Alfred Williams, Beverly Grimes, Steve Bowen, Danny Galey, Don Luther, Joyce Primm, McKamey Manor, Katie Lane Jones, Dean Stem, Patsy Davidson, Wanda Armstrong, Debbie Mencer, Trevor Houston, Destiny Griffin.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:

Carlene Martin, Marie Lawhon, Mattie Lou Weatherspoon, Pauline Tilley, Thelma Chessor, Nicus Loveless, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Henry Bradford, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Ellis Maddox, Hazel Riley, Brown Breece.

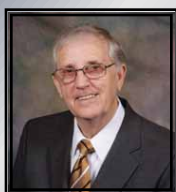
Our Elders



Bobby Bates



Bill Davis



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

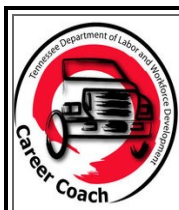


Alfred Williams

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The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development

is proud to roll out their ***Career Coaches***...mobile centers similar to what you might find in a Tennessee Career Center.

One of these vehicles will arrive at the ***Centerville Church of Christ*** parking lot on **Monday, August 1, 2011**, and provide a computer lab with Internet access to help with resume assistance and interviewing skills; and serve as a recruitment center for companies moving into our state. Time: 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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BROADCASTS ON WNKX 96.7 FM
 Sundays 7:15 A.M., 9:00 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.

TIMES OF WORSHIP:

Sunday 9:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. **Wednesday** 7:00 P.M

Secretaries: Tammy Willis
 Ruth Reece

READ SCRIPTURE

July 31 - Monty Dunn
August 7 - Paul Bryant

Prayer Week of July 31

S.M.W.
 James Aydelott
S.E.W.
 Jason Dotson
W.E.B.S.
 Alan Potts

S.M.D.
 David Hudgins
S.E.D.
 Mark Chessor
W.E.D.
 Leon Gilbert

News from North Caicos...

The Youth Group from Provo spent the weekend in North Caicos knocking on doors and had 35 at North Caicos church services Sunday morning. JD