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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

The Time Is Now For Forgiveness! Who are the forgiven? There is but One source of forgiveness, and that is the God of heaven. No man of any generation or phase of time has ever had the right, power, or authority to forgive the sins of another. We cannot pardon offenses of man done to God. The forgiven are those who have received heaven's forgiveness (Acts 2:38; Acts 9:18; 22:16). The forgiven, are also those who are able to forgive their fellow man of the offenses done to them (Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60-8:1). It is my observation, the forgiveness of one another is a greater challenge to man, than the forgiveness extended from heaven. For now, observe the former.

We must be forgiven. If we are of accountable mind and capacity to understand our personal separation from God, we must be forgiven. The saddest of all truths is, we do not have to sin, we choose to sin. How much sin, I cannot say. When did or will we start sinning, I don't know. The reality is we will and have sinned, and we must be forgiven of our sins. "The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one" (Psalm 14:2-3). "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Forgiveness is a must because of the affect sin has upon the everlasting soul.

What is the motive for forgiveness? All need forgiveness, since all have sinned (Romans 3:23). There is meaning in being forgiven of my wrongs (Luke 7:47). I can see that only in Christ is there forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7). But why? What was the motive to forgive me of my sins? What was the motive to offer Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29)? Really, only God and his



word can explain that kind of choice: "He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him" (Isaiah 59:16).

In the same passage we learn where the hand of God is not so short that it cannot save, but that our sins have separated us from God, and we learn it will be from His own arm that our salvation and the price will be paid for the guilt of our sin. Sin required a sacrifice, God was not willing to see all mankind pay the price and eternally be separated from Him. Therefore, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might be the righteousness of God in Him" (II Corinthians 5:21). The motive was your soul and mine, to find forgiveness and share in heaven's day with our God. Who are the forgiven? They are the washed, the cleansed, the redeemed, the sanctified in Christ. They are the pardoned and the renewed by water and blood (Revelations 1:5 and Acts 22:16). I hope you know the forgiven are the church, the body of Christ, the saved.

Placing Membership



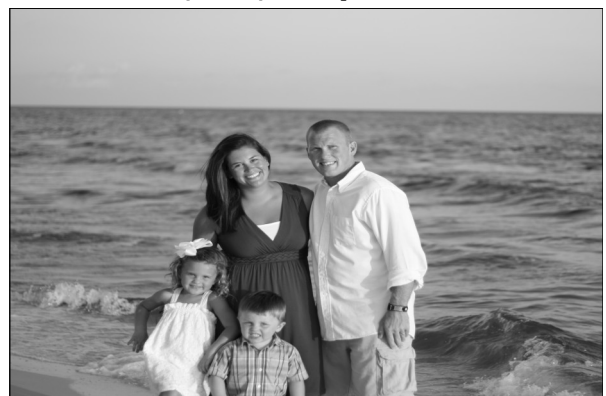
We want to welcome to Thomas (Petsie) & June Bowen to our work and worship. They live at : 501 Jenkins Drive, Centerville, Tennessee. Welcome !




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


I MUST ADMIT THAT.... writing my last article for the Messenger is a surreal experience. I am not really sure what to say. I simply do not have the words to express my feelings for this congregation. The last seven years of my life have been unreal. My family has literally grown up at this congregation. My wife and I were married in this building, and both of our children experienced their first worship service right here! The thought of saying goodbye is something that I have not been able to think about. In all honesty, I don't remember a great deal about my life before Centerville. It just seems like we have always been here. That is the kind of place that Centerville TN is. It's the kind of place where you are never a stranger. It's the kind of place where help is always near and you don't have to look far for a friendly face. Our family came here seven years ago to work with this congregation and never dreamed that we would find a family such as this. I hope you know how special you are to us. To say that you have been a blessing to our lives is an understatement. To say that we are going to miss each of you, well, it simply doesn't communicate the depth of our feelings. There is one thing that I do know however, that is that the work of the Lord is alive and well in Hickman County. That work was started many years ago and will continue on until the Lord comes back, of that I am certain! As we move on to our new work, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. I thank you for all of your support over the years and even more through this transition. I want you to know that we love you and will always cherish the relationships that we have here. Thank you for all that you are and all that you continue to be. I challenge you one last time, to always Light the Way-

Chris, Erin, Keely and Hunter Webb






Don't Forget...
Sunday Night, June 10th...
 following evening worship services.....*Homemade Ice Cream and Cookies* to express our thanks to *Chris, Erin, Keely, and Hunter Webb* for their work at the *Centerville Church of Christ* and to wish them well in their new work at the *Graymere Church of Christ*. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream....



Best Wishes to :
Skyler, Kimberly, and Oliver Harrington as they will be living in Monterey, California where Skyler is stationed.

Youth in the News...



Congratulations to *Bailey Gilbert* and *Andrew Sullivan* for reading more than 1 million words during the recent school year and being inducted into the *CIS Millionaires' Club*, 3rd Grade Academic Achievement Awards: *Connor McAlister, Harper Shelton, Jackson Thigpen, Kaitlyn Wallace, Allison Taylor*, 4th Grade Academic Achievement Awards: *Carolyn Alderson, Adley Elkins, Luke Brown, Dakota Hudgins, Bailey Gilbert, Lincoln Smith*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,060.38

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 158.11

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 !!!



June Events...

...June 10 15 *Camp Meribah Week 1*

...June 14 *Visitation Team 2* meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...June 17 *Father's Day*

...June 17 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting* at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.

...June 17 *Visitation Team 3* meets at the Outreach Center following P.M. worship service.

...June 18- 20 *VBS*

(PLEASE MAKE HOMEMADE COOKIES !)

Day Camp Week 2

...June 24-29 *Camp Meribah Week 3*

Prayer Requests



...Mindy James is recovering from surgery.

...Liam King, infant son of Corey & Mandy, has returned home from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. He has been dealing with whooping cough. He is improving.

...Margie Willis, the mother of Shane, had shoulder replacement surgery Tuesday, June 5th, at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Helen Hudgins has not been feeling well for the past few days dealing with fluid build-up.

...Please remember Curtis & Margaret McCord in your prayers daily as they continue to deal with health problems.

...It was great to see *Mollie Orton* and *Robert Bryant* at services Sunday morning !



Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Inis Puckett by Robert & Marge Gilmer, Troy & Susie Gilmer, Tracy & Kevin Binkley, Trevor, Melissa, and Austin Gilmer.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Owen Barber by Cora Ward.

Area Events

...The Town of Centerville is working on a partnership with VisionPerry to train Centerville residents using the Digital Factory network. If you would like to be a Customer Service Representative (CSR) or learn to program computers using popular web programming languages, I want to hear from you. You will train in Linden, if you train for the CSR positions you will work in Centerville. If you train for the programming positions you may work locally or at home. If interested contact me at 729-4246 ext. 110, or by mail at 102 E. Swan St., Centerville, TN 37033. Please respond by June 15, 2012.

Mayor Bob Bohn

...*Rivergate Church of Christ* invites you to their *Summer Series "We Believe"*, each Wednesday night, June 6th-August 29th at 7:00 P.M. 201 Alta Loma Road Madison, TN 37115 Rivergatechurch.org

...The *Church of Christ at Clearview* invites you to join them for *VBS*. Topic: *The Treasure of the Forgotten Island, Searching for Gems in Proverbs*

Speaker: *Josh Manning* Sunday, June 10 Sunday School 9:00 A.M.; Worship 10:00 A.M. Monday-Wednesday 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

Sympathy



1938 - 2012

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the loss of our dear friend Owen Barber, who passed away after a long illness. He was a retired Plant Manager for the Tencon Sign Co. and was employed by the Cummings Sign Company. He was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for many years. Owen was the recipient of a heart transplant, March 13, 1992, through Dr. Bill Frist and his transplant team at Vanderbilt Hospital. We express our sympathy to his wife, Priscilla, daughter, Beth Heins (Chip) of Nashville; his sister Betty Litton (Paul), and grandsons, Jay and Rob Heins, and many, many relatives in the Centerville Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Charles (Shorty) Loveless who passed away. He was the brother of Nicus Loveless and the uncle of Becky Gatewood.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Donald Henley of LaFollette, TN who passed away. He was the nephew of Margie Copley and the cousin of Becky Gatewood. He was a native of Hickman County.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Susie Taylor of Bogalusa, Louisiana who passed away. She was the grandmother of Susie Miley.

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

Doug Burchard, Bruce Bowen, Mollie Orton, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Doris King, Cynthia Mitchell, James Dwyer, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Bill Merrick, Robert Bryant, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren.

Home: Curtis & Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Francis Harris, H.D. Fann, Stephen Church, Stella Breece, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Brown Breece

Thank You

Robert Bryant writes: "Thanks for your cards, encouragement, and especially your prayers during my illness and recovery. Your prayers were surely answered by a loving God."



The *Scholarship Committee* is now accepting applications for awards from the fund for the 2012-2013 academic year. Applications are available in the church office and must be submitted no later than June

8th to be considered at the committee meeting on June 10th. Regardless of previous scholarship awards a new application must be submitted for the upcoming semester.

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Fundraiser for Baby Mollie

Infant daughter of Lee & Cassidy Orton

Food, Auction, & Family Fun

Saturday, July 21, 2012

11:00 A.M-1:00 P.M.

Fairfield Church of Christ

BBQ or Hamburger Plate \$8.00

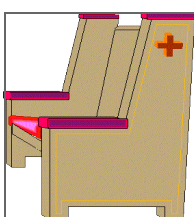
Hot Dog Plates \$ 6.00

Silent Auction, Cake Walk, Bouncy House & Music Will Be Available During Event Time!

Some Items Included In The Auction Are:
Beech Bend Park Passes, Gift Baskets & Gift Certificates From Local Businesses, Baked Goods & Much More!

Attention Members of the Centerville

Church of Christ...We have been asked to donate canned drinks for this benefit. You may bring your drinks and leave them in the church lobby beginning *Sunday, July 8th*. We appreciate your help with this.



If you are interested in purchasing a *church pew* for \$100.00, please contact the church office at 931-729-4201.

A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Coty Atkinson and Cain Shepard on the birth of a son, Caiden River Shepard. He was born May 26, 2012, and weighed 8 lbs. 10 ozs. and is 21 inches long. Grandparents are James & Dana Atkinson, and the great-grandmother is Mozine Atkinson.

**Shepard was incorrectly spelled in last week's Messenger.*

READ SCRIPTURE

June 10 Craig Shelton
June 17 Eric Hughes

Prayer Week of June 10

S.M.W.	S.M.D
David Hudgins	Derek Newsom
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Jim Hudgins	Trey Hudgins
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Don Luther	Bob McDonald

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
John Bradley	931-994-7358