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"I Hope You Know"

Every house has rules. Most houses have rules which are unspoken, unwritten, but they are somehow understood. God's house is not a house where the rules are unwritten or unspoken, but required to be understood. God's house is a house where the rules are far more than mere "do's and don'ts," they are best practices for life, they are designed to draw out the best in all who hear them and know them, and choose to come to be part of His house and live as part of God's family. God's rules are never meant to be viewed as the fine print of a contract, the undisclosed restrictions of a promotional sale, or the gotcha moment after a transaction.

God's house is a house of honesty, because of the warning against hypocrisy, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known" (Luke 12:1-2). It's literally the word which describes the action of an actor in a play, where the lines have been memorized and the script been repeated, but the words were never really yours in the first place. God's house is a house of honor, namely the honor of every life, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7). Jesus went on to speak the parable of the rich fool, and through the parable He spoke of man's desperate need to rely on the Savior and not on self: humility. "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:21). That's why God's house is a house of humility, we depend on our Lord and not our own merit (Luke 12:8). With all the Lord has done for us, we can know in our heart of hearts, one of the central rules; God's house is a house of hope, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry..." (Luke 12:22). He gives us such hope. In a world where hypocrisy is alive and well because we think the only way we can gain acceptance is through deception, there is hope. In a world where we're scared we have no value, no worth, and no purpose, there is hope. In a world where pride stands in the way of us all, and we spend more time building barns than we do building



lives, we can find hope in the promises and assurances made to us by the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ. His heritage becomes our hope.

With so much assurance given to our souls, from our Savior, no wonder His words beg to our hearts to be ready and waiting for His return. "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning..." (Luke 12:35-40). When you have allowed your faith to grow into a point and place where you are convinced of God's assurances and you allow your faith to be guided by God's assurances, that is the time when you as a child of God need to allow your faith to transform not just your life, but the lives of those around you, namely through the service and opportunities you are given to be a servant to the world around you. Building on the assurances of the Father's provision for His children, the Lord begs for our lives to be found ready. The image He offers is one who has his waist girded and lamp trimmed. In these words it may mean little, but in our words today it conjures the image of one who gets dressed in their work clothes, turns the lights on, and goes to bed. I hope you know, the ability we have to serve, came from our Lord, and the assurance we have in our hearts is for His return!



Church For The Holidays

Sunday, December 7, 2014
CHRISTMAS & NEWCOMERS
LUNCH

in the Fellowship Hall at 11 A.M.
Followed by Special
Christmas Program
Presented By:
Flatt Rascals

December Celebrations



Glenn Earl & Joyce Johnson
Married 57 Years
December 1, 2014



James & Sue Roder
Married 60 Years
December 3, 2014



Jean Plemmons
86 Years Old
December 12, 2014



Bobby & Joyce Mayberry
Married 59 Years
December 23, 2014



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON



November 19

Timothy /
Tabitha Classes
7:00

November 26-28

Thanksgiving
Break

November 29

Servant
Saturday
9:00-2:00

December 4

Prayer
Breakfast
Jr. & Sr. High
Lighthouse
7:00-7:30

December 5

5th Quarter
Camp Meribah
After the game-
11:30

December 7

Church For the
Holidays

December 7

Christmas
Shopping
Jr. & Sr. High
2:00-7:00

December 8

Bible Study
Girls & Girls
@ Newsoms
6:00-7:00

PLAN NOW

December 28-30

CAMP
SNOWBALL IX

VISIATION TEAM #3 HOSTED our Lighthouse last Wednesday. We had a large crowd and a fantastic time together. Thanks to Visitation Team #3 for the delicious food and serving us. Because of Thanksgiving, our next Lighthouse will be December 10 hosted by Danny & Melody Skelton. Plan now to join us!

A BIG THANK YOU TO THOSE who helped out with the Senior High Fireside Sunday night. After a minor surgery that kept me down for the weekend, I was unable to be at the Fireside. None-the-less the night went off without a hitch. Thanks to Brett & Heather Martin, Jake & Case, and to Ray & Shelda Qualls, Madelyn & Sara, for hosting the night. From what I hear there were well over 20 that attended and they had a great time. Also, the night was given a special treat as Matthew Dotson lead the devotional with some great thoughts. Thanks to Matthew, and to others from the youth group, who helped with games and singing at the devo.

TIMOTHY / TABITHA CLASSES WRAP UP THIS WEDNESDAY. It has been a great study as we have looked at every aspect of dating from self-esteem to marriage. I cannot thank enough those who help lead the class. Thank you to Tabitha Cude, Cissy Dotson, Rachel Newsom, and Misty Shelton for leading the girls and to Matthew Dotson, Derek Newsom, and Jared Street for helping me lead the guys. It has been a unique time to study and we hope has been beneficial to those who were able to participate.

SERVANT SATURDAY is now Saturday, November 29. I can think of no better way to work off that turkey dinner. If you know of a senior member of our congregation or someone we can help that day with leaf raking, please let us know in the church office. We will begin at 9:00 and work until 2:00 with lunch provided.

CAMP SNOWBALL IX IS GETTING CLOSE! If you have never been to Snowball, it is basically Teen Week rolled into 3 days. This is for the Junior & Senior High December 28-30 with cost being \$55. Applications are now available at our youth page on the website at centervillechurchofchrist.org/ministries/youth. These applications will be available at the Youth News Board as well. Deadline to have these back will be December 21. We hope you are just half as excited about Snowball as we are!

"WE WOULD WORRY LESS if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." Harry A. Ironside. *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." I Thess 5:16-18.* Follow His path -Craig

Sympathy



Francis Harris
1934-2014

We express our sympathy to the family of Francis Harris who passed away Thursday, November 13, 2014. She was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. She enjoyed working with the Meals on Wheels Program, and was very interested in Camp Meribah, which was donated by her father Hartie Lee Coble. To her son Jeff, sisters Virginia England, Dot Tittsworth and Alice Coble Holbert, all family and friends, we express our deepest sympathy.

Thank You

Felicia Roberson writes: "Thank you so much for all of the visits, cards, calls and food after my surgery and recovery. It means so much to be remembered by my church family."

Rodney and Sheila Rochelle write: "A very special heart felt thank you to each and everyone for all of the love and support during my illness and for all the help with the benefit! It was a wonderful success because of all that everyone did. Thank you again ! In Christian Love..."

Ronnie Martin writes: "Thank you for the love and kindness shown to me during the loss of my mother. The beautiful wind chimes, cards and calls were greatly appreciated."

The Mary Wilkerson Family writes: "To the Centerville Church of Christ, We want to thank mother's church family for the many calls, cards, meals, and other expressions of kindness that our family received during her final days. We especially appreciated the many visits while she was in the hospital. Words cannot express our gratitude for everything you have done for our family."

Margie Copley writes: " I want to thank everyone for the many wonderful birthday cards I received for my birthday. I am so thankful for my church family. You made my day special. "

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,709.05

BUDGET

\$ 13,276.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 188.00

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 250 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



Sympathy



Ova Lee Sawyer
1934-2014

We were saddened to learn of the death of our friend Ova Lee Sawyer. She was a lifetime member of the Centerville Church of Christ. In recent years she had moved to be near her son due to her declining health. To her son Keith (Kathy) all family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Area Events: "Thanksinging" at the *Clifton Church of Christ* Friday, November 21, 2014 Meal: 6 P.M. Singing: 7 P.M. Friends & Family day November 23, 2014 Speaker: Gregg Lee

Thank You...continued...

Brownie Mayberry writes :

"Thanks for the many beautiful birthday cards. Your kindness was very much appreciated. In Christian Love..."

The Family of Larry Buchanan

writes: "We would like to say a very special thank you for all of the love and concern you have shown us. To the ladies who brought food to the funeral home, we say thank you. It was delicious and was so appreciated. Thank you so much. Thank you for the beautiful wind chimes. Bill and Bryan, we will never forget you for the love and kind words you said at his funeral."

Please Pray For:

...Lucille Breece is recovering from surgery for a broken hip in Williamson Medical Center.

...Helen Bryant is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital for therapy.

...Don Hughes is now at the Life Care Center.

...Roger Dotson continues to take treatments for pancreatic cancer. *Remember him in your prayers.*

...Felicia Roberson is at home recovering from foot surgery.

...David Baker, father of Davy, is in St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...James Aydelott spent a couple of days in St. Thomas West for tests.

...Eddie Forrester is recovering at home from a heart attack.

...Batton Springer is dealing with health problems.

...Don Luther had outpatient surgery on his hand this week.

...Mark McMullen is recovering at home from shoulder surgery.

...Angela Windsor, granddaughter of Shirley (Mrs. Raymond) Bryant, is in Maury Regional Hospital with meningitis.

...Marlin Lawson is suffering with MRSA and is in the Life Care Center. His address is: Life Care Center of Centerville, Room 326 112 Dickson Road, Centerville, TN. 37033.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Qualls & Helen Simmons, is in Vanderbilt Hospital for tests.

...Keith Windsor is in Vanderbilt Hospital recovering from surgery from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Francis Harris by Eleanor Hamilton.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ova Lee Sawyer by Dwayne & Susan Harber.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Wilkerson by Peggy Breece.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Judy Gilbert, Helen Hudgins, Lorraine Loveless, Pearl Cagle, Lucy Noles, Stella Greer, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Lillian Bradford.
Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Minnie Sue Baker
Dickson Health Care Center: James Clifton Thornton

December Celebrations !

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Billy & Juanita Garner
 Married 68 Years
 December 23, 2014



Paul & Betty Litton
 Married 59 Years
 December 23, 2014

PREPARE COMMUNION

December 7 & 14

Brian & Sandy Qualls

December 21 & 28

Jeremy & Meredith Qualls

Those to Serve in December

Wait on Table

1st Sunday

John Plemmons, Jr.

2nd Sunday

Dr. Jerry Nash

3rd Sunday

Michael Bryant

4th Sunday

Craig Shelton

Left Side

Danny Skelton

Thomas Chessor

Daniel Dressler

Wayne Chessor

Right Side

Eric Nash

Jim Hudgins

Alan Potts

Joey Hunt

Alternates

Bobby McFarlin

David Hudgins

Lord's Supper P.M.

Marty Smith

Lincoln Smith

Served in the Chapel

Prayer Week of

November 23

S.M.W.

David Hudgins

S.M.D.

Randy James

S.E.W.

Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.

Jim Hudgins

W.E.B.S.

Mike Brown

W.E.D.

Riley Qualls

Prayer Week Of

November 30

S.M.W.

Alan Potts

S.M.D.

Joey Hunt

S.E.W.

Wayne Chessor

S.E.D.

Patrick Allen

W.E.B.S.

James Aydelott

W.E.D.

Grady Teet

To Drive Bus in December

12/3 Mike Goodpasture

12/7 Andy Weber A.M.

Mark Chessor P.M.

12/10 George Garland

12/14 John Bradley A.M.

Brandon McCauley P.M.

12/17 Patrick Allen

12/21 Michael Bryant A.M.

Phillip Allen P.M.

12/24 Lonnie Mayberry

12/28 John Bradley A.M.

Phillip Allen P.M.

12/31 George Garland

Bible Hour: Philip & Alice Anne

Jacobs, Griffin E., Riley Q.,

Colby S., Abigail L., Alexis H.,

Luke W. Thankful "God Gave

His Son" Pantry Item: Soup

RADIO ROOM

Gaylon Cude

Clay Chessor

Steven Willis

Colby Shelton

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN DECEMBER

12/7: Braydon Chessor, Dane Gilbert,

Riley Haithcoate, Bryce Hughes

12/14: John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Case

Martin, Elijah Mayberry

12/21: Connor McAlister, Joseph

McCauley, Jackson McDonald, Will

McDonald

12/28: Zane Nash, Major Qualls, Aiden

Wallace, Aden Weber

Please be up front by 8:50

Elders' Prayer

11/ 23

L. Gilliam

11/30

M. Goodpasture

12/7

B. McDonald

Meals On Wheels

12/3 Diane Garrett

12/10 Faye Claud

12/17 Carolyn Brown

12/24 Carolyn Chessor

12/31 Bob McDonald

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

Greeters

Robert & Juanita Bowman

Charles & Linda Shelton

Bobby & Betty Breece

George & Cindy Garland

NURSERY

Joy McDonald

BAPT.CLOTHING

Glenda Dorton

NURSING HOME SERVICES

LIFE CARE CENTER

12/7 Shane Willis

12/14 Daniel Dressler

12/21 B & C McAlister

12/28 Fairfield

HICKMAN CO. NURSING

12/7 Alan Potts

12/14 Mike Brown

12/21 Marshall Spencer

12/28 Robert Bowman

Tulipwood Service - John Bradley

SCRIPTURE:

11/23 Don Luther

11/30 Ward Mayberry

12/7 James Aydelott

***USHERS: Bobby Breece,
 Ronald Coates, Monty
 Dunn, Calvin Hoover***