

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

There are moments in all true believer's lives, when we may question, as the Christians of John's day did, "How long, O Lord, Holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth" (Rev 6:10)? With a quick glimpse at the world around us we see the holy things of God, (families, marriage, purity, decency, temperance, modesty, worship, etc...) profaned among men. Those who want to live righteous lives before God at times question the use of doing so, if all around them refuse. When we see our God's commands and expectations devalued, we are grieved. When holiness is exchanged for profanity, we are grieved. When a fellow laborer in the kingdom of God falls, as all men must, to death, we are grieved. And all of these events even take place when we, who are faithful, strive to remain with God. Such causes us to ask, "Is there hope without God?"

When Paul wrote to his brethren in Thessalonica, he addressed the issue of hope with them, as a necessary part of their faith to keep (I Thessalonians 4:13). In addressing the issue of hope, Paul contrasts sorrow between those who have hope and those who have no hope. Put in simple terms, Paul makes it known there is a type of sorrow experienced by those who have no hope in something beyond death. When death comes it is seen as final, ending, and man's last battle. This sorrow is so deep it leads the grieving behind with the pain of believing all things have come to an end, and there is no chance for reunion. This sorrow sees death not as an escape from the pains; emotional, physical, and psychological of this world, but as the ultimate pain man will experience, for it has sealed all other pains. In this state of mind there is no hope. With who then does hope lie?

Paul does not name specifically who will experience this type of sorrow, but he does mention who will not experience this sorrow. In vs. 13, Paul addresses the "brethren" of Thessalonica. This is an endearing term used by Paul to show affection, but it is also a specific term to denote a shared union. To whom was Paul speaking? I Thessalonians 1:1, he addresses this letter to none other than "the church... in God...and Jesus Christ."



Who are the brethren? The church. Who is the church? They are the ones in God and Jesus Christ. Who then has by the gift of grace the right to sorrow as those who have hope? It is the church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the church only.

Just as a point of interest, notice Paul does not instruct the church to avoid sorrow altogether, but to sorrow differently, as ones with hope. For what is our hope? Paul makes it clear, our hope will be the coming of the Lord, when His return puts an end to all those troubles of life which bog us down, and when He will raise the dead; particularly the faithful to everlasting life (I Thess 2:19, 4:17). Our hope is one day our Lord's promise will, not may, will come to pass. Is there hope without God? I have no right to hope my pain, heartache, and suffering will end, apart from God, for separate from God hope is empty. Is there hope with God? Not only does hope remain, it will lead us to our purity, just as our Savior is pure (I John 3:3). I hope you know this truth.

# 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...

## Charles & Linda Shelton



Charles & Linda Shelton live at 3852 Cedar Street, Centerville, Tennessee. Charles serves on the Communications Ministry and the Visitation Ministry.



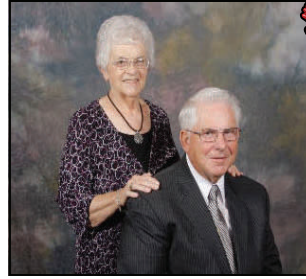
### Family Night & 4th of July Celebration

**When:** Sunday night, July 3rd, following evening worship services.

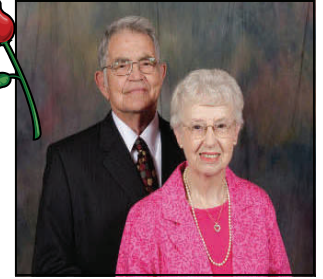
**Where:** Centerville Church of Christ  
Please join us for Food, Fellowship, Fun & Fireworks!

**Please bring cookies or brownies !!**

# Special Days in July...



**Guy & Janet Barber**  
Married 55 Years  
July 2, 2011



**Bobby & Mary Katherine Bates**  
Married 63 Years  
July 6, 2011



**Don Luther**  
82 Years Old  
July 6, 2011



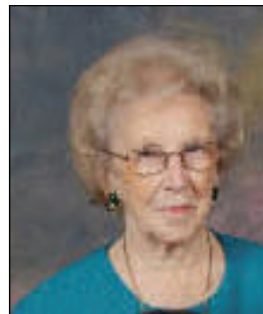
**Bill & Betty Davis**  
Married 53 Years  
July 18, 2011



**Stella Breece**  
96 Years Old  
July 19, 2011



**Charles Horner**  
82 Years Old  
July 19, 2011



**Marie Boehms**  
85 Years Old  
July 21, 2011



**Kenneth Jenkins**  
83 Years Old  
July 21, 2011

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

**\$ 9,613.50**

**BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00**

**Sunday School - \$ 340.01**

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 Benevolence Ministry in memory of Adell Griggs and Dr. Bobby Morrison by Chug & Johnnie Ruth Elrod.

...A Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Mrs. Evelyn Hayes.

...A Memorial has been given to the Mission Fund in memory of Adell Griggs by Mike & Janice Brown.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Dinah Bryan who passed away. To her husband Lewis, her son, Chad, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## Area Events

...Gospel Meeting at Rocky Valley Church of Christ July 3 - 6, 2011. Speaker: *David Shannon* Sunday A.M. Bible Study: 10:00 A.M.; Worship : 11:00 A.M. Sunday through Wednesday Evening: 7:30 P.M. Fellowship meal following the Sunday morning service.

...Lift Up Your Voice Congregational Singing at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ, Columbia, Tennessee. July 29th - 7:00 P.M.

...Benefit for Easton Tanner July 9th, 4:00 P.M. at the Little Lot Store. Auction begins at 6:00 P.M. Fish & trimmings will be sold starting at 4:00 P.M. \*Newborn son on Donny & Jamie Tanner diagnosed with Spina-Bifida.



**Youth in the News....**

**Congratulations to:**

**Will Mayberry** for

being on the Dean's List at Belmont University for his academic work during the Spring 2011 semester. Good job !!

### NEWS & EVENTS:

...June 26 Week 2 at Camp Meribah.

...July 3 - 8 Teen Week at Camp Meribah.

...July 3 - Family Night & 4th of July Celebration after Sunday night worship service.

...July 4th - The church office will be closed in observance of the holiday.

## A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Ashley and Caleb Thomas on the birth of a son, Cade Houston Thomas.

He was born June 21, 2011, at Centennial Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. And is 19 1/4 inches long. Their address is : 3141 New Hwy. 7 Santa Fe, TN 38482

## Thank You

Karen Bridges and Family write: "Thanks for all the prayers and concern shown before, during, and after Allison Hubbard's recent surgery. It means so much and was truly appreciated."

Mary Beth Copley writes : "To my church family and Missions Committee, Thank you for the love, support, and prayers while I was in Baja, Mexico. It was greatly appreciated."



### Summer Camp At Meribah

Camp Scholarships

Goal - \$11,652

Golf Tournament

\$2,138

Alumni Scholarships

\$1,860

Memorials

\$3,035

May for Meribah Donations

\$2,634

Balance Needed

\$1,985



*Please Pray for...*

...Steve Bowen is home and improving slowly.

...Mozine Atkinson is in Baptist Hospital. She is out of ICU and improving daily.

...Alfred Williams is in Maury Regional Hospital. He is dealing with pneumonia and an infection.

...Curtis McCord is having a very difficult time. He is in the Life Care Center.

...Jimmy Horner, the brother of Pauline Tilley and Peggy McCoy, has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Easton Tanner came home last week. He had surgery and has a cast on each leg. He will be going to Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on a regular basis for intense physical therapy. This family appreciates your prayers and has asked that we continue to pray for Easton daily.

...Beverly Grimes, the sister-in-law of Guy & Janet Barber, will begin chemotherapy treatments in the next few days.

...Bobby Insell, the step dad of Cory Barrett, had heart surgery June 21 at Centennial Hospital.

Home: Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Dorothy Easley, Troy Parks, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland, Jean Plemmons.

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

Michael Bryant, Bracey Campbell, Danny Galey, George Church, Don Luther, Lindsay Sanders, Charlie Shelton, Allison Hubbard, Eric Hughes, Joyce Primm, Jacqueline Sanders, McKamey Manor, Katie Lane Jones, Dean Stem, Patsy Davidson, Wanda Armstrong, Debbie Mencer, Tony Johnston, Trevor Houston, Destiny Griffin.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Mattie Lou Weatherspoon,

Pauline Tilley, Thelma Chessor, Nicus Loveless, Curtis McCord, Thelma Deitmen, Robert Jacobs, Marie Lawhon, Lillian Bradford, Henry Bradford, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard.

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

Chenal Heights Nursing & Rehab, Little Rock, Ark. Mary Etta Madden

# Good Works ~ ~ Bright Smiles...

and words of appreciation were the tone for services Sunday for the Jail Ministry at the Law Enforcement Center here in Centerville! The meal served the afternoon before was well received and evidently their were no... leftovers! A grilled hamburger and a hotdog along with "Jimmy Copley's" baked beans went well with potato salad and all was topped off with ice cream sandwiches and a 24 ounce Pepsi ! Fairfield CoC came thru like troopers with drinks, potato salad, a grill with charcoal plus a Gary and a Rodney to tie it all together.... Thank you ! Dependable Joe & Patsy Griner from Salem helped us "build" 116 plates in production mode and our own crew from Centerville made it all come together on time and as always... God blesses in so many ways. May we never, ever fail to give Him all the glory for a successful project. We touched some lives Saturday with caring, and it is a great opportunity to serve God by serving others. Thank you and May God continue to bless us all is our prayer. For the jail Ministry...ja

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## Those to Serve in July...

<p><b>Wait on Table 1st Sunday</b></p> <p>George Garland Gary Gatewood</p> <p><b>2nd Sunday</b> Chris Hughes Jason Dotson</p> <p><b>3rd Sunday</b> Dr. Jerry Nash John Plemmons, Jr.</p> <p><b>4th Sunday</b> George Dotson Paul Bryant</p> <p><b>5th Sunday</b> Bobby McFarlin Mike Brown</p> <p><b>Serve Audience Right</b> Jim Hudgins Mike Elkins Ronald Coates J.B. Brown</p> <p><b>Left</b> Chris Haithcoat Jeremy Qualls Bob McDonald Joey Hunt</p> <p><b>Alternates</b> Brian Qualls Randy James</p>	<p><b>Meals On Wheels</b></p> <p>7/6 Susan Dotson 7/13 Nancy Leathers 7/20 Martha Leathers 7/27 Ridonna Goodpasture</p> <p><b>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</b></p> <p><b>To Drive Bus in July</b></p> <p>7/3 Chuck Taylor A.M. Brandon McCauley P.M. 7/6 Ralph Shelton 7/10 John Bradley A.M. Mark Chessor P.M. 7/13 Mike Goodpasture 7/17 Michael Bryant A.M. Bill Cude P.M. 7/20 George Garland 7/24 Patrick Allen A.M. Phillip Allen P.M. 7/27 Lonnie Mayberry 7/31 David Hudgins A.M. George Garland P.M.</p> <p>Contact <u>John Bradley</u>, 931-994-7358, if you are unable to drive.</p> <p><b>Lord's Supper P.M. Worship</b> Mike Goodpasture Larry Lawhon</p> <p>*PLEASE CONTACT DORRIS CLAUD (A.M.), 729-2933 OR BRYAN WOODS (P.M.) 729-6075, IF YOU CANNOT SERVE.</p>	<p><b>NURSERY</b> Lea Ann Buchanan Cheyenne Atkinson</p> <p><b>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING</b> Kathy McDonald</p> <p><b>PRAYER WEEK OF JULY 3</b> S.M.W. Daniel Dressler S.M.D. Michael Bryant S.E.W. Wayne Chessor S.E.D. Jason Dotson W.E.B.S. Ward Mayberry W.E.D. Larry Lawhon</p>	<p><b>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN July</b></p> <p><b>1ST SUNDAY</b>—John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage Dotson, Grant Dotson <b>2nd SUNDAY</b>— Riley Haithcoat, Bryce Hughes, Jerad Brown, Luke Brown <b>3rd SUNDAY</b>—Major Qualls, Aiden Wallace, Lincoln Smith, Drake Atkinson <b>4th SUNDAY</b>— Elijah Mayberry, Case Martin, Jake Martin, Houston Hudgins <b>5th SUNDAY</b> - Aaron Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, Connor McAlister, Jason Oliphant <b>BE UP FRONT BY 8:50</b></p> <p><b>READ SCRIPTURE</b> July 3 David Brown July 10 Trey Hudgins</p> <p><b>GREETERS FOR JULY</b> Bob &amp; Kathy McDonald George &amp; Faye Dotson Bryan &amp; Lori Woods</p> <p><b>RADIO ROOM JULY</b> Teryl Freeman Cody Woods Carter Hoover Griffin Elkins</p> <p><b>USHERS:</b> Frank Atkinson, Bobby Breece, Lonnie Mayberry, Bobby McCoy</p> <p><b>NURSING HOME SERVICES</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LIFE CARE CENTER</th> <th>HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>July 3 Shane Willis</td> <td>July 3 Mike Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 10 David Hudgins</td> <td>July 10 Marshall Spencer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 17 Daniel Dressler</td> <td>July 17 Robert Bowman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 24 Larry Lawhon</td> <td>July 24 James Aydelott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 31 Daniel Dressler</td> <td>July 31 Alan &amp; Warren Potts</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	LIFE CARE CENTER	HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME	July 3 Shane Willis	July 3 Mike Brown	July 10 David Hudgins	July 10 Marshall Spencer	July 17 Daniel Dressler	July 17 Robert Bowman	July 24 Larry Lawhon	July 24 James Aydelott	July 31 Daniel Dressler	July 31 Alan & Warren Potts
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