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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

When Abraham and Lot would settle a dispute and avoid a larger feud, Abraham would allow Lot his choice of land in which to dwell. Lot looked toward the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, and over time, steadily made a progression toward those cities. The reality of Lot's life becomes our own, because we too are people who will make certain judgments based on rumor or speculation or plain old curiosity. A common fear of church leaders, bible teachers, spouses, parents, and Christians in general is not necessarily that the next generation will grow up to practice sin and immorality, (although that is a legitimate fear). Their fear is the next generation will grow up approving these behaviors and in their apathy, the light we are to shine will have been placed under yet another basket in order to prevent the world from seeing their way out of darkness.

Sodom and Gomorrah became a phrase that is synonymous with sin, immorality, depravity, and illicit sensuality. It's not until you read Genesis 19:5 that you learn the acts of Sodom and Gomorrah were truly of the most offensive and unnatural class. Men would act upon their basest carnal, fleshly pleasures just for the sake of saying they could. Scripture points to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah as the key example of what it means to fall into a life of sin and immorality. Lifestyles of immorality, including homosexuality, are called by God to be "ungodly" and "strange flesh" and serve as an example of "suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (II Peter 2:6; Jude vs. 7). This immorality in all its forms is what God was coming to judge upon Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:17-19). It has been observed in recent times, "If God doesn't punish America [soon], He'll have to apologize to Sodom and Gomorrah."

What did God want to do with Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:32-33)? He was wanting to spare the city. He was not wanting to condone their behavior. He was not wanting to create a narrative for people to advance a notion which somehow incorporates unnatural uses of



the body, and practices of our sexuality as the normative way of life. He was not wanting to ignore or dismiss, or have others adopt the attitude of apathy. He was wanting to spare the city, not for the sake of the sinful, but for the sake of the righteous souls. He was wanting to answer the intercession of Abraham and spare the city so that they could see His light and glory. He needed four more righteous souls to make the difference in the lives of thousands.

Before Lot's errors were fatal, there was mercy shown to him by God. God was not looking for vengeance for the sake of vengeance. God was looking to show mercy, salvation, and hope. God wanted to save the souls of the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah with the light of 10 righteous souls. Lot may have earned the title of righteous Lot (II Peter 2:6) not for how he began but for what he became. He became a father who when warned, took his family away from the danger of what would have ultimately taken their lives. When he was warned, he became the leader who guided his family away from death. I hope you know, Sodom and Gomorrah is not a story of how God delights in the death of those who sin. Sodom and Gomorrah is a story of God's mercy, His patience, and His delight in those who turn from evil and turn to live in His will.



Making The Pieces Fit Learning Your Way Through Loss

Grief Seminar By Bill McDonald

Centerville Church of Christ Outreach Center

*Dates: March 3 & 4
March 11
March 17, 18*

Time: 6:00-8:30 P.M.

You May Sign-Up In The Church Lobby Or Contact The Church Office At 931-729-4201 or McDonald Funeral Home at 931-729-3561.

Tennessee Children's Home Spring Food and Supply Drive

The Food Truck Will Be Here Thursday, March 20, 2014

Needed Items :

100 % Orange and Grape Juice

Sugar

BBQ Sauce

Hot Sauce

Canned Chicken

Velveeta Cheese

Cooking Spray

Kool-Aid (Canisters)

Toilets Paper

Bar Soap

Anti-Bacterial Kitchen Cleaner

Pine-Sol

Laundry Detergent

13 and 55 gallon garbage bags

"Change For The Children"

Coin banks will also be picked up

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Chip Minick by Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam.

...a donation to the Day School has been given in memory of Thelma Bates and in honor of Miss Hallie Hunt by Janie & Steve McClannahan.

Baptism



We rejoice with Brenda Settle who was baptized February 7, 2014 by members of the Jail Ministry.



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON



Feb. 12, 19, 26

WEDNESDAY WINTER SERIES AND MEALS

February 12
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7:00

February 13
JUNIOR HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST
HCMS @ 7:30

February 15
20/30

SWEETHEART BANQUET
6:00 @

Outreach

Feb. 16-21

T & C

MISSION TRIP TURN IN #1

February 16

SR. HIGH

FIRESIDE

Grady Teet

7:00-9:00

February 17

BIBLE STUDY

Girls-Newsom's

Guys-Dotson's

6:00-7:00

Feb. 21-22

LAD & DAD

RETREAT

McDonald

Farm

Beaverdam

February 23

YOUNG MEN

LEAD

SERVICES AT

TOTTY'S BEND

5:30-7:45

Feb 28-Mar 2

SR.

SPOTLIGHT /

SR. HIGH

RETREAT

Gatlinburg

YES IT IS FLU SEASON! Yes the Flu has struck and made several adjustments in the schedule. Thanks to Mike Elkins for covering for the Senior High Prayer Breakfast last Thursday. The Sparks and Intermediate Movie Trip was cancelled, but it seems several went ahead and enjoyed the movie. Then Sunday night, the Junior High had a large crowd for the Fireside in the Lighthouse. Thanks to Brett, Heather, and Jake Martin and to Ray & Shelda Qualls and Madelyn True for hosting the night. Also thanks to Misty for covering for me and to Griffin Elkins for taking care of the devotional and games. It was a long week but it is good to be back and ready for some busy weeks!

THE TURKS & CAICOS FIRST TURN IN has been postponed until next week. I will need \$400 per person planning to go and will need another \$400 the week of March 16 for the second turn in. We will then buy the plane tickets and have the final turn in April 13 of \$300. This will allow us to finalize plans in preparation for May 24. Remember this money covers your airfare, lodging, and transportation. Meals will be on your own unless extra money has been turned in for that. If for some reason there is a delay on any turn in, just let me know. Also, several of you are having funds come in from letters you have written. See me if you are interested if you have received any. Continue to pray for this trip and the impact it will make on the islands and our lives too!

20/30s SWEETHEART BANQUET THIS SATURDAY NIGHT! We will meet at the Outreach Center at 6, with the guys gathering at 5 to prepare. This is our annual time to celebrate Valentines and for the guys to cook for the girls. If you do not have a date, come join us anyway. The night and the fun will be for everyone!

HAVE YOU PICKED UP AN APPLICATION YET? The Senior Spotlight / Senior High Retreat is planned for February 28-March 2 in Gatlinburg. It is one of the highlights of the year and this year is no exception. Plans are for it to be one of the best! Be sure to get your application in with a deposit by February 23! This will BEE unforgettable, one that fun and laughter will BEE had all weekend and a time to see just what Christ wanted us to BEE in John 17. I can't wait!

THE FLU IS NOT THE BEST WAY TO GET a few days off, but it was a way to stop, rest, and heal! So often in life we go from one thing to the next, as fast as we can, barely stopping to rest or catch our breath. "Be still and know that I am God." Challenge yourself to stop, rest, and know God better through it. You may surprise yourself how much more "healthy" you become.

Follow His path, -Craig

Thank You

Wanda Berry writes: "Our family would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been given us during this time of sorrow. Losing my mom has been a painful experience, but we are blessed to have had her love and presence in our lives for so many years. Your loving support has been a great help. Thank you for being there when we needed you most. With love, Wanda."

Bobby McCoy writes: "Thanks goes to everyone for the beautiful reception for my retirement. From the lovely scrapbook, cards, gifts and words of appreciation. I thank the staff for setting it all up and I thank all those who came."

Area Events

...Ladies' Day at the Highland Heights Church of Christ, 785 S. Lowry Street Smyrna, TN. 37167 Saturday, March 8, 2014. 8:30 A.M. Registration, 9 — 11:30 A.M. Lesson, 11:30—12:30 Lunch Provided RSVP 615-459-4071.

...Columbia Avenue Church of Christ invites you to a Fasting Workshop Saturday, February 22, 2014. Facilitator: Amanzo Jones, Minister Hart Street Church of Christ, Nashville, TN. 9 A.M.—12 noon.

Sympathy



James Westmoreland
1921–2014

We express our sympathy to the family of James Westmoreland who passed away. Mr. Westmoreland was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ and a veteran of World War II. To his wife Louise, sons Charles (Yvonne) Westmoreland, Keith Westmoreland and sister Valarie Burns, grandchildren Christopher and Jason Westmoreland, and great grandson Kolby Westmoreland we extend our deepest sympathy.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,034.51

BUDGET \$

13,276.00

Sunday School

\$ 228.42

Wednesday Nights In February...

Love Is...

February 12

Love Is Forgiving

Speaker: Bryan McAlister

February 19

Love Never Fails

A Wife's Love For Her Husband

Speaker: Dr. Larry Mathis

February 26

Love Never Fails

A Husband's Love For His Wife

Speaker: Steve Kirby

Dinner Hosted in the Fellowship Hall Each Wednesday Evening

5:30-6:30 February 12th

Bill McDonald's Class

Menu: Homemade Soups/Grilled Cheese Sandwiches/Cornbread/Desserts

...February 15th *20/30's Valentine Banquet* at the Outreach Center at 6 P.M.



...February 21 & 22 *Lad/Dad Retreat* at Beaverdam *Sign-Up in the Lobby.* Arrive at 5 p on Friday evening.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Martha Jo Wallace, Opal Roder, Ruth Stephenson, Beverly Bruno, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris. NHC Dickson: Louise Westmoreland

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

Farris Baker, Jr., Agnes Owens, Alisa Harrington, George Garland, David Brown, Mildred Bridges, June Aydelott, Don Luther, Carolyn Chessor, Willie B. Coates, Fred Wineman, Gene Morris, Ruth Reece, Andrea Spears, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Lisa Shephard, Tina Johnson, Hugh Bates, Wayne Dunn.



Please Pray For :

...Andrea Spears is at the home of her parents in Columbia with hospice care. *Visits are not discouraged but asked to be brief.*

...Timothy Brown, the brother of Pam Griggs, is in critical care in Skyline Medical Center.

...David Baker, father of Davy Baker, has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

...Farris Baker, Jr. is at the Life Care Center for therapy.

...Agnes Owens is at Dickson Health Center for therapy following back surgery and is doing well.

...Don Luther has returned home.

Sympathy



Audrey Moline Atkinson
1929-2014

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the loss of our dear sister Moline Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson was a faithful member of the Centerville Church of Christ for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Earl, two sons, Ernie and Paul Atkinson, and great grandson Hayden Mathis. To her children Bobby Ray, Kitty Pharris, Steve (Terri) Atkinson, Claudette Atkinson, Lilly Durham, Roger Atkinson, James (Dana) Atkinson, Michelle Atkinson, 11 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, numerous step grandchildren/great grandchildren, we extend our deepest sympathy.

"Who can find a virtuous woman ? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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Wait on Table

3rd Sunday
 George Garland

4th Sunday
 Mike Plunkett

Left
 Shaun Lawson
 Randy Wright
 Derek Newsom
 Eric Nash

Right
 Bobby McFarlin
 Danny Skelton
 Philip Jacobs
 Thomas Chessor

Alternates
 Craig Shelton
 Joey Hunt

Prayer Week of February 16

S.M.W. Michael Bryant	S.M.D Jimmy Copley
S.E.W. Derek Newsom	S.E.D. Mark Chessor
W.E.B.S. Bob McDonald	W.E.D. Riley Qualls

READ SCRIPTURE

Feb. 16	Roger Dotson
Feb. 23	Wayne Chessor

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

Worship Service Times

Sunday A.M.	9:00	A.M.
Bible Class	10:15	A.M.
Sunday P.M.	6:00	P.M.
Wednesday	7:00	P.M.

Bible Hour
Sunday Night
6 P.M.



Daily Updates
 & Devotional
 Message

931-729-5055,
 931-729-0022