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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

One day, (no one person can tell you when, just that with certainty it can happen) some of your "I wish" hopes and dreams may turn into, "I wish I had...." It doesn't have to be that way, but sadly for too many souls it ends up that way. It's one thing to have a dream, a goal, a hope, an aspiration for faith, family, or future; it's an entirely different thing to actually achieve it. "Living Your Tomorrow - No Regrets" shapes our focus for the month of March. We do not propose a totally, regret free life. What scripture does support and what God shows us is how regret may be used when encountered.

In scripture, regret is a word more often seen than it is spoken. Perhaps the first time it is spoken is when God saw his children of Genesis 6:1-2, how that they as men, not fallen angels or as some special creation, but as the sons of God, the descendants of Seth, looked upon the women of the land, women outside the devoted relationship to God, and as such they led away the hearts of the sons of God. The influence was powerful and the influence impacted the generations to go away from God. The result, "And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them" (Genesis 6:6-7).

Exodus 32:10 tells of God's anger and wrath burning hot against Israel, so much so that He was ready to blot them out of His book of life, and make from Moses a great nation. Another occasion God called out His regret directly and greatly, "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night" (I Samuel 15:11).

LIVING YOUR TOMORROW



Regret, if felt in the existence of an All-Mighty and Sovereign God, is real, then our hope of totally avoiding regret is in vain. But what we do with it matters. When God regretted making man, He focused on the faithful and not the fallen (i.e., Noah, Genesis 6:8). When God regretted choosing Israel He focused on forgiveness and not fierceness of His wrath (Exodus 32:14). When God regretted Saul as king, God placed His attention on the future and not the forgotten commands (I Samuel 16:13)

Being able to look back on life without having to stare through the lens of regret across every memory is possible. When your friends, family, or even your brethren, disappoint your heart, do you focus on their fallen ways or the faithful among you who continue to lift you up and give your heart reason to be glad? During the moments when sin has encroached on your relationship with a loved one, it is doubtful you will regret finding forgiveness first and not giving place to wrath in your heart. In the moments when it's your steps and your actions which walk away from God, I hope you know, the moment your regret cuts deep to your heart, the road to forgiveness/salvation has been found beneath your feet (II Corinthians 7:10).

Area Events

...*Ladies' Day* at the Highland Heights Church of Christ, 785 S. Lowry Street, Smyrna, TN. 8:30 A.M. Registration 9:00—12:30 Lesson & Lunch *Lunch Provided
Speaker: Lori Winningham



...*Blood Mobile* at the *Fairfield Church of Christ*, March 11, 2013. 12:30—5:30 Please call Margaret Martin at 931-729-5806 to pre-register.

...*St. Jude Walk-A-Thon* March 16, 2013 at the Jerry Dixon Walking Trail from 9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Call Joyce Boyd for more information. 931-729-4144 or 931-224-4706. *Flyers are in the lobby.

...The *Concert Chorale of Nashville* in concert to benefit *Women Are Safe* March 17, 2013 4:00 P.M. at the Centerville United Methodist Church, 103 College Avenue Centerville, Tennessee 37033 *Admission is free but all donations to benefit Women are Safe.*

...Dell Wayne Etheridge (931-797-0687) is collecting used plastic medicine bottles for a *Mission Support Group* in the Country of *Haiti*. Please take your name off of the bottles. No glass bottles please. The bottles are needed by April 7, 2013. * *A box will be provided in the lobby of the Centerville Church of Christ for these bottles.*

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Owen Barber, Nicus Loveless, Thelbert Bradley, and Alfred Williams.



Time for a change...
Daylight Saving Time
 starts on Sunday, March 10, 2013.



- March 7**
SR. HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST
 HCHS@7:30
 -**March 10**
JR. HIGH FIRESIDE
 To Be Announced
 7:00-9:00
 -**March 13**
LIGHTHOUSE
 Tori Hughes hosts
 5:00-7:00
 -**March 15-17**
JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT
 NBF State Park
 Leave at 5:00
 Fri.
 Back by 11:00
 Sun.
 -**March 18**
JR. & SR. HIGH BIBLE STUDY
 Girls-D&R
 Newsom's
 Boys-M&C
 Dotson's
 6:00-7:00
 -**March 21**
JR. HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST
 HCMS @ 7:30

YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN
 CRAIG SHELTON

THE LIGHTHOUSE, WHAT A BLESSING. The Lighthouse has become a place to be on bi-weekly Wednesday nights as well as for other events for the youth ministry. Last Wednesday we had a good turn-out as we viewed the Senior Spotlight / Senior High Retreat DVD (available on our webpage). We enjoyed the time together and especially the meal prepared by Madison Smith and her family. Thanks to Marty, Robin, Madison, and Lincoln for hosting and the delicious food! Our next Lighthouse will be March 13, next Wednesday, at 5:00 hosted by Tori Hughes' family.

THE NUMBERS CONTINUE TO CLIMB at the FCA Prayer Breakfasts at HCMS. Thanks to Shaun Lawson and Ethan Skelton for heading this up and allowing us to feed the group. Check the calendar for more coming soon!

IT IS ALWAYS GOOD TO BE TOGETHER... We had a great time this past Sunday night for the Senior High Fireside. Thanks to Jim, Leslie, Brandy, Lexie, Dakota, and Houston Hudgins for hosting the night and the tasty soup. We watched a video, played some games, and spent the time focusing on "such a time as this." I always enjoy the Firesides and the time to spend with the youth group. Also I enjoy seeing the support of wonderful parents and others who host our groups.

THE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT IS ALMOST HERE! We will leave on Friday, March 15 at 5:00 heading to Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park for a weekend filled with fun, focus, and unforgettable times. Applications need to be back to me by Sunday as I make final preparations for the trip. Cost is \$30 to take care of your food, a t-shirt, lodging, and more. The theme is "The Walking Dead" as we focus on Romans 6:1-11 and the price Christ paid to give us life. Plan to go and invite your friends!

"FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS..." You may have heard this statement before. It is spoken in the book of Esther as Mordecai challenges Esther to use where God has placed her to do good. This

past Sunday in the 20/30s class as well as the Senior High Fireside I shared these thoughts for us to consider where we are right now in our lives. Is it coincidence or have the circumstance placed me in a situation that I can make a difference in my life or even in the lives around me? It may take some courage, but that is where my faith in God as well as His teachings must come into play. Along those lines, who is your Mordecai? Who, besides God, is encouraging you to take a stand, to be a friend, to take notice, to be an encouragement, to right a wrong, or to even bear your own cross. Be sure to avoid the Hamans in life who are continually looking for strife or for their own gain. The Mordecais are out there and they are encouraging you in the way you should go. Listen to them, have courage, and... follow His path, -Craig

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13, 021.51

BUDGET \$ 13,169.00

Sunday School

\$ 207.51

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 !!!



Sympathy



Ida Mable Gerard
1912 - 2013

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ida Mable Gerard who passed away at the age of 101. She and her husband, Everett, were faithful members of the *Centerville Church of Christ* for many years and worked diligently with our *Outreach Ministry*. She was the aunt of Nancy & Martha Leathers, Douglas (Maxine) Shepherd and Betty Williams, the great aunt of Vanessa McMullin, Monty Dunn and Stacy Spragg.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ed Williams who passed away in Hohenwald. He was the brother-in-law of Doug (Maxine) Shepherd.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ralph Stout who passed away. Mr. Stout was a minister for the Centerville Church of Christ from 1950-1956.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dr. J.E. Choate who passed away. Dr. Choate was a professor of philosophy and religion at David Lipscomb University from 1946-1986.

COMING IN MARCH...

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

...March 15-17 Jr. High Retreat Nathan Bedford



...March 20 *Spring Fling Wednesday Dinner* at 5:30 P.M.

...March 22-23 *Father/Daughter Retreat* at Beaverdam

...March 24 *Visitation Team 3* meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship service.

...March 27-29 *School System Spring Break*

...March 31 *Easter Sunday*



Thank You

Margie Claud writes: "I would like to say a big thank you for all the cards, calls, food and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home. There is nothing like having a great church family. In Christian Love..."

Barbara McClannahan called to say: "I want to say hello to everyone and let you know that I am finally feeling better after 2 years. I have been diagnosed with a lung condition that is treatable with medication. I am attending a congregation where the minister is from Tennessee ! I have a wonderful church family that calls, visits, and checks on me. I am getting stronger everyday. Thank you for all of the calls, kind words, and especially your prayers during this time. I love and miss you all !"

Attention Ladies !



You are invited to a baby shower for Ross & Jill (Berry) Hunt at the Outreach Center on March 17, 2013, from 1:00-3:00 P.M. They are registered at Target & Toys "R" Us. It's a girl !!



Please Pray For :

...Nathan & Nash Littleton, twin infant sons of Wayne & Ashley Littleton, continue to improve and have been moved to a step-down NICU at Baptist Hospital.

...Robert Orton has been dealing with health problems the last few weeks.

...Betty Claud is recovering from surgery.

...Helen Simmons is having a lot of stomach pain and undergoing tests.

...Norma Nicks Parham, the mother of Nikita Ragsdale, is in St. Thomas Hospital.

...Raymond Truett, the brother of Helen Hudgins & grandfather of Tara Chessor, is recovering at home.

...Susan Gallian, mother-in-law of Tonya (Griggs) Gallian, will have surgery March 12th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Pauline Tilley spent a couple of nights in the local hospital. She is at home recovering.

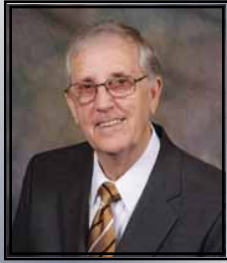
The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:

David Skelton, Geneva Hudgins Bozza, Teresa Tiller Heinz, Margie Claud, Caleb Sams, Ruby Springer, Robert Pitts, Andrea Spears, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Colby Westmoreland, Aiden Turnbow, Fred Hansford, Mollie Orton, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Bobby Kelley, Janie Billions, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson.

Home: Belva Goins, Jean Plemmons, Sammie Elrod, Mazine Atkinson, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, Bud & Jimmie Roder, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Bill Davis, James Westmoreland, Lula Mae Gilliam, Ruth Stephenson, Lois Masters, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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HEY KIDS!
Children's Bible Hour
Every Sunday Night at 6:00 P.M.
Bible Stories, Songs, Puppets

I'm Special "Joseph"

"Hey kids! Don't forget!
Hungry Hound Pantry Item:
Tuna

Ages: 3 Years - 3rd Grade SEE YOU THERE!

***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

READ SCRIPTURE

March 10	Mike Brown
March 17	Daniel Dressler

Worship Service Times

Sunday A.M.	9:00 A.M.
Bible Class	10:15 A.M.
Sunday P.M.	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

Prayer Week of March 10

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Cody Woods	Leon Gilbert
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Patrick Sullivan	Patrick Allen
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Chris Teet	Mike Plunkett