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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

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

Over the last three years, we have shared together the task of meeting the day to day obligations of this great church family. Within any church family, there are always needs which must be met. Sometimes there are needs which go overlooked among our family. To those impacted by those moments it can seem as though they were forgotten, or not as important as others who are remembered. The reality is in the frenzy of trying to meet every need, some needs are simply beyond our knowledge or learned too late. Yet you are the workers, the servants, the laborers - who everyday - set aside a part of your life in order to help better the lives of others. God sees your works every day and will reward you accordingly. It is my privilege to serve beside you regularly and for what it is worth, I want to tell you how much I am thankful for you.

When God described the importance of every "body" in the "one body" He did so with the intent we would see the value in the flavor and variety with which each person is able to serve. He was not solely describing the "on staff employees" of a church. Yet His description matches each and every one of you with only the level of detail He could offer. The greeting our guests and members are given when they come to or call our offices; the aide our brethren, friends, and neighbors are offered when they make known their need; the records of financial obligations kept in meticulous order; the maintenance of our building, grounds, Camp Meribah, and Dotson Lodge; the preparation of the emblems we share in our weekly Supper; the material we study in our classes; the events we share as a congregation; the scope of our opportunities given to our young people to learn, grow, share, and serve; the preparation of this very publication. Every one of these items are as diverse in description as you are diligent in disposition for the good of this church. What a rich blessing you are to my life.



Truth be told, we are not without our flaws. Sure that hurts to hear, but it is after all, true. We have made our mistakes and asked forgiveness, privately or publicly. We have omitted things that when brought to our attention, broke our hearts because they were done in innocent human error and with no shred of malice or intent. If you can even handle one more bit of truth, there is probably someone out there, (where I don't know), that might (would) be better at the job we each do, especially the one of this author. But this one thing reigns above the former - there is no other group of people better suited to work together, in a harmony God intended, than this group. When one of us cannot, the rest of us will not pass the opportunity to help each other. You fulfill the spirit of Philippians 2:4, "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others."

I hope you know how honored I am to call you my brothers and sisters in Christ; my colleagues; my co-workers; my friends. We will continue to encourage each other to keep our theme, "Do all things without complaining and disputing" (Philippians 2:14). In the meantime, in order to give honor where honor is due, from my heart to yours, 'Thank you' for who you are, what you do, and what you are letting God do through you!

Roger Dotson, Superintendent

Class	Room	Teachers
Pre-School Ruth Reece, Supervisor		
Nursery	109	Hattie Delk
Babyland	B6	Jana Wright, Jenny Weber <u>Wed.</u> Tammy Willis, Debbie Bradley
Age 2	B8	A.A. Jacobs, H. Martin <u>Wed.</u> Tammy Potts, Betty Banks
Age 3	B14	Henrietta Rochelle, Helen Simmmons
Age 4	B16	Tonya Oliphant, Jessica Dressler <u>Wed.</u> Ages 3 & 4 Vanessa McMullin Allison Gilbert
Kindergarten	B18	Tina Thigpen <u>Wed.</u> Charity McCauley

Primary Faye Dotson, Supervisor

Grade 1	208	Shela Chessor
Grade 2	206	Carol Talley <u>Wed.</u> 1 & 2 Karen Bridges
Grade 3	200	Kathy Brown
Grade 4	204	June Roder <u>Wed.</u> 3,4,5 J.& T. Dotson

Jr./Sr. High George Dotson, Supervisor

5th & 6th Grade Girls	215	Joy McDonald
5th & 6th Grade Boys	220	Mark Chessor
7th & 8th Grades	224	Philip Jacobs
9th-12th Grades	B7	Chris Webb <u>Wed.</u> Grades 6-12

Adult Don Qualls, Supervisor

20/30 'S	222	Craig Shelton, Mike Elkins
Adults	225	Bill McDonald, Shane Willis
Adults	218	Wayne Qualls
Adults	214	Lonnie Gilliam <u>Wed.</u> Young Men Bill McDonald
Ladies	Chapel <u>Wed.</u> Library/ Conference Rm.	Various Ladies Various Ladies Wanda Givens
Adult	Fellowship Hall	Ward Mayberry
Adults	Auditorium	Different Men <u>Wed.</u> Bryan McAlister & Others



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

IT'S CATCH UP WEEK FOR.... many, as the much needed Thanksgiving break has come to an end. It is truly a blessing to have that time each year to slow down and reflect! It simply blows my mind to think that November has come and gone, not to mention the end of 2011 is lurking! I do want to highlight a few things coming up before they come and go as well. This Friday night, we will be having our first 5th Quarter of the basketball season. Everything will kick off after the game in the Fellowship Hall and end around 11p. As always, there will be free food and some sort of crazy activity to be involved in! I really hope you are able to make it! We also

COMING SOON...
-Dec. 2
5th Quarter
-Dec. 4
Sr. High
Progressive
Dinner 4-10p

have my personal favorite event of the year coming up this Sunday night! It's time for our Sr. High Progressive Dinner. Four gourmet chefs have been selected to prepare four courses of the most unbelievable dinner you will ever see! Be sure to dress up in your best and bring a Dirty Santa gift valued around \$10. Feel free to invite a friend, this night is always a blast!

THE JR. AND SR. HIGH LOCK-IN WILL BE HELD.... December 28th-29th. The cost for the Lock-In will be \$35 and this will cover all of your expenses for the night! Everything will kick off at 7p and will conclude at 7a. NOTICE: All Jr. and Sr. High students will need a ride to and from the Lock-In. No one will be permitted to drive home the morning after. This is simply a safety precaution to keep anyone from falling asleep while driving. **PARENTS:** Please help us enforce this and make sure that we have a safe Lock-In. Everyone who wishes to be a part of the Lock-In will need to have a signed release form as well so that you can participate in all of the activities that we have planned. You can pick these up in the church office. This night is always special, I sure hope you plan to be a part of it!

OPERATION SANTA CLAUS IS WELL ON IT'S WAY AND.... is sure to help many children across this county to have a great holiday. Jr. and Sr. High, you have a wonderful opportunity to contribute to this cause on Dec. 10th. We will be taking our annual Mall Trip where we can divide up and purchase gifts for several different children in Hickman County. The bus will leave at 5p and return around 10:30p. Try to save up at least \$20 to spend on your designated child. Invite a friend and help make sure that we do our part! Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday Nov. 30
Ashley Thomas 5-8p
Wednesday December 7
The McCauley's 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,002.87

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 224.36

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 Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Wilson Lockett, Danny Galey, and Mattie Lou Weatherspoon by Doug & Billie Sue True.

Welcome To the World !



Congratulations to Bryan & Mendy McAlister on the birth of a daughter, *Kinley*

Brooke. She was born November 28, 2011 at 7:59 A.M. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and is 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Robert & Kristie McAlister and Steve & Cheryl Karraker.

Area Events

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

...Dec. 25 Community Christmas Meal HCMS cafeteria.



There will be a car shower for Anthony Daniels, infant son of Jeffrey & Sonya Daniels, December 4th. You may leave your gift for the baby in the lobby.



Operation Santa Claus

Names are still available if you would like to buy a gift for Operation Santa Claus please see Becky Coleman or contact her at : 729-3391 ext. 2248 or 729-0430.

Youth in the News...
Congratulations to Valerie Totty, Lake Bates, and Bailey Gilbert for winning an award in the MLEC poster contest ! Great Job !!



Upcoming Events in December...

...December 2 , Lonnie Gilliam's Sunday School Class 46th Annual Christmas Party, 6:30 P.M. at the home of Lonnie & Marilyn

...Dec. 3 Jail Ministry Meal

...Dec. 11, 2011 All Church Night & Newcomers Dinner 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. * More Details to Come If you can bake a coconut cake for this occasion, please sign the list in the lobby.

...Dec. 14 Sunshine Basket delivery 8:00 A.M. Assemble in the hallway at church.

...Dec. 17 Operation Santa Claus Toy Give-A-Way School System 8:00—11:00 A.M. Outreach Center

...Dec. 18 Men's Monthly Business Meeting in the chapel at 5:00 P.M.

...Dec. 25 Christmas Day!



Sympathy



Danny Galey

February 21, 1956 - November 23, 2011

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Danny Galey who passed away after a long illness. Danny was in Law Enforcement for 35 years and served as an Usher for the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. To his wife, Sherry, daughters Holly (Jeff) Stewart, Kari (Eric) Pitts, mother & father in-law Guy & Janet Barber, all family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We extend our sympathy to the family of Leslie Boehms who passed away. Mr. Boehms was the brother of Dwight Boehms.

Prayer Requests



...Mattie Buchanan, aunt of Paul Buchanan, is struggling with health problems.

...James Westmoreland spent a few days in Dickson Horizon Hospital. He is at home recovering.

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

...Janet Wright is recovering from a kidney transplant and is having some complications.

...Ben Engelman is recovering from surgery at home.

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, Jean Plemmons, 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.

Home: Allene Wade, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Curtis McCord, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Thank You

Mary Helen Barber writes: "I would like to take this time to pen words on paper to everyone who made by birthday special. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, admiration, and appreciation."

Brownie Mayberry writes: "Thank you so much for all of the cards I received for my birthday. It is nice to be remembered."

Barbara McClannahan writes: "I want to thank everyone for the calls and the cards you have sent to me in Missouri. I am getting my strength back with in home therapy. Please keep me in your prayers."

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Jail Ministry Program

Jail Ministry Volunteers will prepare the annual "Holiday Meal" for Inmates and Jail Staff on Saturday December 3rd, 2011. A menu is in place and most supplies are already in hand. Sweet Tea, in non-returnable containers is needed. Some 15+ gallons will be required to fill the need. Tea can be dropped off at the church fellowship hall kitchen between 12:00 noon and 2:00 PM on Saturday Dec. 3rd. If you would like to help prepare, complete, and deliver this meal please contact Jail Ministry members for details. Monetary donations to help offset costs of food and supplies may also be given to any Jail Ministry Volunteer. Some 120 - 130 meals will be prepared, boxed and delivered by 4:00 PM on Dec. 3rd. A Great Time to share you... with someone in need!

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PLACE LABEL HERE

Wait on Table 1st Sunday

Mike Goodpasture
2nd Sunday
Bill McDonald
3rd Sunday
Lonnie Gilliam
4th Sunday
Craig Shelton
Serve Audience
Left
Thomas Chessor
Bill Cude
Phil Griggs
Mark Chessor
Right
Bob McDonald
Jim Hudgins
Leon Gilbert
Joey Hunt
Alternates
Warren Potts
Mike Elkins

Those to Serve in December

Meals On Wheels Dec.
12/7 Carolyn Brown
12/14 Carolyn Chessor
12/21 Ruth Alderson
12/28 Louise Bates

READ SCRIPTURE
Dec. 4 Ronald Coates
Dec. 11 Roger Dotson

Bible Hour December
Jason & Tammie
Dotson
Draven Atkinson
Blake Warren, Colby
Shelton, Hailey Powers
"Thankful"
Hungry Hound Pantry
Items: *Tuna or Soup*

PRAYER WEEK OF December 4 S.M.W.

Patrick Sullivan
S.M.D.
Mark Chessor
S.E.W.
Don Luther
S.E.D.
Craig Shelton
W.E.B.S.
Dr. Jerry Nash
W.E.D.
Mike Plunkett

USHERS:
Frank Atkinson
Bobby Breece
Lonnie Gilliam
Marshall Spencer

NURSERY

Margie Copley
BAPTISMAL
CLOTHING
Ridonna
Goodpasture

RADIO ROOM
Gary Gatewood
Gaylon Cude
Steven Willis
Griffin Elkins

To Drive Bus in December

12/4	Brandon McCauley	AM
	Chuck Taylor	PM
12/7	Ralph Shelton	
12/11	Lonnie Mayberry	AM
	Mark Chessor	PM
12/14	Mike Goodpasture	
12/18	Michael Bryant	AM
	Bill Cude	PM
12/21	George Garland	
12/25	Patrick Allen	AM
	Phillip Allen	PM
12/28	David Hudgins	
	Contact <u>John Bradley</u> , 931-994-7358, if you are unable to drive.	

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN DECEMBER

1ST SUNDAY Joseph McCauley, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Luke Brown
2nd SUNDAY Zach King, Will McDonald, Andrew Weaver, Cameron Wright
3rd SUNDAY Thomas Alderson, Major Qualls, Gage Buchanan, Riley Haithcoat
4th SUNDAY Hunter Webb, Heath Buchanan, McKale Baltz, Trevor Buchanan
PLEASE BE UP FRONT BY 8:50

Lord's Supper P.M.
Patrick Allen
Phillip Allen
Served in the Chapel

GREETERS December
Jimmy & Cathie Copley
Thomas & Cheryl Chessor
Roger & Susan Dotson
David & Susan Hudgins

NURSING HOME SERVICES

LIFE CARE CENTER

12/4 Shane Willis
12/11 David Hudgins
12/18 Daniel Dressler
12/25 Larry Lawhon

HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME

12/4 Robert Bowman
12/11 James Aydelott
12/18 Alan & Warren Potts
12/25 Mike Brown

Tulipwood Service - John Bradley

*PLEASE CONTACT DORRIS CLAUD (A.M.), 729-2933 OR BRYAN WOODS (P.M.) 729-6075, IF YOU CANNOT SERVE.