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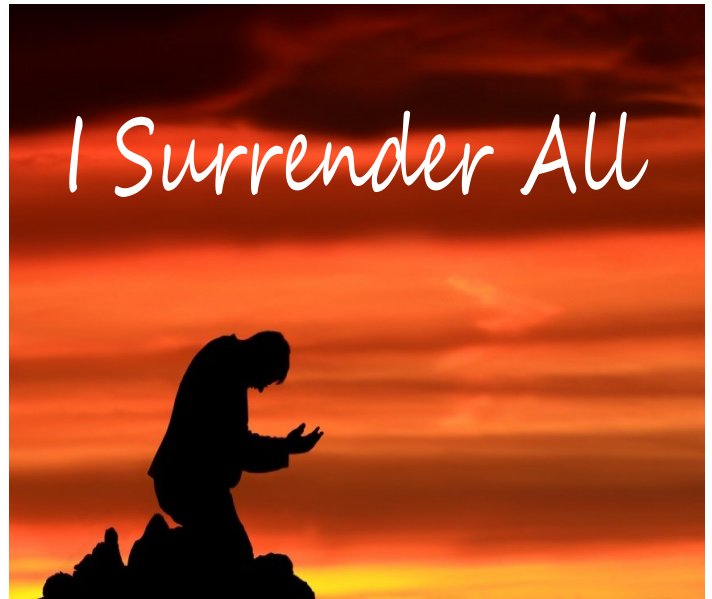
Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Scripture reveals the nature of the church is built in people and not on property. The Bible says the church was "called into fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (I Cor 1:9)...the church is built on the foundation of Jesus, "for no other foundation can anyone lay than that which was laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor 3:11)...the church, the people, the called out ones from the world, are the ones in whom and of whom the Holy Spirit, the Lord Himself, and God almighty, make their dwelling in us, "Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own" (I Cor 6:19)?

These words are the reason we understand Jesus' words, "And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:25). They were the words spoken to a nation on the brink of being split in two. Men of faith and politics have used this phrase to describe the essential need for unity. Yet our Lord begged for the battle ground of unity not to be on fields of war, or houses of legislation, and especially not in churches; but in the human heart, where one surrenders their desires for the sake of living out the higher will of an all powerful and all knowing God! Combining my will with the will of God has never been an acceptable way of living or serving. It must be that my will becomes the will of God and surrenders fully to His excellence by casting out my evil, embracing His life while dying to my own!

One of the boldest statements in scripture declares the existence of a more excellent way above even the power and prowess of the miraculous. Why is love the more excellent way? Because the church was divided. *She was never told not to be diverse*, she was commanded to never be divided. *She was never told to be denominational*, she was told to be distinct. *She was never told to be a single concept of Christ*, she was commanded to be of Christ. Love is the more excellent way, because too many were attempting to emphasize abilities and gifts as the



prominent way. Miracles were a hallmark of the early church, not simply for their power to amaze, but because of what was absent. At that time, there was no amazon.com, where you could download whatever version of scripture you wanted to read. There had to be some way for the word of God to be authenticated, validated, confirmed by those who heard it and were called upon to believe in Jesus as their Savior. Miracles served as the first century form of Apple fingerprint touch ID. Through the authentication of the Holy Spirit, these Christians and the word they preached, belonged to God. So does His Son's church.

Paul never died for a church, Apollos never died for a church, and Cephas (Peter) never died for a church (I Corinthians 1:13). And can I tell you one more thing? They never claimed they did...the people just decided to turn their attention to these men and follow and prefer them. Paul was right, did any one of these men lay themselves down to be crucified for you? NO! And then when the echo of the deafening "NO" had faded, the only other sound we are left to hear is that of the Son of God, saying "He who hears these sayings of mine and does them, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock, and the rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew, and beat on that house, but it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" (Matt 7:24-25). I hope you know, our Lord's church is alive and well, and we are inspired to invite all to share her love.

*February Series
Precious Moments Make
Precious Memories*

February 11

Steve Baggett

**When The Blessings Begin:
What I Wish My Children Thought
About Growing Old**
Dinner Hosted by:
Bill McDonald's Class

February 18

Jim Faughn

**When The Honor Doesn't End:
What I Wish My Parents Would Tell
Me They Need**
Dinner Hosted By: **20/30's Class**

February 25

Andy Connelly

**When The Blessings Begin:
What I Wish My Children Trusted
Me To Do**
Dinner Hosted By:
Wayne Qualls' Class



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

PLANS ARE STARTING TO FORM for our Summer Mission Trip West. Currently around 30 adults and teens are looking to spend July 8-19 traveling from here to Montana. We will visit several congregations and also conduct a Vacation Bible School as well. We are thankful to John Smith who travels every summer to the west to spread God's word and to encourage many congregations. We look forward to his leadership as we embark on our trip this summer. Please pray with us that many lives will be encouraged through our efforts.

AN ENJOYABLE NIGHT WITH THE JUNIOR HIGH! We had a fantastic Junior High Fireside Sunday night in the Lighthouse. Thanks to Bryan & Mendy McAlister for hosting with some delicious food. Also, thanks to Griffin Elkins and Colby Shelton for helping with the night too. Remember to "Be led as you look to lead" this week!

THE MONTHLY BIBLE STUDIES are such a big part of our ministry. Thanks to Matthew & Cissy and Derek & Rachel for their organizing and leading these special times of study. If you have not been attending, start next month on the second Monday at 6!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT is getting closer! Because of space, currently the applications are available for those who have been actively attending our other events. You will have until Sunday to turn those back in with your payment before we open up the remaining spots to others. This is always a special time for our group to

refocus, make a lot of memories, and to take time to tell our Seniors how much they mean to us.

HIROO ONODA, AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, caused a sensation when he was persuaded to come out of hiding in the Philippine jungle in 1974 almost 30 years after the end of the second world war. Refusing to believe that the war had ended with Japan's defeat in August 1945, Onoda drew upon his training in guerilla warfare to stay alive for so many years. He was only persuaded to surrender when his former commanding officer travelled to his island to convince him that the war had ended. Until then, Onoda believed attempts to persuade him to leave were a plot concocted by the pro-US government in Tokyo. By the time he surrendered he had been on the island since 1944, two years after he was drafted into the Japanese imperial army. How often do we keep fighting a war that a victor has already been named? How often do we refuse to succumb to a way that is not ours. How often do we think we have it all figured only to see that we have only lied to ourselves. What does it take to surrender? Who does it take to finally realize that in the end, the Lord is the victor? Satan and his lies are the ones who lose for all eternity. What stands in your way? What keeps you from living a life secluded from the lie that this world is your answer, your safety, your home? And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it." Mark 8:34-35. follow His path -Craig

February 11
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7:00

February 12
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER
BREAKFAST
Lighthouse
D & M Skelton
7:00am

February 15
SR HIGH
FIRESIDE
Griffin Elkins
7:00-9:00

February 20
LAD & DAD
RETREAT
McDonald Farm

February 25
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7:00

Feb 27-Mar 1
SENIOR
SPOTLIGHT/
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT
Gatlinburg

I Surrender All...

Weekly Challenge:

Sunday	John 13-15
Monday	I, II, III John
Tuesday	Romans 8
Wednesday	Psalms 18
Thursday	Psalms 45
Friday	Psalms 92
Saturday	I Corinthians 13

Thank You

The Family of David Jimerson writes: "Thank you very much for the wind chimes. They were very nice. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing The Future Fund in memory of David Jimerson by the families of Jim & Allie Jenkins.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Daisy Sullivan, Larry Prince, Lloyd Bridges and David Jimerson by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

You Can Help.....



On February 5, 2015 the home of *Jake and Linda Jenkins* was destroyed by fire. They are members of the Twomey Church of Christ. Saturday, February 14th the doors of the church at *Twomey* will be open from 10 A.M. until 5 P.M. for donations of any items. (Furniture, clothing, money, etc.) For more information call *Victoria Kelley 931-729-1128*.

You Are Invited !



You are invited to a Bridal Tea for Kristen Stone, bride elect of Brad Garland, on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the Outreach Center from 1:30- 3:00 . Brad & Kristen are registered at the Town Crier.



...Feb.14
20/30's Valentine Dinner at the Lodge 6 P.M.



...Feb.20-21 *Lad/Dad Retreat McDonald Farm at Beaverdam*



...Feb. 27—March 1 *Senior Spotlight/ Senior High Retreat Gatlinburg*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$13,935.10

BUDGET

\$ 12,651.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 149.00

Area Events



...*Jackson Heights Church of Christ* invites you to their Men's Bible Study Weekend 2015,1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN. 38401 February 20, 2015 at 7 P.M., February 21, 2015 9 A.M. with Norm Webb, Jr.

...*Friends & Family Day* at the *Five Points Church of Christ*, 9040 Old Nashville Rd., Bon Aqua, Tennessee 37025 March 1, 2015. Speaker: Dan Cottrell



Thanks for the donation toward the purchase of blinds for the fellowship hall. It is greatly appreciated ! If anyone would like to donate to this cause please contact someone on the church staff or one of the Elders.

Home: Pauline Jimerson, Lorraine Loveless, Minnie Sue Baker, Willie B. Coates, Sammie Elrod, Jean Plemmons, Demetria Barner, Martha Jo Wallace, Floyd Powell, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Edward Loveless, Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Larry Talley, Lucille Breece, Mable Taylor, Nellie Kalosis, Helen Hudgins, Lucy Noles, Stella Greer, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor.

Dickson Nursing Home: James Clifton Thornton
Hickman County Nursing Home: Eltie Davis



Please Pray For:

...Tonya Oliphant is recovering at home.

...Carl Burton is recovering from surgery at home.

...Janet Barber will have a heart procedure done on Wednesday, February 11th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Georgia Moss has not been well recently and is undergoing tests. She is at her son's home.

...Minnie Sue Baker, grandmother of Davy, is in Maury Regional Hospital.

...Dr. Keith Brewer, Superintendent of Manchester City Schools and friend of Wayne Qualls, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor at St. Thomas Mid-Town. He is known among many educators in our county.

...Novalene Frost, grandmother of Cassidy Orton, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

...Donna Roberts will have hip surgery this week at Skyline Medical Center.

...Gabriel Roberson, grandson of Melvin & Felicia Roberson, has been diagnosed with hyperblastoma, a cancer of the liver. He is in Centennial Hospital.

...Sheryl Elkins, mother of Mike, received good news from her scan this week. The left lung tumor reduced by 95 %. She will have another scan in 2 months.

...Roger Dotson received a good report from his scan. The places on his liver and pancreas are smaller. He will get 2 weeks off from chemo.

...Dossie Ferrel, grandfather of Alisa Blystad, is in Centennial Hospital.

...Cassie Creighton has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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The *Food Truck* will be here on
Thursday, March 19, 2015
Spring Food and Supply Drive

Items Needed:

**100 % Bottled Apple & Grape
Juice
Hot Sauce
Canned Chicken
Velveeta Cheese
Pop Tarts
Kool-Aid (Canisters)**

**Toilet Paper
Bar Soap
Kitchen Floor Cleaner
Men's Deodorant
Laundry Detergent
13 and 55 gallon garbage bags
*Thanks So Much For Your Help !***

Wait on Table

3rd Sunday

Matthew Dotson

4th Sunday

Cody Woods

Left Side

Don Chessor

Mark Chessor

Jeremy Qualls

Michael Harrison

Right Side

Don Qualls

Lonnie Mayberry

Don Roder

Pat Sullivan

Alternates

Jonathon Aydelott

Daniel Poff

Elder's Prayer

February 15

Wayne Qualls

Prepare Communion

February 15 & 22

Bobby & Sandy McFarlin

READ SCRIPTURE

Feb. 15 David Brown

Feb. 22 Wayne Chessor

Prayer Week of Feb. 15

S.M.W.

Randy Wright

S.E.W.

Jonathon Aydelott

W.E.B.S.

Robert Bowman

S.M.D

Jimmy Copley

S.E.D.

James Easley

W.E.D.

Barrett Davis