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Bryan McAllister

"I Hope You Know"

Even in laughter the heart may sorrow, and the end of mirth may be grief" (Proverbs 14:13). The news of the death of Robin Williams, and the manner in which this comedic giant met his death shocked most all who at one time or another were entertained by his endless energy and unpredictable humor. In recent days, we've been touched by the many reports of Williams' compassion and thoughtfulness. What seems to perplex so many is the joy he brought to so many others, and yet the depth of pain and torment he experienced in his own life. Useful or not, social media has allowed for a myriad of opinions to be shared. Some have commented intelligently on the matter, while others have merely commented. When looking at the life of this man you cannot help but see certain points which bear out for our learning.

One, wealth, fame, power, influence, and notoriety are all temporary and in and of themselves, do not make the difference in making life "better." There is still the great need of our lives to "lay up treasures in heaven" so that our heart is tied to more than this world and its trappings, so it finds it's anchor with God in His eternity (Matthew 6:19-21).

Two, suicide is rarely spoken of in our culture today and when it occurs and impacts our lives, it tends to confuse us. Suicide is mentioned some seven times in scripture, and is never portrayed in a positive light. God is a God of life and we are to be a people who respect and value all life (see Psalm 139). Unfortunately, our culture of death in which we live today, and our culture which disparages life and the procreation of it, sees this impact through the rise in the rate of suicide. Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. (more common than homicide) and the third leading cause of death for ages 15 to 24 years. No man, and the mind of man, can know with absolute certainty the state of the mind of those who find themselves on the verge and in the midst of taking their



own life. Clearly to the rationale and focused mind, the thought of self termination if considered, is rejected. But for the mind broken from reality, being able to know the state of that mind is not in our ability. We are content to allow the "judge of all the earth" to do and know what is right (Genesis 18:25).

Three, mental illness may very well be spoken of with the same silent whispering, as is suicide. Since we do not know what to do to help or aide, we whisper and avoid the topic and ultimately those who struggle with these and similar torments. I believe there is an answer, because I believe we are more than physical bodies, and troubled minds; we are people who possess an everlasting soul, and until we begin speaking back to the part of us which is tied to eternity, we will forever be troubled and confused. "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end" (Ecclesiastes 3:11). I hope you know, there is no darkness of the mind or soul that the light of God cannot reach in order to lead the heart to a better day.

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Mike & Bellinda Potts to our work and worship! Their address is: 484 Lewis Totty Road Duck River, Tennessee 38454
Welcome!



Centerville Church of Christ *Friends & Family Day*

August 24, 2014

Worship 9 A.M.

"Hurry Home to the Benefit of Family"

Bible Class 10 A.M.

11 A.M. Potluck Lunch

Followed by

Dessert & Discussion

Question & Answer Forum

If you would like to submit a *question for discussion*, you may submit your question to the church office or email ccoc@centervillechurchofchrist.org by August 20, 2014



Please join us to *Knock on Doors* and invite our neighbors and friends to our Friends & Family Day August 24, 2014. *Thursday, August 21* and *Friday, August 22* from 6-8 P.M. and *Saturday, August 23* from 8 A.M.—12 noon meet at the Centerville Church of Christ and help in this effort to reach our community. Please bring cookies/snacks individually wrapped to hand out as we go from door to door. We hope to see you then!!



August 24
FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
August 27

LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-6:45

Host T.B.A.

August 31
SPARKS &

INTERMEDIATES
MONKEY JOE'S
12:00-4:30

September 5

5TH QUARTER
After the Game
until 11:30

Fellowship Hall

COMING

SOON...

September 13

RUSH

@Freed

Hardeman

University

Jr. & Sr. High

YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN
CRAIG SHELTON

A BUSLOAD TO THE ISLAND! 30 of us enjoyed the day Saturday in Huntingdon, TN at Redneck Island for our Back to School Splash! It was a funny, painful, and unforgettable all rolled into one. From the blob, to the huge water slides, to "king of the hill" we had a blast. Thanks to Jennifer Hudgins and Misty Shelton for their help with the day.

SUNDAY NIGHT WAS OUR FIRST Senior High Fireside of the school year. Over 30 of us gathered in the Lighthouse for some time to focus on the prayer of Christ from John 17. We had a great night of wonderful singing, some beautiful prayers, and a time to focus our thoughts. Also, we had some fun playing scatterball and just hanging out in the Lighthouse. Thanks to Brian Qualls for helping Misty and me with the night!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER CALENDARS ARE READY! You may pick yours up at the Youth News Board, in the Lighthouse, or at our Facebook or Twitter pages or even from our App. On the calendars you will find RUSH at FHU, Junior & Senior High Firesides, Lighthouses, Bible Studies, Services at Totty's Bend, Sparks & Intermediate Corn Maze Trip and more, 5th Quarters, HCHS Volleyball Tailgater, and a whole lot more. Through the month more will be added as we make more preparations for Prayer Breakfast and other events. Invite others to join us and don't miss at thing!

"THE CHURCH EXISTS FOR NOTHING ELSE but to draw men into Christ. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time. God became Man for no other purpose." --C. S. Lewis. If you have noticed lately we have been studying a lot on John 17 at our Firesides and last year's Senior High Retreat. It is the prayer Christ prayed for his disciples before his crucifixion. The prayer was also for those who believe because of them, that would be you and I. Since my return to Youth Ministry I have emphasized a key component to our ministry and that is "being one." Proverbs 27:17, Ecclesiastes 4:12, I Corinthians 12, and John 17 are verses we have used to build upon and to understand the need for one another to overcome the temptations and trials of this world. Our young people have grasped this and are striving to be supportive and dependable for one another. As we continue to emphasize that, we add more from John 17 to "be sanctified" and "believe." In order to do that we must set ourselves apart and show our faith in sharing the salvation offered through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Everything we have on the calendar for our Youth Ministry has a purpose and a reason for the activity or event. Our young people do a tremendous job of involving others in all our activities and I encourage them to continue to do so. Now, the next step is to continue to invite, involve, and include others for the purpose of saving the lost and sharing the blessings we have through Him. May we take the prayer offered up by Christ to live out the hope He had in our lives and as well as those that will believe in Him through us.
follow His path, -Craig

Thank You

The Family of Timothy Brown writes: "Our family would like to thank everyone for your kind words, prayers cards, gifts and flowers, and for the food that was prepared for us. Our brother was a very kind, and soulful man, he fought a long battle and thank you for being there through Timothy's journey."

Jimmy Reece writes: "I want to thank everyone who sent me a card for my 81st birthday. It is nice to be remembered."

Martha Leath writes: "To My Church Family, Thanks for planting a garden in my heart by your calls, cards, visits, food and most of all your prayers for my continual healing. My thank you seems so small compared to all you have done, but it comes from my heart."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Don Lockett and Vilma McFarlin by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

"Church Directory"

It is time again for a new *Centerville Church of Christ Directory*. You can schedule your appointment online by going to our website:

www.centervillechurchofchrist.org or schedule your appointment following worship service in the new lobby. *Someone will be available to help you.* Photographs will be taken September 11,12,13,25,26,27,30.

Sign-Up Today !!

Baptisms

BAPTISM We rejoice with Steven Fanter and Cody Taylor who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.....

Checks have been mailed to the appropriate educational institution for each scholarship recipient.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION
\$ 11,321.04
BUDGET \$ 13,276.00
Camp Meribah
\$ 203.50

Bridal Shower



You are invited to a bridal shower for Chelsea Bailey, bride elect of Joey Bradley, on August 24, 2014 from 2-4 P.M. at the Outreach Center. Parents: John & Debbie Bradley and Cindy & Ronnie Bailey Given by : Family & Friends

Bridal Shower



You are invited to a bridal shower for Hannah Goodpasture, bride elect of Jonathan Longworth, Sunday, August 31, 2014 from 1-2:30 at the Outreach Center. They are registered at Town Crier, Target, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Drew & Bonni McDonald on the birth of a son, Grantham Ace McDonald. He was born August 17, 2014 and weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Bill & Joy McDonald.

50th Wedding Anniversary



You are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jerri W. Barber and Gail Barber Saturday, August 30 From two o'clock till four o'clock At Berry's Chapel Church of Christ. Please bring memories, stories, and pictures to share. Your presence will be their present. Refreshments will be provided.

PRAYER

changes things

...Sheryle Elkins, mother of Mike (Regina) Elkins, will be having treatments for cancer.

...Pearl Cagle, sister of Guy (Janet) Barber, is in the local hospital dealing with health problems.

...James Stoltz, father of Melissa Qualls and Helen Simmons, will have surgery on August 25th at Centennial for prostate cancer.

...Susan Hudgins is recovering from surgery for elbow reconstruction.

...Beverly Bruno is back at the Life Care Center.

...Drake Irwin, grandson of Don & Debbie Qualls, was treated and released from Centennial Hospital over the weekend due to pneumonia and asthma.

...Bobby Underhill is at the Life Care Center and is recovering from surgery.

...Bill Pinkerton, father of Shirley (Michael) Bryant, is in St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Roger Dotson is taking treatments for cancer.

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

Martha Minick, Hedwig Pilcher, Ken Phillips, Janice Lawson, Amanda Mathis, Margaret Forrester, Lisa Shepard, Isaac Whitson, Betty Massow, Melissa Beasley, Richard Tate, Amanda Cannon, June Matyas, Jaxon Long, Shelia Rochelle, Natisha Wright, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Remember our shut-ins with a card or a note: Sammye Elrod, Jean Plemmons, Demetria Barner, Mildred Barnes, Martha Jo Wallace, Floyd Powell, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Edward Loveless, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Stella Greer, Beverly Bruno, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.



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*Edward Loveless
 100 Years Old
 August 31, 2014*

Kenneth Edward Loveless was born August 31, 1914 to Walker and Minnie Loveless. When he was 6 years old his mother died. His father, Walker, later married Lorene Garrette. He grew up in Brushy with his sister Freda Coble and his brother Jack. He went to the Brushy Grammar School which was a 1 room school house. He later went to Hickman County High School . He played basketball for Hickman County High School and later attended Austin Peay, where he played baseball. He and Jack loved baseball and played at Patton's Park with the Patton Cats. He worked for TVA during the war. He was in the National Guard. He owned a grocery store on Columbia Avenue in Centerville. He was married to Nettie Hinson for 69 years. They had 2 children, Ralph & Vivian. Together they ran The Men's Shop from 1952-1989. It was a popular meeting place for men. A lot of coffee was consumed and many county problems solved. Mr. Loveless was awarded "Man of the Year" in 1948. He was a member of the Kiwanas Club, (helped to organize the Christmas parade each year), Knights of Pythias, and original member of the Skyview Country Club. He loved golf. He has been a member of the Centerville Church of Christ since 1948. He taught a bible class for men , served as a deacon, and was the church Treasurer for 34 years. He and Paul Rogers shared the same birthday (20 years difference). He and Nettie celebrated each year with Paul and Judy. Mr. Loveless is still interested in his church. He loves the weekly publication of The Messenger. He sends food to sick and bereaved of the congregation. Every Sunday he will ask, "Was there a big crowd at church ?" He is still very interested in his community and reads the paper everyday. He loves his family and is interested in his great granddaughters Abigail, Josie, and Chloe and keeps up with their school affairs. A wonderful parent, grandparent, teacher, friend to all....We salute Mr. Edward Loveless for reaching this milestone in his life. He looks forward to his 100th birthday and many more.

Happy Birthday !

Elders' Prayer
 August 24
 M. Goodpasture
Wait On Table
 Daniel Dressler

READ SCRIPTURE

August 24 Sam Chessor
 August 31 Eric Nash

Prayer Week of August 24

S.M.W.
 John Durham
 S.E.W.
 John Smith
 W.E.B.S.
 Brian Qualls

S.M.D
 Alan Potts
 S.E.D.
 Marty Smith
 W.E.D.
 Griffin Elkins