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Bryan McAllister

"I Hope You Know"



"My little children" is how John refers to his audience of his great letter (I John 2:1). Later he would declare, "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called children of God" (I John 3:1). Some twelve times across these five chapters, John calls to our relationship with the Lord as His children. Desperate is the need for the hearts of God's people to know just how much the Lord values their life and desires to see that value shine through the tainted marks sin places on our lives. Equally so is our need to know God does not desire to thoughtlessly cast us away when we have encountered sin. His Son stands as our "advocate" and we could not have a better blessing than His voice on our behalf. Make no mistake about it, the sin's consequence is spiritual death (Romans 6:23). But fear not, there is no greater cure than the relationship of being a child of God.

Since last October, 52,000 children from Mexico have been sent across the border into the United States. You can't blame them, this is still the greatest nation in all the world, in spite of her moral flaws and political shortcomings. But to enter, it must be done lawfully, and not through deception and subterfuge. If so, there is no telling what kind of destruction can be done to the land they enter if they are not prepared to be here. God invites every manner of wounded heart, and broken life to come to His Son, and find the cleansing power of His blood to redeem our inherent value. Cleansed lives, prepared to enter the body is what God has called for. He does not permit nor does He persuade those who are not prepared to enter His body. There must be a cleansing and it must come from His authority (I John 1:7).

Our advocacy, the one fighting for us is Jesus Christ (I John 2:1). Our atonement, the one forgiving us is Jesus Christ (I John 2:12). Our abode, the life, lifestyle, and life path of Jesus the Christ (I John 2:28)! Jesus Christ is our way out of a marred in sin life. Jesus Christ is our escape

from the broken living, broken thinking, broken pursuits of the world around us. Jesus Christ is our answer. No wonder, when we wonder what we shall be like when we live forever, the answer is Jesus, we will be like Him (I John 3:2)! No wonder, when we wonder why we don't fit into the world and the world seems to be so against us, the answer is Jesus, the world hates us because it first hated Him (I John 3:13)! No wonder, when we wonder what the Lord is really looking for in our lives, He's not looking for lip service, He's looking for the image of His Son, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth" (I John 3:18).

We, the church, the redeemed of the Lord, the cleansed and sanctified from sin, are the one's who have been given the privilege to be called His children. From this privilege comes the power of His relationship and His reassurance, our God does not want to cast us away, but call us to our highest potential as His children. If you have obeyed the gospel, you do not have to guess if you're saved, you can live because you're saved, like you are a child of the Most High God! I hope you know, that is the benefit of assurance in the life of a child!

2014 Summer Camp Review

"After six consecutive years of camp growth, how can we possibly continue to increase our numbers at this rate?" This question popped into my head more than once following Camp Meribah 2013. After six highly-successful summers on The Hill, it seemed unlikely that our rapid increase could continue at the same rate as the previous years. But God had other plans! Once camp began and applications continued pouring in, we soon realized our summer camp growth would not only continue, but it would do so at an even greater rate than previous years! With God in control, all things truly are possible!

Camp Meribah 2014 saw a camper enrollment of more than 300 kids for the first time in over a decade. More specifically, our total of 343 campers over the four-week period was an increase of 48 children from last year. Day Camp and Teen Week continued to grow at the fastest rates, with 72 day campers (ages 4-8) and 104 teenagers. The other two residence weeks were also both past our "full" mark of 80 campers per week. Additional cabins were created, more bunks brought in, and Camp Meribah continued to prosper and serve the Lord as it has done for more than 45 years!

Camp Meribah is a special place for many reasons, but our staff ranks right at the top of the list. Thank you to everyone who served as counselors, assistant counselors, CIT's, program, cooks, devotional speakers, or in any other way. A special thanks goes to Joey Chilton, Craig Shelton, and Matthew Dotson for being my right-hand men as always, but especially this summer when Bryson decided to arrive in the middle of camp!

Our Teen Week theme this year was "Legacy." While reflecting on summer camp, I am grateful for the legacy Camp Meribah continues to have not only within our congregation, but within our town as well as neighboring communities. I'm thankful that men of this congregation had the foresight years ago to establish a Bible camp to teach and also bring joy to our children. I'm also appreciative of the Centerville Church of Christ's legacy of generosity toward Camp Meribah, specifically in the form of scholarships. This year 95 campers were able to attend because of assistance from the scholarship fund. Thank you, thank you, thank you on behalf of these kids whose summer was made special because of your contributions! Can we continue to grow in 2015 after seven consecutive years of growth? We will certainly try our best, and we know that with God on our side anything is possible!

Clay, Tara,
Braydon & Bryson Chessor



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON

July 11-13
**SENIOR HIGH
&
20/30's
CINCINNATI
BLAST**
July 16-20
**TURKS &
CAICOS
MISSION TRIP**
July 27
**YOUTH,
PARENT
& VOLUNTEER
PLANNING
MEETING**
7:00 @
Lighthouse

CAMP MERIBAH 2014 has come to an end. Around 350 campers spent time on the hill splashing in creeks, playing a bunch of games, and making memories that will last a lifetime. Most importantly, these campers were given an opportunity, some for the first time, to learn about God, His sacrifice of His Son, and what we can do to have a home with Him one day. Thanks to our staff for giving their all for four weeks and for trying each day to be an example of Christ. It was hot at times, it was rainy a lot of times, we had times of exhaustion, but we "ran through to the end." Thanks once more to Clay & Tara for all the unbelievable amount of work to make this happen. Now, as I said last week, continue to pray for the seeds that been planted and look forward to the increase God will give for His kingdom in the years to come.

THE CINCINNATI BLAST BEGINS FRIDAY! The bus leaves at 6AM with plans to see the Reds vs Pirates that night. Saturday we will be at Kings Island from opening to closing. Sunday brings us home with a special worship service along the way with plans to be back by 5PM. Be sure to bring a pillow and some snacks for the bus if you like, some spending money and food money, and be ready for a fantastic time as a Senior High and 20/30 group! I can't wait!

JUST A WEEK AWAY AND WE WILL BE ON A PLANE SET FOR PROVIDENCIALS! On Wednesday, July 16, 22 of us will be boarding a bus leaving the parking at 5AM as we depart for the Turks & Caicos Islands Mission Trip. With that in mind, we will meet this coming Sunday night following worship in the Lighthouse to look over VBS materials and do some final preparations for the trip. It is hard to believe through all the planning, sending of letters, and prayers, that the time has arrived. Thank you to so many who have supported this effort in so many ways! We look forward upon our return to give a full report of the good works and experience we had on the trip. Continue to pray for our safety, that much good will be done, and that God's Word will be spread from our efforts and the efforts of the congregation there.

"4 QUARTERS ARE AS GOOD AS 100 PENNIES ANYDAY." A quote Clay Chessor used at camp that I love and will borrow. We may not always have hundreds of friends gathered around to encourage us and make us feel special, but if we have just 4 that are by our side no matter what, that is what will help us through. Not just any kind of friends though, but seek out friends that share your goal of getting to heaven and making the right decisions in difficult times. I guarantee it will make a difference in your life and eternity! Proverbs 27:17 and Ecclesiastes 4:11, 12 continue to ring true and are good guides. These verses will help solidify the lessons this month from Clay, Joey, Matthew, Bryan McAlister, Coach McCord, Mike Kelley, Eric Cannon, Jared Street, Mike Elkins, and myself to decide to "Price Check-Matthew 10:39" the worth of our life, to run the marathon "26.2-Hebrews 12:1" until the end, and to decide what kind of "Legacy-Proverbs 22:1" we will leave.
follow His path, Craig

Thank You

Guy & Janet Barber write: "We would like to thank everyone for all of the anniversary cards we received for our anniversary. You are so thoughtful to remember us."

Mike & Janice Brown write: "We want to thank you for the beautiful wind chimes given to us. Mom loved music, so the chimes are a fitting memorial. We will remember her each time we hear them. Thanks also to everyone who came to the visitation. We appreciate every act of kindness."

The Family of Fay Bowen writes: "Thanks so much for the love and compassion you have shown to our family during this difficult time. For the food, calls, cards, and the beautiful "In Loving Memory" chimes. With love..."

Memorial

... a Memorial has been given to the Mission Fund in memory of Margo Smith, mother of Mike Brown, by the following: Johnnie Ruth Denton, Larry & Jennifer Buchanan, Bryan & Amanda Bowman, Gage & Sadie, Gloria F. Armstrong.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing The Future Fund in memory of Fay Bowen by Dwayne & Susan Harber.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Scholarship Fund in memory of Lamar Chessor and Fay Bowen by Clay & Tara Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Scholarship Fund in memory of Kolton Miley by Don & Vicki Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Fay Bowen, Margo Smith and Carl Ayers by Roger & Susan Dotson.

Happy Birthday !!



Charles Minick
84 Years Old
July 11, 2014

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,358.80

BUDGET \$ 13,276.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 149.26

Sympathy



Carl Ayers
1936 - 2014

We express our sympathy to the family of Carl Ayers who passed away. Mr. Ayers was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. To his wife Mattie, his daughter Melissa and grandson Ryan Bates, all family and friends, we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bobby Bryant who passed away. Mr. Bryant was a member of the Brushy Church of Christ. He was the brother-in-law of Margaret Bryant Yates (Jerry), and uncle of Michael Bryant and Cheryl Chessor.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Claud who passed away in Winchester, Tennessee

Area Events

...VBS at *Pinewood Church of Christ* July 13-16, 2014. 7 P.M. each night. *Ice Cream Social* after Sunday P.M. service. Family cookout and races for the kids before Wednesday service. Guest Speakers each night. Theme: **THE RACE IS ON !**

...Gospel Meeting at the Liberty Lincoln Church of Christ July 20-25, 2014. Bible Class: 9 A.M., Worship: 10 A.M. *Followed by potluck lunch* Sunday—Friday 7:30 P.M.



Please Pray For:

...Lorraine Loveless, sister-in-law of Margaret Yates, is in Columbia Heath Care for therapy.

...Glenda Teet is in the local hospital for therapy.

...Don Grant, father of Linda Grant Smith, is dealing with cancer. He lives in Connecticut .

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

Lucille Eddleman, Richard Tate, Amanda Cannon, Keith Windsor, James Hinson, June Matyas, Jaxon Long, Floy Cochran, Shelia Rochelle, Peggy Martin, Natisha Wright, Timothy Brown, Doug & Maxine Shepherd, David Brown, Gene Morris, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Jean Plemmons, Sue Bentley, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Beverly Bruno, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

Remember our shut-ins with a card or a note: Sammye Elrod, Demetria Barner, Stella Greer, 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.



...July 20 Men's Quarterly Business Meeting in the Chapel at 5 P.M.

...July 11-13 CINCINNATI BLAST

...July 13 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following P.M. worship

...July 16-20 Mission Trip Turks & Caicos

Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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Secretary **Tammy Willis**

Worship Service Times

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|-------------|-------|------|
| 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. |

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

Wait on Table

2nd Sunday

John Durham

3rd Sunday

Bob McDonald

4th Sunday

Jonathon Aydelott

Left

Eric Mayberry

Brandon McCauley

Randy James

Cody Woods

Right

Ethan Skelton

Riley Qualls

Colby Shelton

Shaun Lawson

Alternates

Leon Gilbert

Don Chessor

Worship Involvement: Please contact the following if you are unable to serve:

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Dorris Claud | 931-729-2933 |
| Lonnie Mayberry | 931-242-2644 |
| Bryan Woods | 931-994-7042 |
| John Bradley | 931-994-7358 |

READ SCRIPTURE

| | |
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| July 13 | Patrick Sullivan |
| July 20 | Ronald Coates |

Prayer Week of July 13

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|-------------------|---------------|
| S.M.W. | S.M.D |
| Jason Dotson | Calvin Hoover |
| S.E.W. | S.E.D. |
| Jonathon Aydelott | Jeremy Qualls |
| W.E.B.S. | W.E.D. |
| Derek Newsom | Grady Teet |



Daily Updates &
Devotional
Message

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Elders' Prayer
Shane Willis