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*Bryan McAllister*

"I Hope You Know"



Some mystery surrounds the day of the Lord's return. "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Matthew 24:36). But not all aspects of the Lord's return are a mystery to us, and to the world. If trust and truth were promoted more than skepticism and cynicism we would have more hearts who believed the words of our Lord and in turn live for Him. When Jesus spoke the words recorded in Matthew 25, He spoke for our benefit of the day of His return and shared what would be declared on that day. What He says, challenges us to see our role in this world. He speaks not broadly or generically, but specifically and clearly to a certain group, namely the church. In point of fact, Jesus speaks about the "brethren" (vs. 40). We learn Jesus is not ashamed to call us "brethren" (Hebrews 2:11). We learn the family of God is the house of God, which is the church of the living God (I Timothy 3:15). But it is the words He speaks to the church on His day of return that is of particular interest to us, or at least they should be. What does the Lord require of us today?

He requires for all souls to see Him as "the Son of Man" (Matthew 25:31), the sole authority and power life. He requires that we see Him as the only one qualified to occupy "His throne of glory." He requires we see there will be a day when He will return to separate two groups, the saved and the lost. He finds no delight in the fact there will be a group lost, but there will be, and even among those who believe they are saved merely by association. He requires that we, having submitted to His authority and seen His glory, that we hear His words and as a result follow His example of care of souls around us and near us. All of these things being true, what are we doing to reach those who are broken and lost, lonely and distressed in this world? What are we doing to live and be the church in anticipation of the Son of Man coming in all His glory? Who in our number are literally dying to be seen?

Recently, while attending a conference on preaching, the story was told of a 49 year old woman, who died while in the waiting room of a New York hospital, laid in the floor for over an hour, before onlookers moved to offer any kind of help. When help came, it was of little value...the woman in need of help had died over an hour ago. The authorities investigating the incident called the hospital "a chamber of filth, decay, and danger" permeated by a "culture of indifference."

It's not a guilt trip but a gut check...do we see our role in the church today as a role which insists upon our lives being actively and openly desiring to help those around us? The last thing the church needs to be described as is a chamber of filth, decay, indifference and danger. We cannot be a people who are apathetic to the world around us. The church in Ephesus had lost their first love, they had stopped living to evangelize, thus the Lord had a rebuke for them and a warning to them (Rev 2:4). The church in Laodecia had turned to apathy in all matters, and such made the Lord sick, and all He wanted to do with them was vomit them out of His mouth (Rev 3:16). I hope you know, we must never reach the point where we forget there are lost souls in the world and we must never think our role is not to reach out to them.

## Widow/Widowers Dinner



**What:** Widow/Widowers Dinner  
**When:** September 20, 2014  
**Where:** Outreach Center  
**Time:** 4:30 P.M. Sign-Up Today !!!

# Freed-Hardeman RUSH



.... Wonderful Speakers  
... Great Fellowships  
... Outstanding Attendance  
**September Series**



# YOUTH ON HIS PATH

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**  
CRAIG SHELTON

September 19  
**5TH QUARTER**  
After the Game  
until 11:30  
Fellowship Hall

September 21  
**SENIOR HIGH**  
**FIRESIDE**  
7:00-9:00  
@Madison Smith's

September 24  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
5:00-6:45

September 28  
**YOUNG MEN**  
**LEAD SERVICES**  
**AT TOTTY'S BEND**  
5:30-7:30

September 30  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**TAILGATER**  
4:30-Gametime  
@ HCHS

October 1  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
5:00-6:45  
Alyssa Aydelott

October 6-10  
**FALL BREAK**

A GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL... Last Wednesday we had a packed house for our Lighthouse. We enjoyed a delicious meal from the 20/30s and enjoyed the time with one another.

RUSH AT FREED-HARDEMAN was an absolute fantastic time! From the Bible classes, round table discussions and worship time to the free time with one another and other groups, it was all unforgettable. As we sang with close to 2000 other youth and chaperones and worshipped with one another, we were challenged to "Stand Up" in our Christian faith. Our group of 30 enjoyed the time at Freed-Hardeman and the opportunity to grow closer to the other groups, one another, and most of all our Lord!

A CROWD AT THE BROWN'S for the Junior High Fireside. Over 20 of us enjoyed some time playing wiffleball, jumping on the trampoline, several other games and some tasty food. We ended the night back in John 17 as we looked more into Christ's prayer for his disciples, which includes us. We focused on "Believe" and the importance of why and what we do believe. Thanks to David, Kathy, Luke, Gracie, and Sam for a wonderful evening and opening up their home. 5TH QUARTER THIS FRIDAY! Another 5th Quarter will be this coming Friday night in the Fellowship Hall following the ballgame. Invite your friends to join us for some pizza and other food, basketball, football, volleyball, movies, and a place to just be. This may be our final football 5th Quarter because of homecoming, fall break, and the HCMS Spooktacular, so don't miss it!

"I BELIEVE IN CHRISTIANITY as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." -C.S. Lewis. Why do you believe what you believe? Why do you believe the prescription the doctor has given you will make you better? Why do you believe the doctor is actually a doctor? Why do you believe the pilot that is flying your plane has the qualifications to do so? Why do you believe that George Washington existed? Why do you believe that the lessons you hear are true and accurate? Some of this is based upon your research, some is based upon your experience, some of this is based upon others that you trust have given you accurate information, and some of this is based upon sure faith. If this is the case and we are able to believe, why is it so hard to believe in the words of Christ and God's Word that what it says will come to be? Believe the example He set, the promises and sacrifices He made, and the future He holds for us. Christ prayed in John 17 that we will believe the God sent Him and that we believe enough to share that with the world. Belief is great to have, but as James 2 says, faith is meaningless unless we demonstrate it in our lives. You demonstrate your belief in your prescription, your pilot, your past presidents, and your preacher, why not demonstrate that belief in the Prince of peace who paid the price for our salvation. How?.... follow His path, -Craig

## September Series

### Hurry Home

*Finding, Keeping, Feeding,  
and Loving One Another*

September 17

*Feeding The Ones We've Got*

Matthew Hiatt

Dinner Hosted by: Bill McDonald's  
Class

September 24

*Loving The One We Serve*

Dale Jenkins, Spring Meadows,  
Spring Hill, TN.

Dinner Catered by: Fish Camp  
Restaurant

Dinner Served Each Wednesday night  
in the Fellowship Hall  
from 5:30-6:30.

## Thank You

**Billy Garner writes:** " I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and birthday wishes on my 86th birthday. Thank you so much !

**Bobby & Betty Breece write:**"Thank you so much for your concern and all of your prayers for our son Randy during his recent surgery and recovery. All reports are good. God is good !"

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of David Harworth who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Thelma Deitmen who passed away. She was the mother of Randy (Jackie) Deitmen, Gary (Anna) Deitmen, Jeff (Nereida) Deitmen, and Dawn Deitmen.

## Area Events

...*Ladies Day at the Old Hickory Church of Christ* Saturday, September 20, 2014. 8:30-1 P.M. Speaker: Rita Cochrane 1001 Hadley Avenue, Old Hickory, TN.. 37138

...*Area Wide Gospel Meeting at the Bath Springs Community Center* 3625 Highway 114 West, Bath Springs, TN. Hosted by Churches of Christ serving Decatur County and surrounding areas. September 22-24, 2014. 7 P.M. each night.

...*2014 Fall Focus Series* at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ *Wednesdays* at 7 P.M. October 8-December 31st.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**\$ 12,560.07**

### BUDGET

**\$ 13,276.00**

### Camp Meribah

**\$ 149.07**

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Vilma McFarlin, Don Luckett, and Carl Ayers by Don Luther.

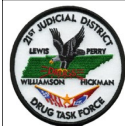
## Baptisms



We rejoice with Ronald Fry who was baptized Sunday, September 14, 2014. He is a friend of Monty Dunn. He lives in Lyles, Tennessee.

...We rejoice with Raven Williams who was baptized September 12, 2014 by members of the Jail Ministry.

## Citizens Drug Academy 2014



We are pleased to host this program in the Outreach Center again this year. Those interested in participating must file a completed application. Applications are available in the Church lobby or may be downloaded at [www.drugtaskforce.net/drugacademy.html](http://www.drugtaskforce.net/drugacademy.html). Contact James Aydelott if you need help or have questions. Classes begin October 1st. PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ASAP !

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](mailto:tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org)



...Eric Cannon had a tonsillectomy on Tuesday, September 16th.

...Willie B. Coates will have surgery Wednesday, September 17th at Horizon

Medical Center.

...Foy Hudgins is in a Nashville hospital for therapy.

...Helen Hudgins is sick at home.

...Jim Cagle of the Shipps Bend Community, has been dealing with several different health problems.

...Randy Breece, son of Bobby & Betty, is recovering from surgery at home.

...Curtis McCord is on Hospice Care.

...Martha Minick will have surgery in the coming days.

...Leslie Morrow, a friend and co-worker of Jana Wright, will be undergoing tests.

...Pearl Cagle, brother of Guy Barber, is in the Life Care Center for therapy.

...Hedwig Pilcher, mother of Mina Dressler, has not been as well lately.

...Jim McClanahan, brother of Francis McClanahan, will have surgery this week.

...*Update on Isaac Whitson, son-in-law of Dan & Anita Buie* : Isaac is awaiting clearance to begin chemotherapy and radiation due to a MRSA staph infection that has been stubbornly difficult in healing. Other than that, he has been doing pretty well, no further seizures. Please continue to remember him in prayer.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: Ruby Springer, Allen Gordon, Margaret Forrester, Earline Warren, Pearl Cagle, Sheryle Elkins, Roger Dotson, Martha Minick, Hedwig Pilcher, Amanda Mathis, Richard Tate, Amanda Cannon, Shelia Rochelle, Natisha Wright, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Home: Sammye Elrod, Jean Plemmons, Demetria Barner, 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.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Stella Greer, Beverly Bruno, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Lillian Bradford.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

**The Gospel Is For ALL  
Western US**

John Smith gave a report recently on Wednesday night upon his return from his summer mission work. He spoke about building relationships as a part of teaching the gospel, emphasizing that once one has been baptized they must remain faithful for salvation, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you...unto the end of the world."

Anderson, South Carolina

A group of 13 are traveling the weekend of October 18 to visit and worship with the brethren at this previous mission area.

Korea

Missionary Bill Ramsey sends news of the exciting method of using a new unique mobile website. The new app, "BCC Today", includes all of their correspondence courses, A Cappella songs, Power for Today, Amazing Grace Bible Class, the N.T. audio in English and Korean, and Bible stories for children. Using the technology of mobile devices compared to 50 years ago when the BCC program began by postal mail shows utilizing different means for reaching people in the world. The method has changed, but the TRUTH and the necessity of teaching the Word of God is never changing.

Turks and Caicos

Progress is being made toward purchasing property and it's buildings for the brethren there to have a place for the work to grow. Memorials/donations to the Mable Dunn Fund goes toward this work.

Ukraine

John Durham arrived safely on August 29 in Ivano-Frankivsk, which is on the west side, opposite where the fighting has been taking place in eastern Ukraine. He has begun his English teaching classes, and conducting Bible studies and classes at the church. A new space has been rented for a meeting place for the church. They had 35 at the worship services Sunday. With the national identity being threatened, the children are bringing to school donations to help the fighting in the east. John, with others have visited hospitals and relief agencies. One refugee from the east was baptized during his first week. There is an increasing apprehension with the probability that the men ages 18-50 will be called to serve in the military. Prayers are requested.

Uganda

Mwizera Emmanuel has traveled to Rwanda again to preach and teach the Truth. The work there is challenging, with some denominational groups eager to hear and desiring to study with him and others opposed and threatening to have him jailed. However, he does not stop teaching, desiring for more lost souls to be saved. His goal is to return and do additional teaching and hopefully establish a congregation. However, the trip is expensive and difficult with limited financial resources. A new congregation has been planted in Uganda, the Wempere Church of Christ, with 11 baptisms in the last two months. More bibles have been distributed in places where they have no bibles in their language. Another shipment of the fruit of the vine has been received at a time when congregations were in need. The fruit of the vine continues to be very hard for them to find for purchase. The needs are continual for bibles and fruit of the vine. Contributions can be made to the Centerville Church of Christ noted for the Uganda fund.

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Wait on Table  
3rd Sunday  
Sam Chessor

Elders' Prayer  
September 21  
Mike Elkins

READ SCRIPTURE

Sept. 21	Rick Bruno
Sept. 28	Luke Worsham

Prayer Week of September 21

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Michael Bryant	Randy James
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Wayne Chessor	Joey Hunt
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Alan Potts	Riley Qualls