

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

For the church, there is nothing greater than our God! "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24). Some see God as a mystic, some as a magician, some God as a myth, while others see God as Master of all things. How is it that a changeless God can challenge and make us marvel everyday? "For I am the Lord, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob" (Malachi 3:6). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). This truth alone, barely scratches the surface of His infinite might.

God is holy, so holy that He cannot look upon or be in fellowship with sin. The holiness of God cannot be over emphasized. His every word, every thought, every act, is entirely pure. When the word of the Old Testament reveals His actions against sin, the criticism against God's nature and God's behavior is unjust. God's boundaries have never been drawn against gender or races; they are not against lifestyles or beliefs. God's boundary is drawn against sin. His line is the plumb line of Amos 7:8, refusing to pass by the sins of the people. His every way is pure. His judgment does not fail, His mercy does not end, His compassion is always new, His love is free, His word cannot lie, His promises are not broken, and His trust is not forsaken. "His divine power has given us to all things, pertaining to life and godliness through the knowledge of Him" (II Peter 1:3).

His holiness is not kept from us, but has been displayed for all men in all ages. "By the Man whom He has ordained" (Acts 17:31). God's deity has not been hidden from us, it is revealed in the very world around us. That would be enough, but when you are speaking of a loving, holy, just, and merciful God, He was not satisfied with doing just "enough" for the creation at the center of His love Thus, God, descended to dwell among (cont. pg.2)

## September Series The Time Is Now... For The Church



## September 26, 2012 Her Legacy Dr. Ralph Gilmore Jackson, Tennessee

Ralph Gilmore is from Jackson, Tennessee. Dr. Gilmore is a Professor of Bible and of Philosophy. He is a graduate of FHC (A.A. in Bible); David Lipscomb College (B.A. in Biblical Languages); Harding Graduate School of Religion (M.A. in Apologetics); and the University of Tennessee (Ph.D. in Philosophy). He was selected as a Distinguished Professor of Bible and Interdisciplinary Studies in 2001. Dr. Gilmore has served in a variety of faculty leadership roles. He has written for many brotherhood publications, has presented papers at professional academic organizations, and has appeared in several forums involving public discussion of Bible topics.

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 men in bodily form. The word became flesh (John 1:14). The holiest of holies, came among men and lived among us, as us, in order to redeem us. "These times of ignorance, God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). His truth was sent to set us free (John 8:32). His truth was sent to save our souls (James 1:21). His truth was sent to set us apart from sin and darkness (John 17:17). His truth was sent to give us life eternal (John 10:10). His truth is not to confuse (I Cor 14:33). His truth is not to be debated or interpreted but received (Acts 2:41). I hope you know, His truth is to unite not divide, uphold not destroy, bless not burden.



**YOUTH ON HIS PATH**  
**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**  
 CRAIG SHELTON

The children and grandchildren of  
*David and Jane Talley*  
 Request the pleasure of your company  
 at a Reception in honor of their  
 50th Wedding Anniversary  
 Sunday, September 30, 2012  
 from one until three in the afternoon  
 Meriwether Lewis Electric Cooperative  
 Conference Room  
 1625 Highway 100  
 Centerville, Tennessee

Your presence is our gift,  
 We request no other



*-September 19*  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
 Hosted by  
 Cash Dansby  
 5:00-7:00

*-September 23*  
**SR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
 Matthew & Cissy  
 Dotson's  
 7:00-9:00

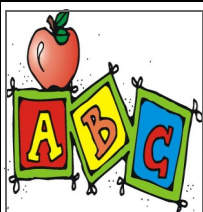
*-September 27*  
**JR. HIGH PRAYER  
 BREAKFAST**  
 Coach Horner's Room  
 7:30 am

**BEAUTIFUL THINGS...** This was the theme for Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights at Freed-Hardeman this past weekend. RUSH has always been one of my favorite youth rallies to be a part of. Over 1500 young people were there to worship together, spend time with one another, and to enjoy themselves. Some of the highlights of the day were the great lessons by David Shannon, getting to take a virtual trip around the world to see "beautiful things" in different works, the "beautiful pageant" featuring special needs children, the choices of squid and seaweed at supper, and the hypnotist and his special "beauty pageant." Thanks to Chris Teet for helping chaperone and to each of the 20 who went for opening your eyes and heart to see true beauty.

**ANOTHER GREAT NIGHT...** Thanks to Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture and Carla & Valerie Totty for hosting the Junior High Fireside this past Monday night. We had to make a change because of the weather, but we had a great time despite that. Remember to "Fly in the V" and each one of our importance to reach our destination!

**DON'T FORGET...** The Lighthouse is open on Wednesday night with another new addition. Cash Dansby and his family will host beginning at 5:00. Also, there will not be a 5th Quarter on Friday night. Instead, we will encourage everyone to enjoy the homecoming activities following the game in the high school gym.

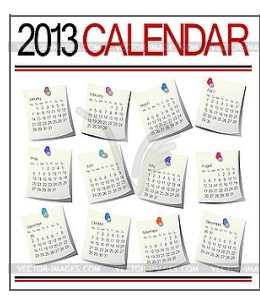
**BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER...** At RUSH David Shannon helped to remind us that beauty, according to the standards of this world, are unachievable. The standards that are set are unrealistic and will have us frustrated with no way to reach the goal. God's goals are always attainable. He never asks us to achieve the impossible without His help and His guidance. God's view of beauty is based upon the inward (I Sam. 16:7) not the external. The world has sold us the lie that external beauty is all that matters and we must do everything to attain that. There is nothing wrong with making yourself presentable and even being proud of your appearance. It becomes a burden when you begin to make this your focus and then it distorts your view of others. May we all seek true beauty, God's beauty. One that saw not the leper, but saw the longing, not the inability, but the possibility to be indispensable, and not the sick, but the need for salvation. As David said, it takes effort to not buy into what the world is selling. The mindset is one that must be formed. When this takes place, it becomes a whole new world. The things we can accomplish and the lives we can touch become innumerable. Be proud of who you are. Be more proud of Whose you are and what you can do for Him! 2 Corinthians 4:16... follow His path, -Craig



*Day School...*  
 is in need of substitute teachers. Anyone interested may go by the Day School Office or call 931-729-5233. Day School also has openings in every age range. Call or go

by Day School.

**All Committee Chairmen !**



Please pick up an event schedule form in the lobby and return it to the office by *October 15, 2012*. The 2013 Calendar is set to be completed by *November 1, 2012*. We appreciate your help with this.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,438.05

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 161.17

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 !!!



## Area Events

...Life Care Center of Centerville would like to invite you to our: **ALZHEIMERS & DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP** with guest speaker: Emily Hill of Behavioral Healthcare of Columbia on September 22, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. Please call Beth Adkins at 931-729-4236 with any questions.

...**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY OUTREACH**...Please join Tim & Lynn Tuggle on September 22, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. on the Centerville Town Square— East Side, to pray for our Military, our Leaders, and our Country.

...Homecoming at the *Rocky Valley Church of Christ*, September 30, 2012. Please join us as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Speaker: Rick Warren Bible Study: 10:00 A.M.; Worship: 11:00 A.M. Fellowship Meal following morning worship service. Afternoon song service: 2:00 P.M.

## Requesting Prayers



*Ruth Alderson* has requested your prayers for her and her family. *Remember them daily.*

**Philippians 4:6** - "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

## Baptisms



We rejoice with *Michael Smith* who was baptized September 14, 2012.

## September Events...

...September Series, Wednesday nights. Special group class for ages 3-4th grade. Babyland & 2 Year Old Class will meet.

...September 23 Camp Board Meeting at Camp Meribah at 5:00 P.M.

## Coming in October...

...Oct. 10 Wednesday Night Dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

...Oct. 11 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...Oct. 21 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship.

...Oct. 21 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.

...Oct. 28 Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot following worship service.

## Thank You

Fay Bowen writes: "I cannot express enough thanks to all of you for all of the kind things that have been done for me over past few months. Everyone has been so good to me! Thank You...."

A.J. Coates writes: "I would like to thank everyone for the birthday cards I received. Thank you so much for remembering me."

The Family of Cynthia Scott Mitchell writes: "Our family enjoyed all of the food and desserts that were brought to the funeral home. We appreciate all the cards and expressions of sympathy from a congregation she truly loved."

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Kathy Lawhon* who passed away after a battle with cancer. She was the sister-in-law of *Larry & Donna Lawhon*.

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Margaret Woods* who passed away in *Somerville, TN*. She was the mother of *Bryan (Lori) Woods*, and the grandmother of *Stevy & Cody Woods*.



**Attention:** Members of *Ward Mayberry's* Sunday Morning Class...The *Sunday morning Bible class* is moving from the fellowship hall into the Library. This will be effective 23, 2012.

## Prayer Requests



...Colonel *Jeffery Denton*, son of *Johnnie Ruth Denton*, had emergency surgery for a ruptured appendix September 15th. He lives in the *Washington, D.C.* area.

...*Charlie Shelton* had spine surgery on September 18th at the *Howell Allen Clinic*.

...*Robert Bryant* had a stent implanted last week due to a blockage.

...*Lois Sanders* is in *Horizon Medical Center* recovering from surgery and dealing with an infection.

...*Doug Burchard* is recovering at home and doing well.

...*Pam Morgan* is at *Life Care Center* for therapy.

...*Mark Payne* of *Jasper, Tennessee*, is recovering from a very serious spine surgery and doing well. He is a very good friend of *James & June Aydelott*.

...*Evelyn Lee*, the grandmother of *Amy Gossett*, suffered a broken hip and is in *Baptist Hospital*.

...*Carolyn Stoltz* is recovering at home.

...*Shawna Lea Smith* has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She is a friend of *Wayne & Jean Qualls*.

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

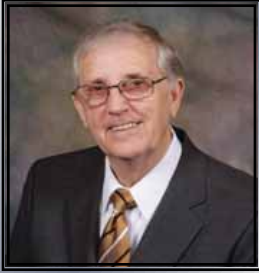
*Pam Morgan, Carolyn Stoltz, Lois Sanders, Joyce Mayberry, Mary Helen Barber, June Matyas, James Dawes, George Church, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Joyce Carroll, Bobby Kelley, Teresa Stone, Paul Litton, Mollie Orton, Noah Elliott, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd.*

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

Hickman County Nursing Home: *Brown Brece, Ruby Wells.*



## Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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John Bradley	931-994-7358

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Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Craig Shelton	615-418-2228
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

### Secretaries

Tammy Willis	931-729-4201 cell: 931-994-2672
Ruth Reece	729-4201



***We received a donation to  
Framing the Future!  
Thank you very much....***

### READ SCRIPTURE

September 23	Patrick Allen
September 30	Chuck Taylor

### Prayer Week of September 23

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Randy Wright	Chris Hughes
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Robert Bowman	Warren Potts
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Mike Brown	Colby Shelton