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"I Hope You Know"



"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Gal 5:22-23). Of these traits, goodness seems to allude and perhaps even confuse us the most. The identity of the saved has been twisted from one of holiness to an identity which is content with avoiding invasive sins, but permissive of passive sins. So long as our sins do not "harm" others or are kept private, others can see us and even regard us as good. "Goodness" is more than moral relativism, it is God given, and we must find our lives being filled with His goodness.

Christians are to "cling to what is good" (Romans 12:9). We are to abhor, hate and detest that which is evil, and hold on for all life to that which is good. Christians are to "do what is good" (Galatians 6:10; I Peter 3:11, Matthew 25:21, 23). Christians are to "think" on what is good (Phil 4:8). How many of our thoughts are consumed by worry, anxiety, doubt, and fear? Where is the goodness in such thoughts? Christians are to "follow" good (I Peter 3:13). How many of us are following sin, sinful people, and sinful ways? We are following but who is leading? Christians are to "imitate" good (III John 11). Quite frankly, our speech, dress, music, entertainment, attitudes, behaviors, and lifestyles can look more like the world's imitation than the imitation of God. Christians are not to be "overcome by evil, but to overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21). Part of the goodness we are to show is a stand against sin. There is no goodness in approving of sin. There is no goodness in approving of doctrinal error, just like there is no goodness in ignoring error in the lives of the people we call our brethren. Jesus showed goodness when He cleansed the temple (Matthew 21:12-13) and when he denounced the Scribes and Pharisees (Matthew 23:13-29). We need to cleanse our lives in word and deed.

We live in a world where goodness has all but fallen by the wayside. Our cry might be as the Psalmist, "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Psalm 27:13). If absolute goodness comes only from deity, then I must learn goodness from the only source of knowledge which has come from deity. That source remains the Bible. The scholastic writings of men may have merit, but if they say less than what the Bible says, they are incomplete. If they contain more than what the Bible says they have gone beyond absolute authority, and if they say the same thing as the Bible, they are irrelevant, God's word has spoken. You will not learn absolute goodness, unless you learn the absolute truth from God's word (II Tim 3:16-17). Good works, cannot come from any source, less than that which is deity, and the only revelation of deity's will is the "divinely breathed scriptures." The scriptures which tell the story of man's choosing of sin (Romans 3:10). The scriptures which teach of the guilt of all responsible souls (Romans 3:23). The scriptures which tell the story of redemption through the Son, "being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Romans 3:24). The goodness of Salvation is "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). Only the good and faithful will hear, "well done" (Matthew 25:21). I hope you know we can and will be among that number.

Special Birthdays in November...



Claudine Morrison
87 Years Old
November 1, 2011



Ruth Stephenson
92 Years Old
November 6, 2011



Mary Katherine Bates
83 Years Old
November 6, 2011



Margie Copley
84 Years Old
November 7, 2011



Brownie Mayberry
89 Years Old
November 8, 2011



Mary Helen Barber
83 Years Old
November 9, 2011



Olga Dotson
85 Years Old
November 12, 2011



Annette Barber
88 Years Old
November 14, 2011



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



COMING SOON...
-Oct. 27
Fright Night
6-?
-Oct. 31
Trunk or Treat
6p

WE HAD AN AWESOME.... Fireside this past Sunday night with yet another great crowd on hand. Thanks so much to Brian and Sandy Qualls for hosting and accommodating such a large group. Our thought for the night really came from some of the things that were said at the Totty's Bend Youth Rally on Saturday, which was terrific by the way! It seems so easy for us to make excuses as to why we don't study more, why we struggle with attendance, or why we simply struggle with sin. It's humbling to think about the fact that when we make those excuses, we are basically looking at Jesus and telling Him that it's just too hard. I'm really embarrassed thinking about the times that I've justified sin in my life, and looked back at Jesus hanging on the cross and told Him that it's too hard. Honestly, nothing I've ever faced or been through can compare to what Jesus went through. When I wake up on Sunday morning, tired, tempted to stay in bed, can I honestly tell Jesus that it's just too hard? It's a thought that's been stuck in my head for days now. In comparison, Jesus asks very little from us, especially when we look at what He is offering! May we face this week realizing that nothing is too difficult, especially when we allow Him to guide our lives!

FRIGHT NIGHT IS THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27TH.... The bus will pull out at 6p from the bus garage headed for a night to remember! The cost will be \$20 and will be all of the money that you need. We will not be stopping to eat, so make sure you get your belly full before we leave! There is plenty of room on the bus, invite a friend or even two, this is sure to be a blast! Plans are to be back at the church building around 9:30p. I hope you plan to be there!

THE ANTICIPATION IS COMING TO A CLOSE AS OUR.... 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat is fast approaching. Hopefully the pictures and memories from last year have jump started the creative juices and our trunks will be better than ever! Everyone will set up in the back parking lot, just beside the Bell Tower. There will be people here starting around 5p directing traffic and helping people find where they need to be. We officially start at 6p. We will have hotdogs, drinks, and more candy than we know what to do with! This is a community wide event, so start spreading the word! Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday October 26
The Goodpastures 5-8p
Wednesday November 2
Need Host 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$10,591.93

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 187.93

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 Framing The Future Fund in memory of Bea Bates by the following: Kenneth & Rutisha Cagle, Gerald & Margaret James, Clay & Tara Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Scholarship Fund in memory of Marie Tune by Clay & Tara Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing The Future Fund in memory of Ellis Maddox by Kenneth & Betty Claud.

Area Events

...Brushy Church of Christ invites you to hear Kirk Brothers speak on October 30, 2011. Bible Class: 9:00 A.M.; Worship: 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Meal to follow. Evening Worship: 1:00 P.M.

...Singing at the Fairview Church of Christ, November 4, 2011. Time: 7:00 P.M. 2001 Fairview Blvd. Fairview, Tennessee. 37062

...Columbia Avenue Church of Christ invites you to Ladies' Day, Saturday, November 5, 2011. Speaker: Ada Allen Registration and coffee begins at 8:30 A.M. Program begins at 9:00 A.M. followed by lunch.

...Pond Church of Christ invites you to a Area Wide Youth Rally November 5, 2011. Speaker: Jeff Keele Ages: 6th Grade and up. Time: 4:30 Meal: 5:00 P.M. Followed by a fireside devotional.



You are Invited :
Adoption Baby Shower
The Family of Jana
Aydelott-Spears invites

you to a baby shower on
November 5, 2011 at the Outreach
Center Time: 2:00—4:00 P.M.
It's A Boy! Everyone Invited!

News & Events:

...Mission Committee Meeting
October 30th at 4:44 in the
conference room.

...Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat
Centerville Church parking lot!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Mattie Lou Weatherspoon who passed away. She was the mother of Margie Claud, grandmother of Melody Skelton, and great-grandmother of Matthew Skelton, Meghan Lampley, and Ethan Skelton.

Thank You

Reda Springer & Cleora Parrish write: " To the Centerville Church of Christ, We want to thank you for the plant that was given to us at the death of our sister, Hazel Riley. God Bless You.....

The Family of Ellis Maddox writes: "During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered."



Please Pray for...

...Jon Arnold is recovering from surgery at home.

...Arch McCord, an elder at the Pinewood Church of Christ, is recovering from heart by-pass surgery.

...Lula Mae Prince, the mother of Tana Morrison, has been in Baptist Hospital. She is at home recovering.

...Jimmy Jenkins, father of Regina Elkins, Bettina Horner, and Jonathan Jenkins, is recovering from surgery at home.

...Leslie Hudgins is recovering from shoulder surgery at home.

...Sherry Gale is recovering at home from back surgery.

...Bracey Campbell will have shoulder replacement surgery October 27th at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Mozine Atkinson has returned home.

...Barbara McClannahan is out of the hospital and at the home of her daughter in Missouri. She has been dealing with bacterial pneumonia. She would appreciate cards. Her address is : 8085 Trenton Lane, Cedar Hill, Missouri 63016



The following are recovering

from surgery or dealing with an illness: Billie Jean Tidwell, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Easton Tanner, Alfred Williams, Danny Gale, Don Luther, McKamey Manor, Katie Lane Jones.

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

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Roger Livengood, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Henry Bradford, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece. Dickson NHC - Sue England

Requesting Prayers

Eric Coleman has requested your prayers for forgiveness of sin in his life. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4: 32

More Special Days...



**Owen & Priscilla Barber
Married 59 Years
November 15, 2011**



**Jack Cunningham
83 Years Old
November 19, 2011**



**Jimmie Roder
89 Years Old
November 20, 2011**

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BAPTISMS...

Shannon Brown and Adriana Diggs were baptized on October 20, 2011, by members of the Jail Ministry.



Operation Santa Claus

If anyone would like to take a child's name or make a donation to Operation Santa Claus please see Becky Coleman or contact

her at: 729-3391 ext. 2248 or 729-0430. Names will be available until after Thanksgiving.



Children's Bible Hour

**Every Sunday Night at
6:00 P.M.
Bible Stories, Songs,
Puppets**

October "Obey God"

HEY KIDS ! DON'T FORGET ;

**Hungry Hound Pantry Items for October:
Macaroni & Cheese
Pinto Beans**

Prayer Week of October 30

**S.M.W.
Carter Hoover
S.E.W.
Craig Shelton
W.E.B.S.
Chris Teet**

**S.M.D.
Patrick Sullivan
S.E.D.
David Brown
W.E.D.
Mike Elkins**

READ SCRIPTURE

**October 30 - Wayne Qualls
November 6 - John Alderson**