

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

" I Hope You Know"

*"And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: ...Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:23-31).*

The physician and historian Luke, writing the book of Acts, shows the church of today the precise example of how to "be" the church. We are shown how to become the church. Peter and John were convinced the name of Jesus was the only name able to save and bring hope for sins to be forgiven to the lost of the world. When the Lord assured us He was the one and only true way (John 14:6), Peter, John, and the other Christians believed that point beyond any doubt. His blood and our faith combine in the union of baptism and we find salvation for our soul (Acts 2:38), we are shown how to be saved. We are shown how to become the church.

We are shown to behave as the church. Threatened with prison, but no real grounds to hold them, Peter and John return to their brethren and report what they experienced.



Then they behaved as the church should behave when facing adversity, they prayed. Their prayer centered on the trust in God for today and tomorrow based on the assurance from what God promised yesterday (see Psalm 2). We are shown how to pray. We are shown how to behave.

We are shown how to believe as a church. The prayer of the saints in Acts 4 was no ordinary prayer. They in fact made a very special prayer for boldness. Boldness to preach, boldness to speak, and boldness to live. If ever a prayer were needed today it is a prayer for boldness to believe in the same God who shook the place where they gathered can still shake our lives today for His purpose.

I hope you know, this weekend will be a chance to pray such a prayer as the emphasis is placed on our work in missions. We can help others be Christians, telling them how to become Christians, behave as Christians, and believe as Christians. We can begin in our world, where we stand, and make every effort to have our Lord's influence seen and displayed here.

## 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...

### Robert & Juanita Bowman



Robert and Juanita Bowman live at 3874 Dodd Hollow Road, Nunnely, Tennessee. Robert serves on the Stewardship Ministry and the Vision Ministry.

## Placing Membership



We want to welcome Eric & Amanda Mayberry and their children, Elijah and Jackson. They live at 1330 Hwy. 100 West, Centerville, Tennessee. Welcome !



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

TIME SEEMS TO BE FLYING... by, it's hard to believe that the Golden Age Banquet is already upon us! Everything kicks off at 6:30p in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme this year revolves around the popular game show, "Minute to Win It." There will be several prizes given away throughout the night, not to mention an unbelievable meal that will be served! All Jr. and Sr. High that plan to help out are asked to be at the building by 5p on Thursday. It's sure to be a great night, I hope that you plan on being a part of it!



### COMING SOON...

- Feb. 17  
Golden Age  
Banquet 6:30
- Feb. 24  
Prayer Breakfast

**CALLING ALL SR. HIGH, THIS IS IT.....** This is the last week to sign up for the Sr. High Retreat! The bus will pull out on Friday at 1p and should return on Sunday by 6p. Applications are still available in the office and online, but must be turned in by this coming Sunday, the 20th. If you have never been on this trip, just ask someone who has. It's by far an experience that will stick with you for a long time!

**PREPARING FOR THE RETREAT, MY MIND HAS REALLY....** been focused on our theme, "The Social Network." The Internet is truly an amazing thing. It just baffles me the way the World Wide Web has shaped our world, in both good ways and bad. Unfortunately, it seems like the web is used for more bad than good. We hear more about theft identity, pornography, online gambling, etc... than we do about positive aspects of the web. We are more connected socially today than we have ever been in the history of the world. Recent surveys show that people such as Lada Gaga have as many as 8 million followers on Twitter. That's 8 million people following her life on the web seeing what she is doing everyday. That's 8 million people that she is influencing. As I looked over the top 200 socially connected people, I saw few, if any, that were influencing people in a positive, Godly way. Odd's are, none of us will ever have 8 million people concerned about our lives, but if you are on twitter or facebook or other social networks, it's not unheard of to have 400-1000 friends. These people are able to see everything you post, every picture you put up, and anything else you wish to share. We view this as a bad thing because so many post ungodly messages and put up ungodly pictures. We seem to present more of a negative influence. I'm simply saying this, whether you have 25 friends or 2500 friends on the web, you are influencing them. So ask yourself this question, I'm I influencing people for the Lord? What better way can we use such a powerful tool, than to use it for HIS glory? Light the Way-Chris

**The Lighthouse**  
 Wednesday February 16  
 The Pott's 5-9p  
 Wednesday February 23  
 Need Host 5-9p

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,527.17

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 224.95

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 Camp Meribah in honor of Bill McDonald by Annette Yates & Family.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Jerry A. Barber who passed away after a long battle with cancer. To his sons - Jeremy and Justin, his sister - Betty Litton, his brother - Owen Barber, and many other relatives in our congregation, we extend our deepest sympathy.

## Area Events

...Jim Scates will speak at the Simms Ridge Church of Christ in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee on February 20 at 11:00 a.m.

...Singing at the Rivergate Church of Christ, Friday night, February 18th. Refreshments will be served during the break. 201 Alta Loma Road, Madison, TN.

...Pinewood Church of Christ invites you to their "Rising to Recovery Day" February 20, 2011. Please join us to celebrate the dedication of our new building. Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m.; Lunch following worship service with an afternoon service at 12:15 p.m. \*Due to the flood of May, 2010, Pinewood Church of Christ had to rebuild their building.

...Walnut Street Church of Christ invites you to Ladies' Day, March 5, 2011. Speaker: Jenny Nolan Diamond. "The Mirror in Each of Us" Registration - 8:30 a.m., Event - 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon Lunch provided. R.S.V.P. by March 1st to church office at 446-2909.



## NEWS & EVENTS:

...February 17th, Golden Age Banquet in the Fellowship Hall, 6:30 p.m.

...February 19, Mission Retreat

...February 23, Wednesday night dinner.

...February 25—27 Senior High Retreat.

## Thank You

Janet Barber writes: " Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for your concern for me following my surgery and recovery. The kindness shown to us through visits, phone calls, food, and many beautiful cards, will never be forgotten. We are blessed with many wonderful Christian friends."

## MISSION RETREAT 2011

This is your last reminder about our Mission Retreat on Saturday, February 19 at Dotson Lodge. Please join us for coffee at 8 AM, and then we'll have a period of singing, prayer, and messages from David Shannon before we wrap up with lunch ending around Noon. Remember to sign-up or you may call the church office at 729-4201.

And, make plans to be with us Sunday, February 20th. I will be speaking Sunday morning then presenting our mission program for 2011 on Sunday evening. Dave McCrary, from the West Campbell Street congregation in Jackson, will be speaking to a combined Sunday School Class on the work they are doing at the Nicaragua Christian School. This class is designed for all ages from First Grade through Adults. *John Durham*

In the News.... Congratulations to: ...Will Chessor, an English major, for winning Provost's List recognition at Lipscomb University with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

...Andrew Hunt, a Management major, earned Honor Roll distinction for a grade-point average of at least 3.5 at Lipscomb University.

...Hannah Goodpasture, a Nursing major, has earned Dean's List honors for a grade-point average of 3.5 at Belmont University.



...Teresa Heinz, the daughter of Sarah Tiller, is recovering at home.

...Tony Johnston, cousin of Michael Bryant and Cheryl Chessor, is having tests this week at Vanderbilt for serious health problems.

...Debbie Brooks Mencer is recovering from surgery at Baptist Hospital.

...Steve Bowen, son of Fay Bowen, continues to be in ICU at Dickson Horizon Hospital.

...Houston Porter, the infant son of Andy & Jennifer Porter, is recovering at home.

...Donnie & Jamie Tanner request prayers for their unborn child, Easton. Easton has been diagnosed with Spina Bifida. Surgery to correct this will be done at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, before his birth. Easton is the grandson of Jeff & Janet Wright.

...Jon Randall, a friend of John Smith's, is in critical condition with a staph infection.

Nursing Home Residents : NHC Dickson: Hazel Lampley, Clatie Bates  
Life Care Center: Mattie Lou Weatherspoon, Thelma Deitmen, Robert Jacobs, Marie Lawhon, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Elizabeth Coble, Girleen Copley, Ida Mable Gerard, Virginia Coleman.

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

Crossroads Care Center : Stephen Bradley 309 McHenry Ave., Woodstock, IL. 60098

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

Danny Galey, Trevor Houston, Harland Krantz, Destiny Griffin, Joyce Pimm, Marge Rushton, Reva Moss, Wayne McCrary, Ann Orton.

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



The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or touched. They must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller

**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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Moving forward as a church family we should always look for ways to be more effective with communications. The availability and opportunities we have with the internet allows us to reach out beyond the boundaries which in the past were somewhat limited. During the month of February, we ask that you consider how you would prefer to receive a copy of the weekly Messenger. The Messenger is currently available in the front lobby each week, Wednesday through Sunday for everyone in our church family and mailed out to numerous individuals upon request.

To be more cost effective, we want to offer 4 options:

- 1) The Messenger will be available for pickup in the front lobby Wednesday through Sunday.
- 2) The Messenger will be mailed to our shut-ins and anyone requesting a mailed copy.
- 3) The Messenger will be available on our website each Tuesday afternoon by 6:00 pm. This version of the Messenger is in full color, available two days earlier and allows you to read the Messenger at your convenience. The Messenger is archived for future reference and available worldwide.
- 4) The Messenger (in full color and two days earlier) will be emailed to you each Tuesday afternoon by 6:00pm. You may electronically save it for future reference.

If you are currently receiving a mailed copy each week, but prefer option 1, 3, or 4 it would be helpful with reducing our annual cost for postage. Please give consideration to these options. Thank you, The Elders

**Scrapbook/Hobby Night...**  
 Scrapbook/Hobby Night.....Ladies, do you have a hobby you enjoy like scrapbooking, card making, sewing, painting, etc. ? Bring your supplies to spend some fun time working on your hobby while fellowshiping with friends !  
**Where:** The Outreach Center  
**When:** Friday, February 25, 2011  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. until  
**What to bring:** Hobby supplies and your favorite snack for the food table.  
 See you there !

**READ SCRIPTURE**  
February 20 - Ward Mayberry  
February 27 - Marshall Spencer

**Prayer Week of February 20, 2011**

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Bill McDonald	Mike Brown
S.E.W.	S.E.D
Wayne Chessor	Gary Gatewood
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Mike Plunkett	Mike Elkins