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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Moments of reflection are more than good, they are necessary (II Corinthians 13:4). Believe it or not, we are 1/3 through this "new" year. Through the new year we have seen your walk of faith take new steps which have come through the goodness of God's abiding courage and strength (II Timothy 1:7). Our most recent days have given us an average six week attendance of 567, with a marvelous Sunday just one week ago, shared by 712! There was no separation of class, culture, or race; there was no delineation of wealth, simply desirous souls wanting to honor God. The worship of our great God is central to our lives, and is the driving force for how we become more and more like Him, for it is in our encounters of Him that we learn and thrive in His identity.

Through the year your commitment to seeing our building renovated and expanded to serve the needs of our church family and this community has been remarkable. As of now, you have given more than \$30,000.00 above your contribution this same time last year! We are entering into the first summer season with the new HVAC system which we pray will help add to our already excellent budget savings through this year. Being good stewards and helping to lesson our bondage to debt is a blessing which can be enjoyed by all now and in the future. We should not stop advancing this great blessing of stewardship and fiscal responsibility.

Being one year removed from the flood, we have seen many of our neighbors rebuild and regain their normalcy of life. For some, this journey of repair continues. For those who have rebuilt we are thankful their lives and stories, their work and relief were shared with us. As we have seen the power of the world around us, we cannot help but look to the area of our Southern region devastated by the recent tornados. Our prayers have been with these souls since their lives were affected, and soon through your generosity and response, your hands will help in their relief. Stay tuned to us to learn more of how we can help relieve the suffering in that near region.

SHARING
HEAVEN

IN 2011

This last Sunday our youth deacons, on behalf of the elders and Camp Meribah Board thank you for your support of the scholarship fund for camp, by the generosity displayed during the recent Paul Rogers Memorial Golf Tournament. The \$2,000.00 raised from the tournament has started the fund raising for the near \$9,000.00 needed for scholarships toward worthy campers. In one Sunday of requesting, another \$600.00 was given toward the effort. Thank you, for believing in Camp Meribah, whose mission and focus must always be Christ and Him crucified, and how He calls all to Him (Matthew 18:3-5).

So much has been accomplished and all to the glory of God. Yet remember this, lest we be too complacent, Paul tells us to boast in our weakness (II Corinthians 11:30). There are still more, many more, who need to come to Christ to know Him and worship Him. There is still giving, much more giving which needs to be sacrificed to God. There is still good, great good which needs to be shared among those who are hurting. There is still "going" to be accomplished throughout the world where our feet stand. I hope you know from Whom these blessings come and to Whom the glory is due.

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...

Billy & Juanita Garner

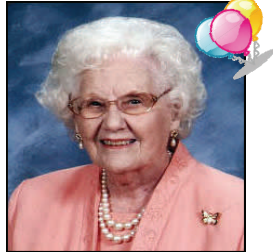


Billy & Juanita Garner live at 706 Highway 438 Centerville, Tennessee. Billy serves on the Benevolence Ministry, the Golden Age Ministry, and the Outreach Ministry.

Special Days in May



David Jimerson
81 Years Old
May 21, 2011



Dorothy Easley
91 Years Old
May 22, 2011



Farris & Barbara Baker
Married 52 Years
May 30, 2011



Doug Shepherd
81 Years Old
May 30, 2011

"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck." Proverbs 1: 8-9 NIV



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

I'VE BEEN ANXIOUS TO... report back that our Jr. High Retreat was an absolute blast! We had a great crowd to participate and some great adults that joined in with us as well. Our theme this year was "Driven." Our discussion revolved around the fact that in life we often need something to drive us to be better and work harder, no matter what we are working towards. I believe that it's easy for us as Christians to go through the motions and sometimes lose sight of what our purpose actually is. By focusing on what God has created us each individually for, we can often times



COMING SOON...

- May 6
DOTK Quilting
- May 8
Fireside 7-9p

hone in on that ministry and do great things for God. We looked at various examples from the Bible that teach us that God has created us all uniquely. He has given us all gifts that can be used to glorify Him. Our struggle is that sometimes we either don't recognize those gifts, or if we do, we struggle to figure out how to use them for His glory! Whatever your gift may be, discover how you can use it for God. You don't have to stand in a pulpit to serve God; you don't even have to be in a leadership role! Service to God can come in the form of preparing meals, making a quilt, cleaning someone's house, giving, or something as easy as praying for others! I want to say a special thank you to Mike Elkins, Jennifer Baltz, Brian and Sandy Qualls, and Marty and Robin Smith for tagging along this weekend! It was a great trip and a blessing to all who were there!

THE YOUTH CALENDARS FOR MAY AND JUNE ARE NOW... available in the Lighthouse and on our website. May is packed full of activities which lead us right up into June when Camp Meribah kicks off. This Friday night the Daughter's of the King group will be making quilts from 6-9p. This is an art form that I pray we never forget! What a great opportunity to learn for this group! This coming Sunday night we will have our next Fireside from 7-9p. A few dates that you should go ahead and mark your calendar for are May 29th-June 1st, which will be Camp Kerusso 2011! Also, from June 2nd-4th there will be the first ever Daughter's of the King Camp Kerusso! This is a camp that has become something very special over the years, and a great training tool for any young man or woman who has the desire to serve the Lord. Applications will be available in the next few weeks, and there is absolutely no cost for these camps. You will undoubtedly be glad that you blocked off these dates, I promise it will be a blessing to your life!

Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Wednesday May 4
The McFarlin's 5-9p
Wednesday May 11
Need Host 5-9p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,340.71

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$229.50

Mable Dunn Mission Fund—\$600.00

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 donation has been given to the church in loving memory of Sue Jenkins by her children in honor of Mother's Day.



FABULOUS NEWS...We have received another donation for : **Framing the Future!**

Area Events

...Annual Singing at the Shady Grove Church of Christ Friday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m.

...Hickman County Humane Society will be having a Spring Yard Sale on May 26, 27, & 28 at the East Hickman Community Center. Both branches of the public library are accepting donations. For pick up of larger items, please call 729-2697.

...Golf Tournament Saturday, June 4th in memory of Dr. Bobby Morrison. Proceeds will go to the Hickman Co. Humane Society. Sign-up in the lobby.

Thanks

Marge Rushton writes : "Thank you all so much for the prayers, food, cards, and visits during my illness. I have received a good report. The tumor is gone and I am in remission."

Bridal Tea



There will be a Bridal Tea for Kimberly Blystad, bride elect of Skyler Harrington, on May 8th from 2:00—4:00 p.m. at the Outreach Center. Kimberly and Skyler are registered at the Pottery Barn and Walmart.

NEWS & EVENTS:

...May 8 Mother's Day
...May 10 Men's Bible Study at the Springhouse, 7:00 p.m.
...May 12 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30 p.m.
...May 15 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel.
...May 15 Senior Sunday
...May 19 Day School Graduation 7:00 P.M.
...May 20 Family Camp-Out
...May 22 Bible Hour Awards
...May 29 5th Sunday Potluck following A.M. services "Picnic Theme" more details to come.
...May 29-31 Camp Kerruso
...June 20-22 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Theme: iBelieve

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of John Russell who passed away last week. He was the nephew of Willie B. Coates.

May 2011 Jail Ministry Update...

Congratulations to Brandon Frazier, Johnny Clark and Danny Spence on their decision to become Christians. These men were baptized on April 28th through the continued efforts of our local Jail Ministry. Numerous Churches of Christ in Middle TN, and other areas, offer correspondence courses by mail to those incarcerated here. These efforts add to the success of the work. Thank you to all that are constantly mindful, prayerful and supportive of this program.



"I regard no man as poor who has a godly mother."



Josh Bradley, the son of John & Debbie, has finished basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO. and is now at AIT and will graduate on June 23rd.

Did you know ?.... On April 24th the Preschool classes had 60 children in attendance and the 20 Something's had 78 !

"There is no way to be a perfect Mother, and a million ways to be a good one."



Please Pray for...

...Owen Barber had a stent implanted at Vanderbilt Hospital. He is at home and recovering.

...Heath Buchanan had outpatient surgery last week.

...Floy Gatewood, the mother of Gary Gatewood, is recovering at Baptist Hospital from triple bypass surgery.

...Grady Scott, the nephew of Percy Lancaster, is in ICU at Baptist Hospital recovering from a stroke.

...Belva Goins has returned home from the hospital.

...Lauren Messick, daughter of Brad Davis, is in ICU at Baptist Hospital with a kidney infection.

...Marge Rushton received a good report last week. Her cancer is in remission.

...Raegan Qualls, daughter of Bryan and Sandy, suffered a finger injury last week and will have surgery this week.

...Whitney Qualls, daughter of Don and Debbie, was in a car wreck last week. She was not seriously injured but suffered cuts and bruises.

...Steven Willis had outpatient shoulder surgery Tuesday, May 3rd.

...Ova Lee Sawyer has been dealing with pain lately due to problems with her hip. She is feeling some better.

...Mary Etta Madden, sister of Maxine Shepherd, is in Chenal Heights Nursing & Rehab. in Little Rock, Arkansas.

...Helen Cox is in Skyline Medical Center recovering from personal injuries.

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

Bob Grimes, McKamey Manor, Priscilla Barber, Katie Lane Jones, Linda Woods, Lorraine Loveless, Steve Bowen, Dean Stem, Patsy Davidson, Alfred Williams, Wanda Armstrong, Debbie Mencer, Joyce Primm, Tony Johnston, Easton Tanner, Danny Galey, Trevor Houston, Harland Krantz, Destiny Griffin.

Nursing Home Residents :

Life Care Center:

Adell Griggs, Mattie Lou Weatherspoon, Nicus Loveless, Thelma Deitmen, Robert Jacobs, Marie Lawhon, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard.

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



Happy Mother's Day !



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Jail Ministry Volunteer & Recruit Dinner
2011

A Jail Ministry Volunteer & Recruit Dinner is scheduled for Thursday May 12th in the Centerville CoC fellowship hall. A complete meal and program overview, including a video presentation, is planned. All volunteers and others that have an interest in working with this ministry are encouraged to attend. We encourage outlying area congregational leaders to attend this important meeting. We solicit your involvement in this program. This ministry does not require monetary support; only Christians that choose to help make a positive impact on lives that need to know that someone still cares for them. Please contact the church office (729 - 4201) with a list of those attending by Tuesday May 10th so we may know how many to provide for. A sign-up sheet will also be provided in the church lobby.

Widows Widowers Luncheon



Visitation Team 3 will be honoring our Widows & Widowers with a luncheon at the Outreach Center on Sunday, May 15th, immediately following Bible class. They would like to ask all of our Widows & Widowers to join them for this. Please sign-up in the lobby or call the church office by Wednesday, May 11th. Hope to see you there !



Learning Your Way Through Loss
A Five Week Group Study with:
Bill McDonald

Where : The Outreach Center
 When:

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| Week 1 | Thursday, May 12 |
| Week 2 | Thursday, May 19 |
| Week 3 | Thursday, May 26 |
| Week 4 | Thursday, June 2 |
| Week 5 | Thursday, June 9 |

Time: 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

You may sign-up in the church lobby or contact the church office at 931-729-4201 or McDonald Funeral Home at 931-729-3561.

Prayer Week of May 8

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| S.M.W. | S.M.D |
| David Hudgins | Jimmy Copley |
| S.E.W. | S.E.D. |
| Marshall Spencer | Jim Hudgins |
| W.E.B.S. | W.E.D. |
| Wayne Qualls | Mike Brown |

READ SCRIPTURE

- May 8 - James Aydelott**
May 15 - Wayne Chessor