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"I Hope You Know"

The child of God longs for the reunion promised with the Father, when we shall be in His presence and thrive in the relationship promised by the Father (Rev 21:7). Many questions have been asked about that day when we shall be at home with the Father. Likewise, many errors have been advanced as fact concerning the end of time and the judgment day of man. When forming our understanding of the judgment, we must not move beyond what is revealed, but "rightly divide the word" of truth for the benefit of our own heart (II Tim 2:15). When that day comes we'll be in the presence of God, until then, we prepare for that day.

There are a few examples from scripture where we see man in the direct presence of God. One that is not often considered is the account of Adam and Eve. Here were two people, the first of mankind, made in the image of God (Gen 1:26). Dwelling with the Lord, made first from his hand, what great purity their bodies must have possessed. No corruption of the body, no disease, no degradation of the body, just the perfect hand of God creating man from dust, and breathing life into him. Imagine the glory this body must have possessed. Because of man's sin and God's promise of consequence if man sinned, Adam died, but it was 930 years before his body wore to the point of death.

Consider Moses, as he was on Mt. Sinai with God. Moses was in conference with God when Moses asked God to show him His glory (Ex 33:18). The Lord refused Moses saying, "No man shall see Me and live (Ex 33:20)." Yet the Lord kept Moses safe in the cleft of the rock (Ex 33:22) and passed by shielding Himself with His hand, and showed Moses His back. When Moses returned to the children of Israel, his face shone brightly, such that the people were afraid to come near him (Ex 34:29-30). For the time Moses was with God, and for having been revealed only a glimpse of God's glory, he now carried with him that glory. We'd be reminded in the New Testament that when Moses returned to the people, his face shone so brightly, he needed a veil.



If being in the presence of God establishes the individual to possess such a glory, what would be the impact of having God present in their lives do to their image? Here the image of Moses was obviously altered. Adam, was unlike any other man, created first before all others, and dwelt for a time in the garden with the Lord. When the faithful follower of God places Him in the foremost position in their life, the impact upon the person's life is profound. Jesus spoke of a similar light in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "You are the light of the world (Matt 5:14)." Jesus commanded for us to let our light shine before men so that the Father might be glorified.

Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world (John 9:5)." We should ask our selves, "Can Jesus be kept out of the world?" The answer is He can, if those who call themselves Christians do not live their lives in accordance to the light which God has established to root out darkness. Being in the presence of God will be a glorious reward all its own. In the mean time, we are required to live with the presence of God in our lives, so that others may see and come to know the Father. I hope you know to live life with the presence of God shining through in your works and words.



Bible Class Challenge!

In an effort to help out the

**Tennessee Children's Home
Spring Food & Supply Drive**

Your Bible Class Has Been
Challenged!

Please participate by bringing the
items assigned to your class by
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

3 Year Old Class

Bar Soap

4 Year Old Class

Paper Towels

Kindergarten

Canisters of Kool-Aid

Grades 1 & 2

Loose Leaf Notebook Paper

Grades 3,4,5

Pop Tarts

Jr. High

Cream Of Mushroom &
Cream Of Chicken Soup

Sr. High

Men's Deodorant

20 Somethings

Kitchen Floor Cleaner

Mike Elkins' Class

Laundry Detergent

Lonnie Gilliam

100 % Bottled Apple and Grape
Juice

Bill McDonald/Shane Willis

Velveeta Cheese (Box)

Wayne Qualls

Ward Mayberry

Auditorium Class

13 and 55 Gallon Trash Bags

Wed. Nights

L2L

L2L Classroom in
Lighthouse

March 2

PRAYER

BREAKFAST

Lexie, Dakota &
Houston Hudgins
& Grady Teet
7-7:30

March 8

LIGHTHOUSE

5-7

March 10-12

JUNIOR HIGH

RETREAT

NBF State Park

March 13

BIBLE STUDY

Guys @ Dotson's
Girls @ Newsom's
6-7

March 19

SENIOR HIGH

FIRESIDE

Jake Martin &
Madelyn True
7-9

March 22

LIGHTHOUSE

Rachel & Sidney
Hudgins
& Emma Willis
5-7

March 26- April 1

SPRING BREAK

I KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE I SAY THIS EVERY YEAR... but this past weekend was one of the best retreats we have ever had. 35 of us enjoyed the weekend praying, singing, listening, laughing, crying and at times in silence. It was an unforgettable weekend as we learned to "Walk in Him" and "be rooted" in His Word. We studied Paul's letter to the church in Colosse and how it applies to our lives today. We also enjoyed some fun at our usual Hibachi grill, the Comedy Barn, and a little shopping and strolling too. The highlight of the night came late Saturday night between 11:30 and 2am as we had our Senior share time and our yarn ball to share from our hearts with one another. I cannot begin to thank Patrick & Anita Allen, Jim & Leslie Hudgins, Brian & Sandy Qualls, Chris & Jenny Teet and especially, Misty for their help in every area this week. They drove to fix food, shared their thoughts and concerns for our group, and so much more. Now, let us all live the lessons and be complete, be rooted... walk in Him!

THE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT DEADLINE IS NEXT SUNDAY... March 10-12 at NBF State Park is the weekend and setting. Applications are available at the Youth News Board. Grab one for yourself and one for a friend Cost is \$40 and you do not want to miss this awesome time!

I NOTICED THIS WEEK IN THE TIMES... Our youth group has four of the top ten from HCHS and one from EHHS. Congrats to Lexi Hudgins, Rachel Hudgins, Rachel Walls and Katelyn Prince from HCHS and Dalton Thomasson from EHHS for their hard work and great accomplishment!

ONE MORE THING FROM THE WEEKEND... On Saturday everyone had an opportunity to select a rock from the side of the road. Some choose large ones and some choose pebbles. They were each told to carry the rocks with them through Gatlinburg. Each time I reached in my pocket, it was there, not necessarily a nuisance, but in the way. At the devotional that night I explained that we all make choices about our sins. Once we have committed one, some small some large, we decide for how long we will carry those things around. Sin is not always a nuisance as we get used to it, but we know it is there. At what time do we understand that Jesus freed us from that burden? At what point do we understand, small or large, it is not our burden to carry once we seek that forgiveness. Col 2:12-13 says, "buried with

Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses" So, why bear that burden? Do what you need to do to seek what will make you "alive" again with Him. Walk in Him and... follow His path, -Craig

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Bobby Morrison Scholarship Fund in honor of Bill McDonald by the family of Lula Mae Prince.



Eric & Gena Ghant write: "Where does one start? We are humbled beyond the spoken word. So many to thank. We are so grateful for every drop of sweat and every aching joint that built us a ramp for Eric to get in the house. Thank you men of God. Also, our Sunday school class for the things they have done as well as their care of us. And, our faithful minister as well as every beautiful soul that has prayed for us, sent cards, and always give us a kind and encouraging word. We love everyone of you. Praise to God for His goodness. "



March 1

Mid-Winter Wednesday Night Series Dinner Served 5:30-6:30
Mike Elkins' Class Hosting
Grilled Hamburgers
Hot dogs, Desserts

March 8

Mid-Winter Wednesday Night Series Dinner Served 5:30-6:30
Potluck! Bring Your Favorite Dish!

March 15th

Mid-Winter Wednesday Night Series Question & Answer Session with Ralph Gilmore 7 P.M.

March 10-12

Jr. High Retreat

March 27-31

School System Spring Break

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,861.30

BUDGET

\$ 12,968.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 131.30



Please Pray For:

...Annette Barber has been diagnosed with pneumonia. She is at home.

...Jr. Baker is in Williamson Medical Center suffering with a spinal fracture due to falling. He will be moved to a rehab. facility for therapy.

...Eric Ghant is recovering from foot surgery and doing well.

...Garry Greer has returned home from the hospital.

...Jack Lowery is recovering from surgery at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Leon Willis, father of Shane, has returned home from the hospital.

...Melissa Barber Bryant continues to struggle with health problems.

...Sam Cooper, brother of Martha Leath, had surgery this week.

...Pearl Gordon, mother of Elaine Gilbert, is dealing health problems.

Communion



If you are shut-in and not able to take the *Communion on Sundays* and would like for it to be made available to you, please call the church office at 931-729-4201.

Turks & Caicos

Information Dinner

You are invited to a dinner and information session on March 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing how you can assist in supporting this work, underwriting the building and property for the church in Provo, and participating in this excellent work. For more information or to RSVP see a member of the Mission Committee or email ccoc@centervillechurchofchrist.org

Ministers

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Tammy Willis 931-729-4201

Home: Hattie Delk, Louise Bates, Charles Horner, Sammye Elrod, Charles & Martha Minick, Mary Helen Barber, Fronia Nash, Alvitea Sunder, Dan & Martha Jo Wallace, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

Nursing Home Residents:

Life Care Center: Helen Hudgins, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Lucy Noles

Hickman County Nursing Home:

Eltie Davis, Shirley Bryant

Dickson Health & Rehab.: Jane Berryman

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: June Prince, Jennifer Kelley, Raymond Stoltz, Gary Peden, Mary Gilbert, Mary Frances Campbell, Jennifer Fakes, Raymond Truett, Lyndia Long, Terry Johnston, Janet Noles, Marlin Lawson, Marie Bradley, Marie Bates, Bob McAlister, Henrietta Rochelle, Terry Johnston, Bruce Bowen, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Bessie Shepard, Jimmy Mathis, John Ed Hooten, Lindrell Barrett, Susan Campbell, Bonnie Runions, Sheryl Elkins, Richard Tate

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Centerville Church of Christ

Come Worship With Us !
Sunday 9 A.M./ 6 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!

Those To Serve In March

<p><u>Wait on Table</u> 1st Sunday Jeremy Qualls</p> <p>2nd Sunday David Hudgins</p> <p>3rd Sunday Ward Mayberry</p> <p>4th Sunday Randy Wright</p> <p>Left Side Eric Mayberry Patrick Allen George Garland Thomas Chessor</p> <p>Right Side Brian Qualls Mike Brown Will Mayberry Alan Potts</p>	<p><u>Prayer Week of</u> March 5</p> <p>S.M.W. Michael Bryant</p> <p>S.M.D. Sam Chessor</p> <p>S.E.W. Matthew Kincade</p> <p>S.E.D Calvin Hoover</p> <p>W.E.B.S. Wayne Rediker</p> <p>W.E.D. Colby Shelton</p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MARCH</u></p> <p>3/5: Will McDonald, Zane Nash, Major Qualls, Aiden Wallace, Aden Weber 3/12: Cameron Wright, Thomas Alderson, Wyatt Aydelott, Knox Bailey, Lake Bates 3/19: Sam Brown, Heath Buchanan, Braydon Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Dane Gilbert 3/26: Riley Haithcoat, Eli Jacobs, Landon Jenkins, Jagger Lawson, Finn Martin <u>Please be up front by 8:50</u></p>	<p><u>TO DRIVE BUS IN MARCH</u></p> <p>3/1: Mike Goodpasture 3/5: Andy Weber A.M. George Garland P.M. 3/8: Patrick Allen 3/12: Josh Bradley A.M. Brandon McCauley P.M. 3/15: Wayne Rediker 3/19: Michael Bryant A.M. Phillip Allen P.M. 3/22: George Garland 3/26: John Bradley A.M. Mark Chessor P.M. 3/29: Wayne Rediker</p>										
<p><u>USHERS:</u> Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor</p>	<p><u>Elders' Prayer</u> March 5 Mike Goodpasture</p>	<p><u>Prepare Communion</u></p> <p>March 5 & 12 Monty & Amy Dunn March 19 & 26 Mike & Regina Elkins</p>	<p><u>Greeters For March:</u> Thomas & Cheryl Chessor, Bobby & Faye Claud, Betty Claud, Jimmy & Cathie Copley</p>										
<p><u>Lord's Supper P.M.</u></p> <p>Houston Hudgins Connor McAlister</p> <p>Served In The Chapel</p>	<p><u>Read Scripture:</u> March 5: Dr. Jerry Nash March 12: Philip Jacobs</p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels</u></p> <p>3/1: Shirley DeVore 3/8: Regina Elkins 3/15: Marge Gilmer 3/22: Joy McDonald 3/29: Jean Qualls</p>	<p><u>Bible Hour:</u> Ryan & Lauren McDonald, Riley Qualls, Colby Shelton, Grady Teet, Alexis Hudgins, Alex Seagraves, Reagan Qualls, Madelyn True I'm Special "Joseph" Hungry Hound Pantry Item: <i>Pork & Beans</i></p>										
<p><u>NURSERY</u> Suzette Potts</p> <p><u>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING</u> Kristy Wallace</p>	<p><u>RADIO ROOM</u></p> <p>Gaylon Cude Brian Qualls Patrick Allen Riley Qualls</p>	<p><u>NURSING HOME SERVICES</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u></td> <td><u>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/5: Daniel Dressler</td> <td>3/5: Alan Potts</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/12: Shane Willis</td> <td>3/12: Mike Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/19: Bryan & Connor Mc</td> <td>3/19: Marshall Spencer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3/26: Fairfield</td> <td>3/26: Robert Bowman</td> </tr> </table>		<u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u>	<u>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</u>	3/5: Daniel Dressler	3/5: Alan Potts	3/12: Shane Willis	3/12: Mike Brown	3/19: Bryan & Connor Mc	3/19: Marshall Spencer	3/26: Fairfield	3/26: Robert Bowman
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