

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

Words are so powerful ! No wonder the Spirit says, "death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). James was given the inspiration to tell, "But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). Powerful indeed. Words are also a glimpse into the heart of man, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). Make no mistake about it, our words reveal our hearts, our inner most person, our true self. While we have opportunity, our hearts (and subsequently our mouths) should work on promoting more life than death.

Sunday, words of life were written from the heart, and spoken in the presence of hearers. The words which were shared carried much more impact than perhaps was believed when the author penned them. Usually most great words find that end result to be the truth. Here, in the space which follows are those words preserved for you. Hear and learn from them again:

"In our recent lesson on Heaven, the Scripture was read and the song sung that there would be no tears in Heaven. This brought something to mind and caused me to think. The verse says that there will be no more sorrow.

It caused me to wonder about tears of joy. When we open our eyes to see the grandeur of Heaven and feel the joy of knowing that our Lord has led us there through the grace of His Father to see the glory of our Father and of our Lord and the Spirit, will it not bring tears of joy to our heart and cause it to swell with emotion?

As I stand at the corner on Sunday mornings and look up at the hill, I see the lovers of God coming down the hill from every direction to fill the house of the Lord.



My emotions take over many times and you may find a little water in my eyes and my speech a little bit out of control, because of these emotions.

As you come in and shake my hand and express to me your concern and speak of your love for me, and see a few tears and emotional problems, these are not tears and feelings of sorrow, but tears and feelings of joy, knowing I'm in the family of God who loves God and one another. Thank you for your love and kindness.

In Christian love,

Alfred Williams

P.S. We will leave the decision of tears of joy to the Lord !

I hope you know, in the midst of the words the world may hurl our way (and admittedly at times, even our own brethren) you can safely tuck these away in your heart and mind, file them for the revisiting at another time, for they are words of life and power. By the way, for whatever it's worth, these are tears we are honored to see, humble to share, and are certain bring us no problem to bear; in fact, it's the law (Galatians 6:2).

## 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...

### Dorris & Marjorie Claud



Dorris & Marjorie Claud live at 3202 Piney Road, Nunnelly, Tennessee. Dorris serves on the Hospitality/Fellowship Ministry and the Worship Involvement Ministry.



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

I WANT TO START OUT THIS... week by simply saying that I am so proud of our Jr. and Sr. High students. Their commitment to growing as Christians seems to get stronger with each passing day. Monday night, Erin and I hosted our monthly Small Group Bible Study. Our small group study however, has turned into a large group study! We had our biggest crowd ever on hand for the Bible study and had a great time reading from God's word. We studied from 1 Corinthians 4, and discussed how Paul makes an appeal for us not to worry about what others think. He stresses in this chapter the importance of realizing that we live our lives to please God, and not the people around us. I am so



#### COMING SOON...

- March 20  
Fireside 7-9p
- March 31  
Sr. High Prayer  
Breakfast 7:10a

thankful to be surrounded by so many Christians who are choosing to "Walk in the Light." They are a blessing to my life, as well as this church family. May we continue to encourage the younger age group as they continue their journey as Christians!

THIS COMING SUNDAY NIGHT WE ARE HAVING A.... Fireside at the home of Savannah and Carly Potts. The bus will be pulling out of the parking lot around 7p and should be back around 9p. There will be plenty of food and fellowship to go around, so invite a friend or two and come ready for a great night together!

I WANT TO PASS ALONG A SIMPLE OBSERVATION.... Being a young parent with young children, I'm always amazed to see the different stages my children go through. Their little personalities are changing ever so slightly day by day. Things that used to upset them suddenly don't, and vice versa. Through all of that though, I have noticed one thing that has stayed pretty constant. That is, they tend to want to do what I do, more so than what I ask them to do. As the Daddy of the household, I should have special privileges, right? I should be able to tell them they don't need to have chocolate before bed, while I'm sitting there eating a chocolate bar, right? My children are teaching me a powerful principle all over again, one that the Bible teaches time and time again. Paul says in 1 Cor. 11:1, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." As parents, it's easier for us to just tell our kids what they should do and how they should live, than to live our lives that way and let them learn from our example. It's easy to tell them how important it is for them to be at worship, when we stay home to watch the big game. My 2 and 3 year old have shown me already, they don't want me to tell them what's important in life, they want me to show them. Parents, I want to encourage you, don't just tell your children about the power of God in your life, let them see Him working in your life! That's where the power is! Light the Way-Chris

### Ladies' Day at the Centerville Church of Christ

**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

WOMEN OF GOD

*Speaker: Sandra Foster*

*Dealing with the Stress of Juggling Home, Family, Career, etc.*

9:00—11:00 A.M.

*Lunch served at 11:00.*

*Sign-Up in the lobby or call the church office at 931-729-4201.*

### **PAUL ROGERS MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**



4 Person Scramble  
\$200.00 Per Team  
Saturday, April 16, 2011  
Registration: 7:30 A.M.  
Shotgun Start: 8:00 A.M.



#### **SKYVIEW COUNTRY CLUB**

Limited to the first 18 teams

Deadline to sign-up: April 10

#### **Entertainment by the renowned Flatt Rascals**

Sign-up sheet in the lobby.

**\*PROCEEDS GO TO CAMP MERIBAH SCHOLARSHIPS**

Any questions, please call Kim James at 729-3356.

**THE LIGHTHOUSE**

**Wednesday March 13**  
The McCauley's 5-9p  
**Wednesday March 20**  
Need Host 5-9p

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,467.77

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 207.27

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 !!!



## NEWS & EVENTS:

...March 17th Elder/Deacon/Ministers Quarterly Meeting at the Farmhouse at 6:00 p.m.

...March 20th, Men's monthly business meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.

...March 20th, brief Mission Committee Meeting prior to the men's business meeting in the conference room.

...March 21-25, School system Spring Break. Family Night with a Devotional in the auditorium on 3/23.



## Please Pray for...

...Steve Bowen, son of Fay Bowen, is in Centennial Hospital. He is still in ICU but is showing signs of improvement.

...Patsy Davidson is very sick. Her family and friends have requested prayers on her behalf.

...James Dwyer, the 90 year old father of Kathy McDonald, is in Baptist Hospital due to a fall.

...Mina Dressler's sister, Carion, is recovering from a kidney transplant. She lives in Kansas City.

...It was great to see Danny Galey on Sunday! Remember him in your prayers as he continues to recover.

...Mozine Atkinson continues to be in a lot of pain due to rheumatoid arthritis. Please remember her in your prayers.

...Pauline Jimerson will have surgery Friday, March 18th, at Baptist Hospital.

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

Barbara McClannahan, Minnie Powers, Gail Hackworth, Jenelle Clay, Alfred Williams, Leon Gilbert, Wanda Armstrong, Debbie Mencer, Michael Worley, Joyce Primm, Tony Johnston, Easton Tanner, Keith Gossett, Danny Galey, Trevor Houston, Harland Krantz, Destiny Griffin, Marge Rushton, Reva Moss, Wayne McCrary, Ann Orton.

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

Nursing Home Residents :

Dickson Health Care Center: Hazel Lampley

Life Care Center: Mattie Lou Weatherspoon, Nicus Loveless, Thelma Deitmen, Robert Jacobs, Marie Lawhon, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Girleen Copley, Ida Mable Gerard, Virginia Coleman.

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



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931-729-4201 or e-mail

tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org

**In the News.....Congratulations to Connor McAlister for being Student of the Month at Centerville Elementary School! Great Job !!**

## Area Events

...Open Bible Study Seminar/ Workshop at the Hilldale Church of Christ, Saturday, March 19, 2011. Presenter: Carl S. Sims \*Contact information on the board in the lobby.

...You are Invited to Ladies' Day at the Poplar Grove Church of Christ, Humphreys County, Tennessee. Topic: Be of Good Cheer Saturday, April 2, 2011. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Luncheon following the program.

...The Bible and Islam Seminar with James Baker, April 8-10, 2011. (Friday-Sunday) Pond Church of Christ, 650 Pond Road, Dickson. \*Flyer on the board in the lobby.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Tom Fly who passed away last week. He was a resident of the Hickman Community Nursing Home and attended our church services there each week.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Rial who passed away. She was the aunt of Bobby Breece and Polly Lancaster.

## Thanks

Adell Griggs writes: "Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards, calls, and prayers for my birthday."

Jenelle Clay writes: "Thank you for the cards, calls, food, visits and especially the prayers at the time of my surgery and the days after. It is good to be a part of an alive caring church family that ministers, visits and shows care and concern everyday to its members."

## Family Night

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

5:00 p.m. Family games  
6:00 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Devotional  
7:45 p.m. Family Movie

*Please Bring Desserts!*

Hosted by:  
Bill McDonald's  
Sunday Morning  
Bible Class

## THE FOOD TRUCK WILL BE HERE

Thursday, March 24, 2011

## Tennessee Children's Home Spring Food and Supply Drive

100 % Bottled Orange and Grape Juice

Ritz or Snack Crackers

Granulated Sugar/Koolaid

Velveeta Cheese

Corn Muffin Mix

Pop-Tarts/Breakfast Bars

Brownie Mix

Liquid Laundry Detergent

Bleach

Fabric Softener

Bar Soap

Men's Stick Deodorant

Thanks so much for your help !

**Elders**

Bobby Bates, Bill Davis, Lonnie Gilliam, Mike Goodpasture, Bill McDonald, Wayne Qualls, Alfred Williams.

**Deacons**

James Aydelott, Guy Barber, Robert Bowman, Bobby Breece, David Brown, Don Chessor, Wayne Chessor, Dorris Claud, Jimmy Copley, George E. Dotson, Roger Dotson, Daniel Dressler, Mike Elkins, George Garland, Billy Garner, Gary Gatewood, Joe Harper, David Hudgins, Foy Hudgins, Lonnie Mayberry, Ward Mayberry, Brian Qualls, Charles Shelton, Marty Smith, David Talley, Shane Willis, Bryan Woods.

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Did you know ... There is a new way to book Camp Meribah and the Lodge....



The Camp Meribah Board of Directors would like to make you aware of the following changes in booking Camp Meribah and the Dotson Alumni Lodge. Currently, the booking has taken place within the church office. With the upgrade to the church website, it has allowed us to take reservations online. This change will allow deposits to be paid by credit or debit card through paypal, a secure program which puts the funds into the camp account. This will free up church staff to perform other duties and not have to handle payments. If you do not have access to a computer and wish to make a booking, the church staff will be glad to assist you. You can book Camp Meribah or the Lodge up to a year in advance and check the availability of dates. You will receive an e-mail confirmation within 2 business days of your transaction. We are very excited about these changes and hope that this will make reserving your spot at our camp easier than before.

Thank you,  
Jason Dotson, Chairman Camp Meribah Board of Directors

PLACE LABEL HERE

**Mission Update**

The audio from David Shannon's lessons at our Mission Retreat are now on our web site. You may access them by first "clicking" on the "Ministries Tab" and then the "Mission Tab." We hope to have the video available soon.

Also, please keep Carter Hoover, Andy Brown and their group in your prayers as they travel to New York on a Mission Trip over Spring Break.

John Durham



The closet located in the foyer is the central location for the Emergency Medical Supplies. We have available an AED, Medical Bag, Stretcher, and Wheelchair. Thanks to Phil Griggs for organizing these items in a central location so they would be easily available in case of an emergency.

**READ SCRIPTURE**

March 20 - Mark Chessor  
March 27 - Michael Bryant

**Prayer Week of March 20, 2011**

S.M.W.  
Mike Brown  
S.E.W.  
James Aydelott  
W.E.B.S.  
Chris Teet

S.M.D  
Gary Greer  
S.E.D  
Patrick Allen  
W.E.D.  
Joey Hunt