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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Our troubles of today are ironically answered through the solutions of yesterday. The creation of our world finds the hope we are looking for in our struggle of today. When the Lord took the moment to create man, and when Adam, the first man, had been placed in the garden, it was God who allowed man to learn the lesson of loneliness and the remedy for loneliness is to seek the will of God to fill the void one feels as a result of the desire to not be alone. When from creation, man gained his help mate, the one made comparable, compatible and fitted for man. When man and woman were created to dwell in the harmony of creation and the presence of God, they were made to further the image of God in the world.

There is no time frame set to let us know how long Adam and Even dwelt with God in the midst of the garden. But the narrative of events from chapter 2 to chapter 3 seems to be so much like what we encounter. One day we're literally on top of the world and the next our world and everything we know in it, comes crashing down.

At some point we need to look at our marriages through the context of Genesis 3. Part of the problem, if not the main problem which was encountered in Genesis 3, was the way in which Adam and Eve perceived their boundaries. They did not take a realistic look at the role God's boundaries played in their lives. Eve specifically added to the restriction God had placed on the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said "don't eat," to which Eve further embellished when tempted by Satan, to say the Lord had forbidden them from even touching it. Appropriately, at some point we need to ask ourselves, is the thing against which I am fighting or wrestling my embellishment or is this really what is going on in my life? Am I examining what's happening or just exaggerating what's happening in my life? Too often, we make more out of our troubles than we need to and we distort them through our fears.



I don't know how and I don't intend to be distracted from the theme of our lesson, but the point is in context, the point of the presence of satan in the midst of this perfection. I don't know how satan comes on the scene in the form of the serpent nor do I know when, scripture does not offer that insight. What we do know is why he's in the garden. At some point, satan, an angel of heaven, tries to rise above God. He may have very well been some part of a heavenly coupe to overthrow God. They did not succeed. Jesus said "I saw satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18, Rev 12:9).

The seed of man would one day conquer the seed of Satan. It would not be easy, but it would be done. From the beginning the Lord has intended for us to see the remedy to our complicated lives and even our complicated relationships, is found in the pages of those early days of man's creation, and the beauty God had intended for us, from the beginning. In His perfection of creation, our lives were consecrated to His glory. In our fallen world, our lives, relationships and families are complicated through sin. I hope you know, through the Son of God, our lives are once again consecrated back to the Father for His will to take seed in our lives and fill us once more with His glory.

Happy Birthday !

Happy Birthday to *Thelma Deitmen* who is celebrating her 86th birthday on January 22, 2014. Her address is: Life Care Center Room # 122 112 Old Dickson Rd. Centerville, Tenn. 37033



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

AN AFTERNOON FULL OF INFLATABLE FUN! We had a blast last Saturday with 30 Sparks & Intermediates and several parents at Monkey Joe's. Thanks to all who went! Go ahead and plan on our next venture to see "The Lego Movie" on February 8!



January 22
LIGHTHOUSE
 5:00-7:00

January 24-26
20/30
RETREAT
 Gatlinburg

January 27
BIBLE STUDY
 Girls-D&R
 Newsom
 Guys-M&C
 Dotson
 6:00-7:00

February 2
"SOUP"ER
BOWL PARTY
 Lighthouse
 Jr. & Sr. High
 7:00-9:30

February 8
SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATE
LEGO MOVIE
 1:00-5:30

February 9
JR. HIGH
FIRESIDE

Madelyn True &
 Jake Martin
 host
 7:00-9:00

February 9
T & C

MISSION TRIP
TURN IN #1
COMING
SOON

Feb 28-Mar 2
SR.
SPOTLIGHT /
SR. HIGH
RETREAT
 Gatlinburg

WHEN WE ALL GET TOGETHER, THE HAPPIER WE'LL BE! Are you missing out on Sunday School? the Junior and Senior High had a combined class with over 40. Mike Goodpasture continued the study from the Elders on *Leadership*. In the 20/30's class not an empty seat could be found as almost 90 were in class as our study of "I. D.O.-Singing Solomon's Song" continued. The total attending Sunday School was 410! Keep encouraging and inviting, we will find more seats!

FIESTA WITH THE FAMILY! Sunday night following worship services, we enjoyed a delicious fiesta meal and piñata busting for the little ones. We ended the night with a family movie that left very few dry eyes. What a fantastic time together as a church family!

OUR YOUNG MEN WILL BEGIN LEADING the 4th Wednesday night devotional services. We are looking forward to this opportunity for our young men to have this experience and mature in their speaking, song leading, and prayers!

THE 20/30 RETREAT DEPARTS AT 5PM FRIDAY FOR GATLINBURG! 25 of us are planning a weekend to get the right "Focus" on the important things. Some great entertainment, food, and lots of laughter is planned. Also, some thought provoking devotionals and times to enjoy being together are on the agenda. All of this for only \$75! Pray for our safety and we will see you around 6PM Sunday night!

THE "SOUP"ER BOWL PARTY IS COMING UP! We will be in the Lighthouse with surround sound and several TVs. Also, Xbox, Wii, Playstation, ping pong, air hockey, foosball and board games will be available. To get in, you will have to bring a can or cans of soup and your favorite appetizer. This is for the Junior & Senior High, so invite your friends!

"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AGAIN I SAY REJOICE." -Philippians 4:4. *Secrets to happiness*- "Strive for excellence not perfection, Don't make excuses, Don't argue, Be kind to kind people, Be even kinder to unkind people, Take time to be alone, Be humble, Understand and accept that life isn't always fair, Don't sweat the small stuff, and Learn from the past, plan for the future, and live in the present." I came across this in my old "Notes from Nanny." Some good memories of a special lady. No one has the ability to "make" you happy or

unhappy. Circumstances and situations can place us in a predicament that is not pleasant, but again the reaction rests upon us. Seek to serve God in every situation, even with your attitude, and... follow His path, -Craig

Area Events



CHIP Coronary Heart Improvement Program

As we begin a New Year, a community Health Program that could give you optimum good health will be offered beginning in February. This program is designed to substantially lower high blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, heartburn, angina and to lessen depression. It facilitates the reversal of narrowed arteries. Thousands have been helped and you can be one of them.

Dr. Bill Dysinger, board certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, who has worked with the World Health Organization, and is also a graduate of Harvard University will conduct a free information session on Monday, January 27th from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Centerville Church of Christ. For more information call: 931-583-2792.

Thank You

Margie Olsen writes: "Thank you so much for the Sunshine Basket. I really enjoyed it and appreciate you remembering me.

Ruth Reece writes: "A big thank you to the Media Ministry for the "worship streaming" of the worship services that make it possible for me to participate in the church services each Sunday while shut in with my chemotherapy treatments. Also, thanks again for all the prayers (answered), cards (over 80), food (tasty & bountiful), visits, calls, all care and concern. Thanks for the Christmas "goodie bag" too. Love you all...."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Day School in memory of Chip Minick by Mrs. Parker D. Elrod.

...In lieu of flowers, the Centerville Church of Christ has given a donation to the Day School in memory of Chip Minick and a donation to Camp Meribah in memory of Thelma Bates.

...a donation has been given to the Day School in memory of Chip Minick by Bobby & Valerie McCoy.

Sympathy



Thelma Bates

1927- 2014

We express our sympathy to the family of Thelma Bates who passed away. Mrs. Bates was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for many years. To Red, her daughter, Wanda, granddaughter Jill (Ross) Hunt, great-granddaughter Hallie Hunt, and niece Carolyn Brown , we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jean Lowery, a sister-in-law of Jack and Bobbie Lowery , who passed away in South Carolina.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,691.87

BUDGET \$ 13,276.00

Sunday School

\$ 158.00

JANUARY



...January 24-26 20/30's Retreat

*Coming On Wednesday Nights
In February...*

Love Is...

*February 5 Love Is Willing
February 12 Love Is Forgiving
February 19 Love Never Fails
A Wife's Love For Her Husband
February 26 Love Never Fails
A Husband's Love For His Wife*

*Dinner Hosted in the Fellowship
Hall Each Wednesday Evening*

5:30-6:30

...February 2 Reception for *Retiring
Camp Superintendent Bobby McCoy*
4-5:30 P.M. in the lobby of the
Centerville Church of Christ.

Twin Girls !!



The family and friends of Cassidy Jenkins Alexander invite you to a baby shower on February 2, 2014 from 1-3 P.M. at the Outreach Center. It's twin girls !!



Please Pray For :

...Andrea Spears has returned home from the hospital.

...James Westmoreland is in St. Thomas West recovering from surgery.

...Margie Claud will have shoulder surgery Wednesday, January 22nd.

...It was great to see Betty Davis, Carol Bates, and Barbara Baker back with us !

...Geraldine Delaney, grandmother of Brent, has returned home from the hospital.

...Henrietta Rochelle is taking chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

...June Aydelott has been in Maury Regional Hospital. She is at home and did receive a positive report from her surgeon in recent days.

...Don Luther is recovering from knee replacement surgery and will be at the home of his daughter. His address is: 301 Tyson Paris, TN. 38242

...Agnes Owens, who attends the Thursday morning Ladies' Bible Class, will be having surgery in the coming days.

...Lake Bates is dealing with complications from an upper respiratory infection.

...James & Mildred Barnes are having health problems and have requested your prayers.

...Hugh Bates and Wayne Dunn, uncles of Alisa Harrington, are dealing with health problems.

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

Carolyn Chessor, Randy Deitman, Willie B. Coates, Fred Wineman, Gene Morris, Ruth Reece, Andrea Spears, Lonnie Garrett, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Lisa Shephard, Tina Johnson.

Home: Mazine Atkinson, Floyd Powell, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Jean Plemmons, Sammie Elrod, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Edward Loveless, Troy Parks, Louise Westmoreland



*A new commandment I give
unto you, That ye love one
another; as I have loved you,
that ye also love one another."*

John 13:34-35

Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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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.

Ministers

Bryan McAlister	931-994-3525
Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Craig Shelton	615-418-2228
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

Wait on Table

January 26

Ward Mayberry

Left

Michael Harrison
 Barry Shelton
 Pat Sullivan
 Michael Horner

Right

Eric Mayberry
 Chris Hughes
 Don Qualls
 Randy James

Alternates

John Bradley
 Marty Smith

Prayer Week of January 26

S.M.W. John Bradley	S.M.D Michael Bryant
S.E.W. Jim Hudgins	S.E.D. Robert Bowman
W.E.B.S. Dr. Jerry Nash	W.E.D. Eric Coleman

READ SCRIPTURE

January 26	Gregg Johnston
Feb. 2	Daniel Dressler

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

Secretary

Tammy Willis

If you would like to have the *Messenger* e-mailed to you weekly or visit it on our website, please contact the church office to be *removed from our mailing list.*

Please call: 931-729-4201 or e-mail: tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org



Daily Updates & Devotional
 Message
 931-729-5055,
 931-729-0022