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"I Hope You Know"

Some 83% of American adults own cell phones and three-quarters of them (73%) send and receive text messages. The Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project asked those texters in a survey how they prefer to be contacted on their cell phone and 31% said they preferred texts to talking on the phone, while 53% said they preferred a voice call to a text message. Another 14% said the contact method they prefer depends on the situation. Heavy text users are much more likely to prefer texting to talking. Some 55% of those who exchange more than 50 messages a day say they would rather get a text than a voice call. Young adults are the most avid texters by a wide margin. Cell owners between the ages of 18 and 24 exchange an average of 109.5 messages on a normal day—that works out to more than 3,200 texts per month—and the typical or median cell owner in this age group sends or receives 50 messages per day (or 1500 messages per month). With over 3.5 billion Google searches each day (worldometers.com), it's clear, we want answers.

Does He hear me? Can He help me? Will He answer me? It may very well be the greatest heartache of the faithful of God, the moment which comes in their life, and make no mistake about it, this moment comes, when they fall to their knees and beg for the Father to hear, to help, and to hurry, and they believe He does not come, does not hear, does not care anymore.

God's great servant Job begged two things of the Almighty, "Only two things do not do to me, then I will not hide from you, withdraw Your hand far from me, and let not the dread of You make me afraid" (Job 13:20-21). David begged God, "Hear my prayer O God, give ear to my cry, do not be silent to my tears" (Psalm 39:12). Jeremiah feared, "Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer" (Lamentations 3:8). Even our Lord prayed while on the cross, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me" (Mark 15:34, Psalm 22:1). Our greatest fear, our biggest concern as people of faith is whether or

**LIVING
YOUR
TOMORROW**



not God will hear our prayers. The assurance to our hearts comes from the same prayer of our Lord Jesus when He asked in prayer, "Why have you forsaken Me?...He offered the reassurance, "You have answered Me" (Psalm 22:21).

David said, "I called on the Lord in distress, the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place" (Psalm 118:5). From the belly of the great fish Jonah said, "I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, And He answered me. "Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice" (Jonah 2:2). Habakkuk, Zechariah, Peter, and Paul all sing out with the assurance every heart wants to know, "The Lord answered me!" We are told in scripture to pray for everything! James 5:13, said pray for the suffering, the sick, and the sinner. Philippians 4:6 said, worry about nothing and pray for everything! Pray without ceasing, pray all the time! If we pray, will God answer us? I hope you know, the answer is yes. His answer may not be our expectation, but we can expect our God to listen, hear, and answer His children.

November Celebrations



Claudine Morrison
89 Years Old
November 1, 2013



Mary Katherine Bates
85 Years Old
November 6, 2013



Ruth Stephenson
94 Years Old
November 6, 2013



Margie Copley
86 Years Old
November 7, 2013



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



Oct 17- Nov 20
TIMOTHY /
TABITHA CLASSES
Every Wed Night!
Jr & Sr High
October 23
LIGHTHOUSE
Madison & Lincoln
Smith
5:00-6:45
October 26
CENTERVILLE
HALLOWEEN
PARADE
Youth Group
Float -All Ages
October 27
TRUNK OR TREAT
Front Parking Lot
after 5:00 worship

November 1
5TH QUARTER
HAYRIDE &
COOKOUT
Bus garage after
the game-11:30
COMING SOON
December 27-29
CAMP SNOWBALL
VIII

BEST WAY TO START THE DAY!.. We had another good crowd at last week's Junior High Prayer Breakfast. Thank you to Shaun Lawson and Ethan Horner for leading this group. Also, thank you to Jeremy Qualls for allowing us to have these at HCMS!

SPEAKING OF HCMS... It was a busy weekend for the Spooktacular at Hickman County Middle School. Thank you to so many of our church family that helped out in so many ways. I know it was appreciated and meant a lot to the success of this fundraiser.

A BEAUTIFUL SETTING FOR A WONDERFUL NIGHT. Thank you to Bill & Joy McDonald for hosting Sunday night's Senior High Fireside at their place in Wolf Creek. Also, thanks to Frank Bradford from Freed Hardeman University for joining us for the evening and for the lesson on "taking our Christian life seriously."

WANT A LITTLE EXTRA STUDY TIME? I am so thankful to Matthew & Cissy Dotson and to Derek & Rachel Newsom for their help in leading our Bible Studies. This is a time to dig deeper for our Junior & Senior Highers. If you have not been attending, make plans for next month. It is just an hour, but can help you become stronger in your relationship with God.

FROM THE SENIOR HIGH TO THE YOUNGEST SPARK, DON'T MISS THIS! We want as many from our youth to be on our Centerville Halloween Parade float on Saturday! The parade begins at 6:30, so we need you here no later than 6:00! Wear a costume, if you like, and bring lots of candy to throw out. So come join us and let's show everyone what a great group we have!

SUNDAY NIGHT TAKES US TRUNK OR TREATING. This is our annual time to dress up and get a lot of candy right here in our parking lot. The festivities will take place as soon as worship is over. There will be many cars, trucks, vans, and trailers decorated as well as hotdogs and drinks. So, invite your friends and come join us. Also, if you are interested in decorating a "trunk," just bring your vehicle and all your decorations to the front parking lot on Sunday night!

"THERE ARE MANY WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WILL NEVER BE DONE IF YOU DO NOT DO THEM." -Charles D. Gill
Isn't it easy at times to just coast through life? At times we may even wish to stop and not do a thing. As Christians often that is not an option. May we be as Christ and be about the business of our Lord each and every day. May we be encouragers to those who need encouraging, be examples for those who need someone to guide them, and be a source to share the importance of Christ to those who are without him. May we each day live our lives with the understanding that our Christianity is never something we do, but it is our life. As we strive to live this life, work with one another to stay strong, stay focused, and to do all we can, for as long as we can, wherever we can! *"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*
Galatians 6:9 follow His path, Craig

Memorials

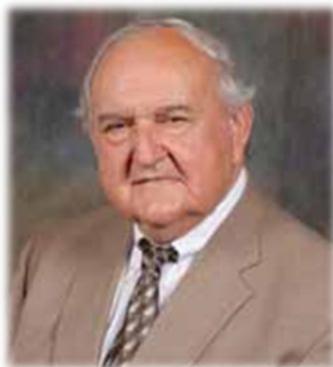
...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of George Dotson and in honor of Faye Dotson.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of George Dotson by the following: Dwayne & Susan Harber, Ava Johnston & Family.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing The Future Fund in memory of George Dotson by Gary & Rebecca Gatewood.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Bobby Bates and Bill Davis by Kenneth & Betty Claud.

Sympathy



George Dotson

October 14, 1937

October 16, 2013

We express our sympathy to the family of George Dotson who passed away. Mr. Dotson was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for many years. He served as a Deacon and as the Supervisor of the Jr. & Sr. High Educational Department. To his wife Faye, son Jason (Tammie) Dotson, daughter Dana (Robert) Nicholson, grandchildren Gage & Grant Dotson, John, Emma, & Noah, Misty, Amanda and Adam Nicholson, all family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

A Baby Girl !



Congratulations to Samantha & Jeremy James on the birth of a daughter, Courtney Renae James.

Courtney was born October 17, 2013 and weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Roberta & Phillip Anderson and the great grandmothers are Dorothy Easley and Mary Ethel James.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,725.01

BUDGET \$ 13,169.00

Sunday School

\$ 183.01



October 27, 2013

Trunk-or-Treat following 5 P.M. Worship in the parking lot. Decorate your car and join in the fun!

For all ages...hot dogs, drinks, and lots of candy !!



...Nov. 3 Daylight Saving Time Ends

...November 17 **Thanksgiving**

...November 17 Men's Quarterly Business Meeting at 5 p in the chapel.

...November 10 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following P.M. worship.

...November 27 **No Messenger**

...**November 28 Thanksgiving Day**

...November 28-Dec. 3 Team Harvest Deer Camp



...**Dec.7 Holiday Meal for the Inmates & Staff hosted by the Jail Ministry**

...**Dec. 8 "Church For The Holidays" 9 A.M. Worship followed by Christmas Lunch & Festivities in the Fellowship Hall at 11 A.M.**

...**Dec. 8 Candlelight Ceremony at McDonald Funeral Home 7 P.M.**

...**Dec.15 Progressive Dinner**

...**Dec.18 Sunshine Baskets Delivered**

...**Dec.20 Toy Give-Away 10 A.M.**

...**Dec.25 Christmas Day**

...**Dec.25 No Messenger**

...**Dec. 27-29 Camp Snowball VII**

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16

Please Pray For...

...Barbara Baker will have an MRI on Wednesday, October 23rd at Williamson Medical Center for extreme back pain.

...Susan Dotson had a heart procedure on October 22nd and received a good report.

...Amy Dunn has been in St. Thomas Mid-Town due to problems with her heart. She returned home on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd.

...Debbie Garner, a friend of Roberta Anderson, is in the Life Care Center for therapy.

...It is great to have Louise Bates back with us!

...Louise Westmoreland has been transferred from Vanderbilt Hospital to the local hospital.

...Mary Lee Barber has returned home to Tulipwood after being in the local hospital.

...Jo Atkinson is recovering from surgery at Centennial Hospital.

...Betty Gordon, the grandmother of Randy Wright, has returned home.

...Patricia Hollett, the mother of Karen McCord, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

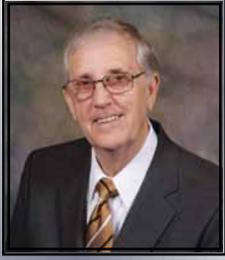
The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:

Garland Horner, Betty Davis, Doug Burchard, Martha McCord, Shirley King, Teresa Stone, Rebekah Hanes, Mozine Atkinson, Chip Minick, Andrea Spears, Lonnie Garrett, Mary Frances Welch, Caleb Sams, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Lisa Shephard, Tina Johnson.

Home: Mary Helen Barber, Paul Litton, Belva Goins, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Jean Plemmons, Sammye Elrod, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, James Westmoreland

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Ruth Stephenson, Beverly Bruno, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

Our Elders



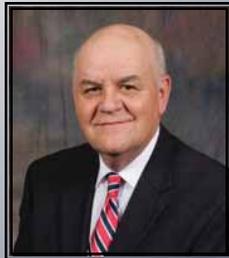
Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

Area Events

...Homecoming at the *White Bluff Church of Christ* Sunday, October 27, 2013. Bible Class: 9 A.M.; Worship 10 A.M. Followed by lunch. 4416 Hwy. 70 White Bluff, TN.

...*Jackson Heights Church of Christ* invites you to : Jonah's Message for the 21st Century with David Thomley of Spring Hill, TN. November 3-6, 2013. Sunday 9:15, 10:15, 5 P.M. Mon.—wed. 7 P.M. 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN.



Thank you for your donation to the *Framing the Future Fund...*



Congratulations... to *Cody & Jessica Williams* who were married October 18, 2013. Cody is the grandson of Pat Petrowski and the nephew of Eddie (Jera) Petrowski.

Thank You

Louise Bates writes: "Thanks for all the visits, calls, and cards while I was in the Life Care Center. It was very thoughtful of everyone."

The Family of Charles & Martha Minick write: " We want to thank everyone for all your prayers, cards, calls, and for your kindness to Chip, our son. He has good days and bad days, but always that smile and hope. Your prayers and all the cards make each day brighter and the prayers make him feel stronger to know so many care. He enjoys the Messenger also."

The Family of George Dotson writes: " Words cannot express how we feel about our church family. You are great. Thank you for the flowers, food, and most of all the visits. Thanks to Shane for leading the songs. George loved the church and most of all, loved to sing."

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READ SCRIPTURE

October 27	Jeremy Qualls
November 3	Derek Newsome

Prayer Week of October 27

S.M.W.	S.M.D
David Hudgins	Jason Dotson
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Eric Coleman	Patrick Allen
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
James Aydelott	Riley Qualls