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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

An open letter to the Elders of the Centerville Church of Christ,

From the outside looking in, the view always seems crystal clear. Decisions which are made can seem flawed, harsh, hasty, or just wrong - but that's through the eyes of those on the outside looking in. Inaction may be perceived as insensitivity; action will be misunderstood as meddling - but that's through the eyes of those on the outside looking in. Measured words may seem like empty explanations or attempts to parcel information - but that's from the outside looking in. From the inside, looking out, the view has a perspective without the confusion.

By the measure of time, three years have passed at a pace that cannot be adequately described by the word "quickly." Every second and fourth Monday nights have become a regular part of our relationship. It has been during these times when my view of your lives has turned to the inside looking out. I do not see all that you see. I do not know all that you know (in so many ways and on so many levels that statement is true). When you allowed me to become the minister for this great church, your knowledge of our church family was not somehow miraculously transferred to me. I do not meet with you every time you meet. Through the course of the year, you are together as an eldership a minimum of 156 times. Add together the committee meetings, business meetings, and quarterly meetings and you spend more than half the year "meeting" together. That truth alone makes the view from the outside looking in appear a bit clearer.

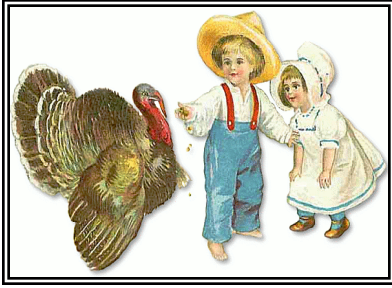
There's always business, that comes with a family no matter the size. But to hear you pray for those who are struggling, for those who are dying, for those whose lives have been turned upside down, and you trust the Father's help above any other, is a sight that few will see, but must surely know the blessings it provides.



From the inside looking out you see the families you balance, the struggles you face, and the trials you carry not just as elders but as men, as husbands, fathers, and sons. From the inside you see more than just the meetings.

From the inside looking out, if everyone could see how you insist the role you have chosen and fulfill continue to grow and mature. Thank you for not wanting to maintain a status quo in faith and spiritual maturity. Thank you for not always knowing how to grow but where the source of growth must come. Thank you for not settling for a "good enough" faith for yourselves or the congregation. Thank you for encouraging my heart, for encouraging the heart of my Mendy, and the hearts of our children. Thank you for being elders who want to oversee, shepherd, and feed the flock.

Of all that I hope you know, I hope you know my thankfulness for you as individuals and as an eldership. You each teach lessons of integrity, compassion, deeds, diligence, perseverance, faith, and vision. You are not flawless, nor are you insulated from criticism even of my own voice. But you are my elders, and for that I am thankful and blessed for my family to be members of this church. Your role should come with joy and grief (Heb 13:17). May it be so for your service now and years to come.



I Am Thankful For...

- Kendyl McAlister:** Flowers, sun & grass
- Addison Irwin:** : Grass & sky
- Will McDonald:** Momma & Daddy
- Wyatt Aydelott:** Best friends, Mom & Dad, sister & my bulldog.
- Karlie Spears:** Grass, ocean, sky
- Keely Webb:** Momma
- Sam Brown:** Mom, Dad, Luke, Gracie
- Cameron Wright:** Jesus and Momma
- Ashley Anne Shelton:** The world and my family.
- Liberty McCauley:** My family, my doggie & turkey.
- Taylor Chandler:** Family and my dog Ladybug.
- Brianna Irwin:** Family and my sister Addie.
- Katie Stewart:** Family and pets.
- Gracie Brown:** My Granny's birthday on Thanksgiving.
- Weston Elkins:** Animals
- Maty Hunt:** My friends
- Ellie Aydelott:** Mama & Daddy
- Aaron Sullivan:** God
- Anna Kate McDonald:** My cousins
- Houston Hudgins:** Family, friends, Jesus, God, Elders, church, my brain, and freedom.
- Elijah Tidwell:** Mom & Dad, school, food.
- John Jacobs:** Jesus, Sara True, church, Eli, Mom & Dad, school, food, drinks, shelter, freedom.
- Kinsley Spears:** God, Jesus, my mom, sister, dad and brother.
- Gauge Buchanan:** My dog, ice cream, family, candy man, my best friend Lake, and my home.
- Lake Bates:** Mom & Dad, church, the ice cream man, freedom, money and food.
- Sara True:** Alexandria Qualls, family, Jesus, church, friends, and my mom & dad.
- Abbie Lampley:** God, Jesus, my sisters, mom & dad, the Holy Spirit, food, church, freedom, the earth and for breath.
- Sidney Hudgins:** Food, water, shelter, friends, animals, family, God, and my parents.
- Jared Brown:** I am thankful that Jesus died on the cross.
- Connor McAlister:** My Mom & Dad , my sister, my 4 -wheeler, food, water, toys, my baby sister, nature, my dogs (I have 2 of them), Pilgrims , Indians, and my country.
- Grant Dotson:** I am thankful for the elk.
- Harper Shelton:** I am thankful for water, shelter, food, mom & dad, my brother, army people that fight for our country.



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

WITH THE WIND THAT WE.... have had this past week, I believe it's safe to say that most of the leaves have hit the ground! With that being said, we are setting out on Saturday to help some folks get their leaves up before winter. The bus will be pulling out at 10a on Saturday morning and will be back around 2p. We need all of the help that we can get from our Jr. and Sr. High groups, so invite a friend and come ready for a great day! If you have a rake or leaf blower, please bring it with you! If you are willing to loan us a rake or leaf blower, you can drop it off by the church anytime this week with your name on it and we will make sure it is returned back to you! We

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 YOUTH MINISTRY
 Matt. 5:14-16

COMING SOON...

- Nov. 17
Sr. High Prayer Breakfast 7:10a
- Nov. 19
Group Service Project 10a-2p

have several other service projects planned for the next several weeks. On December 10, we will be taking our annual Mall Trip so that we can buy gifts for our community toy drive! On December 14, we will be assembling Sunshine Baskets to take to the residents of Tulipwood, just as we have for several years. Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for these opportunities! I know you will be glad that you did.

WE ARE HAVING A SR. HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST THIS... Thursday morning at the high school at 7:10a. We will be in Coach Elkins' room and will have plenty of food for all. I know it's early, but it's so worth it! I hope to see you there!

WE HAVE A FIRESIDE PLANNED FOR THIS COMING.... Sunday following our evening worship. This is actually the last Fireside of 2011! Invite a friend or two, it's going to be a great night!

AS THANKSGIVING APPROACHES, IT'S ONLY NATURAL.... for us to reflect on what we are thankful for. As bad as I hate to admit it, that is often hard for me because I find it easier to reflect on the struggles and hardships! The older I get, the more I've come to understand what Paul means in 1 Thess. 5:18 when he says, "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." During some of the hardest times in my life, thanking God for that situation was usually the last thing on my mind! As time distances me from those moments, I see a bit clearer how those moments have really shaped my life. Someone once told me that it's in the difficult times that we often build the most character. I believe that to be true. May we all strive to give thanks to God for every circumstance, both good and bad!

Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Wednesday November 16
 The Pott's 5-8p
 Wednesday November 23
 Lighthouse Closed

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$10,738.52

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$244.55

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 !!!



Area Events

...7th Annual Thanksgiving November 18, 2011. Clifton Church of Christ, Main Street, Clifton, TN. 6:00 P.M. Fellowship Meal; 7:00 P.M. singing.

...4th Annual Sounds of the Season: Do You See What I See? Friday, December 23, 2011 6:00-8:00 P.M. Fairfield Church of Christ Fellowship Hall Featuring the music of: **FLAT RASCALS**

...Toy & Coat Drive....Please bring your coats and toys to: Cash Express 132 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN. Please drop off by December 15.

A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels on the birth of a baby boy, Anthony Thomas.


He was born November 8 and weighed 9 lbs. 3.6 ozs. The grandparents are Mike & Janice Brown and the great grandparents are Ward & Idell Mayberry. * There will be a car shower for Anthony on December 4th. You may leave your gift for the baby in the lobby.




Miles Newsom Army Address

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198th Infantry Brigade
9899 Second Armored Division Rd.
BLDG 3570
Ft. Benning, GA 31905

Upcoming Events In November...

...Nov. 20 *Thanksgiving*
...Nov. 20 *Ladies' Involvement Committee Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the Library.*
...Nov. 20 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.*
...Nov. 23 *No Messenger due to Thanksgiving Holiday. No classes devotional in the auditorium.*
...Nov. 24 *Thanksgiving Day!* 

Upcoming Events in December...

...Dec. 3 Jail Ministry Meal
...Dec. 11 *All Church Night & Newcomers Dinner*
...Dec. 14 Sunshine Basket delivery 8:00 A.M.
...Dec. 17 Operation Santa Claus Toy Give-A-Way-School System
...Dec. 18 Men's Monthly Business Meeting in the chapel at 5:00 P.M.
...Dec. 25 *Christmas Day!* 

Thank You

Margie Copley writes: " My sincere thanks to my friends and family for the cards, calls, & gifts on my birthday. It is nice to be remembered . May God bless each one of you."

Mark, Jana (Aydelott) & Major Spears write:"We want to thank you all for the wonderful advice, adorable gifts, kind words, and prayers that you have given us over the past few weeks. My family is truly blessed to have you all as brothers and sisters in Christ. God Bless..."

Baby Shower



You are invited to a baby shower for Kimberly (Blystad) Harrington on November 27 from 2:00—4:00 P.M. at the Outreach Center. *It's a boy!* *Kimberly is registered at Walmart.

We received a contribution to *Framing the Future!* Thank You....



A special *Thank You* to *Mrs. Louise Bates* for donating a leaf blower to the *Youth Group* to use on their projects. Thanks !

Prayer Requests



...Margie Claud spent several days in the local hospital due to a colon infection. She is recovering at home.

...Jean Plemmons has been moved to the Life Care Center for therapy.

...Danny Galey is very sick in St. Thomas Hospital dealing with congestive heart failure.

...It was great to see Mazine Atkinson at services on Sunday !

...Christine Sawyer had a stent implanted last week at Baptist Hospital. She is at home recovering.

...Janet Plemmons Nixon, daughter of Jean Plemmons, is recovering from heart surgery at Centennial Hospital.

...Jan Hopkins is waiting for tests results.

...Ben Engelman, who lives on Aydelott Road, is having some health problems. His family has requested prayers on his behalf.

...Tim Taylor, cousin of John Bradley, is in Vanderbilt Hospital with a heart problem.

...Bobby Epps, cousin of John Bradley, is in Baptist Hospital with a heart problem.

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

Tristan Hudson, Barbara McClannahan, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, McKamey Manor, Katie Lane Jones.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:

Stella Breece, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jerry Chandler who passed away. He was the grandfather of Taylor Chandler. Mr. Chandler was the school system resource officer for many years.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Wilson Lockett who passed away. He was the father of Judy Gordon and Gayle Mathis, and the grandfather of Kayla Love.

Our Deacons

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

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I Am Thankful For....

Lincoln Smith: I am thankful for Jesus dying for us.
Luke Brown: I am thankful for the elevators.
McKale Baltz : I am thankful for the earth, sun, and plants.
Adley Elkins : I am thankful for the Lord.
Alyssa Aydelott: I am thankful for the grass and the trees that God gave us, and I am thankful for life.

Madelyn True: Family, friends, nice people, teachers, medicine, pharmacists, technology, doctors, nurses, sports, holidays, candy & pets.
Reagan Qualls: Medicine, family, Charlie (my guinea pig), Copper (my dog), nice people, air, water, food, iPods, technology and clothes.
Sydney Stewart: I am thankful for my family.
Hope Pendergrass: I am thankful for my family.
McKenzie Baltz: Happiness, faith, family.
Hannah Pendergrass: Teachers and the Youth Group.
Stephanie Qualls: Life and friends
Bradley Horner: Church family
Colton Miley: God
Tori Hughes: Freedom and the Lighthouse.

Prayer Week of November 20

S.M.W.	S.M.D.
Marshall Spencer	Michael Bryant
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Garry Greer	Jim Hudgins
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Robert Bowman	Brandon McCauley

Prayer Week of November 27

S.M.W.	S.M.D.
David Brown	Paul Bryant
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Randy Wright	James Easley
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Jason Dotson	Alan Potts

READ SCRIPTURE

November 20	Mike Elkins
November 27	Jeremy Qualls
December 4	Ronald Coates