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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

To embolden the Christian to live out his faith, Peter chooses to speak of the identity of the child of God in a most telling way. He starts with the truth of all Christians being a "chosen generation." God told Israel they were not chosen because they were a nation great in number or power, but because He chose to love them (Deuteronomy 7:7-9). That is the choice He makes toward us, which separates us from the rest of the world.

From a "chosen generation" to a "royal priesthood" our value is made more evident. The priesthood was established in the days of Moses to work on behalf of the people, to offer sacrifices in the temple, to order the worship of God, and to once per year, enter into the holiest of holies and on behalf of the people, commune with God. The descendants of Aaron, the tribe of Levi, were the one's tasked with the priesthood. But through Jesus, all have been made priests, all have been made royalty. Now you are born into the family of God through Jesus Christ and His blood and water of baptism. The result is our becoming "a holy nation." More than a people, we are a nation of His people. We are not merely a group, we are a holy group, but not by our doing, but by His deity, we are holy. This is a nation not of lines of places, but of living people, we are to be a holy nation of the Lord. The punctuating phrase is found in four words, "His own special people." Of all the identity we could and should claim, the identity of being His should be above all other blessings!

We do not wear this identity without responsibility - "that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9). It's not just that God has called us chosen, royalty, holy, and His own, but He has called us to call others. This is personal and it is a calling to you to be about the Father's business and to be ready with the message of Jesus which saves souls to seek and save others. We call it evangelism, but we also confuse the practice of it. Evangelism is not an option. We cannot pick or choose if we want to share the message of Jesus. It is a must.



Evangelism is not a spiritual gift, One may be gifted to teach, one to give liberally, one to show mercy, one to show cheerfulness, but no where, did the Lord ever say, the Holy Spirit will gift some to tell of Jesus and not others. Telling about Jesus is our individual responsibility, and there is nothing mystical about the message or the means to tell it, simply to tell is our responsibility (John 9:25). Evangelism is not a budget item. To evangelize, we must see this as the role of the whole church, and not just a segment of our work. Tunnel vision cannot prevail when it comes to the mission of the church. If every person is "chosen, royal, holy, and His own," and if every person is to "proclaim the praises of Him," then we must do so personally and not through one aspect of this work. The act of "proclaiming" has been hijacked by the charismatic and emotionally excessive segment of faith. The testimony of Christ was never meant to tell of your imperfections and sin, in order to justify the same remaining in others. The testimony of Jesus is to tell of His deity and your dependence on His salvation and transformation. The testimony of Jesus is Jesus, not you. I hope you know, we have been gifted to tell this message, through the universally free gift of salvation in Jesus. Go and tell!



This coming Sunday night, October 28, is our annual Trunk or Treat. The front parking lot will have cars, vans, trucks, SUVs and even trailers

decorated with the thoughts of treating those who stop by. Worship services will be at 5:00 and the Trunk or Treat will begin about 6:15 so we'll have just a few minutes for final preparations. Team Harvest will also have hotdogs prepared as well as soft drinks available. The night will be a grand time to be together as a church family, to have a lot of fun, and to get some candy! If you would like to help by fixing up your vehicle, come anytime Sunday afternoon to get set-up. We encourage all those who want to trunk or treat to bring your costume with time following services to get ready. We hope you make plans to join us!

Baptisms



We rejoice with Nathan Parrish, Roman Pietramale, Gary Thomas, Vernon E. Nelson, Sr., and William J. Pewitt who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

From the Heart... "My name is Vernon E. Nelson, Sr. I was baptized on October 19, 2012 at the Centerville Church of Christ by Daniel Dressler and witnessed by brother Percy Lancaster. I want to thank them for taking time out of their day and bringing me into the beautiful church. This was a glorious day, as I became a Christian brother. I would also like to thank the church for providing a place for this special day to happen. As the angels rejoiced in heaven when my new life began, I am proud to serve the Lord with all my heart. God bless the people and the Ministries of the Centerville Church of Christ. Thank you so much."



Children are more influenced by sermons you act than by sermons you preach.



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON



October 25
JR. HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST
Coach Horner's Room
7:30

-October 27
CENTERVILLE HALLOWEEN PARADE
All Ages
Bus Garage

5:45-6:00
-October 28
CAMP SNOWBALL VII STAFF MEETING
4:00

-October 28
TRUNK OR TREAT
Front Parking Lot
6:15
See Article



A BUSY END OF THE WEEK.. Last Wednesday we had another fantastic Lighthouse. My thanks to Griffin Elkins and his family for hosting. Then, on Thursday morning, we had our first Senior High Prayer Breakfast at the High School. Thanks to Coach Elkins and FCA for arranging everything to make this possible.

THEN CAME THE WEEKEND... Unbelievable is the best work I can think of to describe the Spooktacular at Hickman County Middle School this past Friday and Saturday night. So much work, so much time invested, but I'm sure the crowds and excitement proved to be worth it all. Thanks to everyone here that contributed in any way to help out Jeremy Qualls and his staff to pull this off. It was an unforgettable weekend and I can't wait to see it topped next year!

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT AROUND THE CAMPFIRE... Barry, Lynn & Blake Warren had the setting prepared perfectly for our Senior High Fireside Sunday night. The food was delicious, the turn-out was good, and the night was a lot of fun. Thanks to the Warren's for a wonderful evening. Oh, and don't forget to contact *just one* this week.

THE JUNIOR HIGH FCA PRAYER BREAKFAST... is this Thursday in Coach Horner's room. Invite a friend and see you at 7:30!

CALLING ALL AGES OF YOUTH! We need all of you from the Sparks all the way up to our Seniors in High School. We will need you to join us Saturday night on our parade float. Instead of having work days, I have decided to keep the float simple so we can fill it up with our youth group. If you would like to be on the float you'll have to do three things. Number 1, wear a costume (this can be optional, but would be great to have everyone in one). Number 2, bring a bag of candy for you to throw out along the parade route. Number 3, be at the bus garage between 5:45-6:00 so we can make sure everything is ready to go when the parade begins at 6:30. If you need more information, let me know!

THIS PAST SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE FIRESIDE...we discussed "fear." This time of year we test our fears and in some ways test the fears of others. In Mark 5 we learn about Legion. He is a demon possessed man who has been that way for a long time. Legion runs around in the graveyards screaming and cannot be bound by chains because of his strength of all the demons (sounds like the beginning of a horror movie). In the lesson we see the demons are afraid and after the man is healed the townspeople are afraid. The only one in the story who is not afraid is the one whose life has been changed by Jesus' power. Something totally out of his control and the control of others, Jesus controlled. When we begin to recognize we cannot control a lot of things in this life but in turn God has full control, our life begins to change. If we "Let go and Let God" we begin to trust Jesus and His power. Believe Mark 10:27, we can see it in action in the scriptures and in our lives if we choose to let Him. follow His path, -Craig

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,532.27

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00
Sunday School - \$ 166.85

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 !!!



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Reba Temple by Patsy Richmond Thomas.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Reba Temple by Gerald & Ruth McFarlin.

Thank You

The family of Reba Temple writes: "We wish to express our gratitude to everyone for all the many, many words of sympathy and kindness and outpouring of love shown during Reba's illness and subsequent death. She loved her church family so much and made it a great part of her everyday life. To the office staff, the ministers, those who prepared food, and the congregation as a whole, we will forever be grateful."

Roberta Anderson & the family of Jack Easley write: "We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, phone calls and prayers provided to us during the death of my brother Jack Easley. Your kindness will always be appreciated."

Mark, Jana & Major Spears write: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the calls, cards, prayers, meals and visits during this past week. We appreciate you all so much !"

...October 28 CAMP BOARD MEETING AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY.

November Events...

...November 8 *Visitation Team 2* Meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

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

...November 18 *Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship service.*

...November 21 *NO MESSENGER*

...November 22 *Thanksgiving Day*



...November 30 *Team Harvest Deer Camp*

December Events...

...December 2 *ALL CHURCH NIGHT*
Following 5:00 P.M. Worship Service
More details at a later date.

...December 8 *Jail Ministry Holiday Meal for Inmates and Jail Staff*

...December 9 *Candlelight Ceremony at McDonald Funeral Home.*

...December 16 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.*

...December 16 *Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship service.*

...December 19 *Sunshine Baskets*
...December 25



Christmas Day

Sympathy



Lois Sanders
1920-2012

We express our sympathy to the family of Lois Sanders who passed away. Mrs. Sanders was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ and a resident of Tulipwood for many years. To her daughters Opal, Olivia (John) Duff, Denise (Bobby) Underhill, brother Artie Collins, sister Jewell Hamm, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, we extend our deepest sympathy.



Power of Prayer

...Katherine Shelton is recovering from double knee replacement surgery at NHC HEALTHCARE 101 WALNUT LANE COLUMBIA, TN 38401 ROOM 118. She is doing well.

...6 year old Aiden Turnbow has been diagnosed with leukemia. He is the son of Ritchie & Kristi Turnbow and the grandson of Edith Brooks, a resident of Tulipwood. He is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...Lois Masters spent a few days in the local hospital with pneumonia. She is improving and back at the Life Care Center.

Home: Mazine Atkinson, Lula Mae Gilliam, Curtis & Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

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

Jana Aydelott-Spears, Patricia Gilbert, Mollie Orton, Charlie Shelton, Mary Helen Barber, Shawna Lea Smith, Doug Burchard, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Joyce Carroll, Bobby Kelley, Noah Elliott, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: George Dotson, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Brown Breece, Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

NHC Place at Cool Springs: Joyce Wright, 211 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN. 37067-7242

Area Events

...Singing at the *Fairview Church of Christ*, November 2, 2012. Time: 7:00 P.M. Finger Foods & Fellowship at 9:00 P.M.

Happy Birthday !

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Claudine Morrison
 88 Years Old
 November 1, 2012



Mary Katherine Bates
 84 Years Old
 November 6, 2012



Ruth Stephenson
 93 Years Old
 November 6, 2012



Margie Copley
 85 Years Old
 November 7, 2012



Brownie Mayberry
 90 Years Old
 November 8, 2012



Mary Helen Barber
 84 Years Old
 November 9, 2012



Olga Dotson
 86 Years Old
 November 12, 2012



Annette Barber
 89 Years Old
 November 14, 2012

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

Prayer Week of October 28

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Cody Woods	Derek Newsom
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Jason Dotson	Wayne Chessor
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Chris Teet	Colby Shelton

READ SCRIPTURE

October 28	John Alderson
November 4	Ronald Coates

MORE NEXT WEEK.....