

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

**"The Time Is Now For...Commitment!"** Commitment may seem too strong of a word, too foreign of a concept in our world today. Unfortunately the concept of fading commitment is infiltrating the church, the people of God. Yet commitment has to be at the heart of who we are and why we do what we do, or else it will merely be an act, a dismal portrayal of what Christianity has been called to be and do in this world. Commitment has to be at the core of our lives for Christ. The world has stood in awe, as the greatest athletes are assembled in London for their chance to compete in the 30th gathering of the Olympic games. Some athletes literally prepare their entire lives in competing and qualifying for the Olympic stage. They are met with either triumph or tragedy, and it all comes down to a fraction of a second, a tenth of a deduction, or a rule they agreed to follow but do not like what it requires. Yet, it's what they prepared for.

Jesus knows something of preparing daily, for one moment in life that will make all the difference. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, tell us more about the moment of Jesus in the Garden, while John tells us more about the motive of Jesus in the Garden. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, tell us about the moment of Jesus crying out to the Father (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42). John tells us about the motive of Jesus confirming the will of the Father (John 18:11). Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe the moment with words like, "agony, sorrow, troubled, and deeply distressed." John describes the moment as deliberate (John 18:11).

**In Our Motivation -** Where do you find motivation? When we lose our way, when we lose our focus, and when we lose our understanding of what matters, we begin to worry and focus on those issues and matters which mean nothing to the furtherance and protection of souls. We're motivated when it comes to the things



which interest us, when those things are our concern, but when it comes to being motivated for interests which transcend ourselves, we waiver. We're motivated when it comes to red states and blue states, Democrat vs. Republican, policies and politics; but our voice wains when it comes to the oneness of the church (Matthew 16:18), the one baptism (Ephesians 4:5), and the One command above all others, to love one another (John 13:24).

Our Lord was motivated by a will, outside His will, but one He received with eagerness and willingness to accept and embrace. He knew it was a better will, a higher will, and a greater will, but He knew it was a challenged will. "Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way, that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, 'Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none'" (John 18:8-9). Are we motivated by passion, the desire, the need to confirm the life of the Lord Jesus in the presence of others? Are we motivated to be deliberate in our attitudes and actions for the sake of the Lord? I hope you know the Lord is faithfully committed to us and we should surrender nothing less than faithful commitment to Him.



*Susan Dotson  
2012 Byron Bates  
Teacher of the Year  
Award*

*Presented to Susan Dotson for teaching Sunday School 21 years, taught and worked at Vacation Bible School and now serves as an adult class teacher. We honor Susan for her labor of love and servant spirit in the service of our Lord.*



*Volunteer of the Year  
Award*

*"With much appreciation for your service as a deacon, former board member for Camp Meribah, Resident Historian, member of the Framing the Future Building Committee."*



**JUST A WEEK BACK ON THE JOB...**

*Centerville Church of Christ  
Youth Ministry ✕  
Matthew 5:14-16*

*Coming Soon...  
...Parent Meeting  
Sunday, August 12th  
Following Evening  
Worship Service  
...August 18th  
Work Day 8:00 A.M.  
at the Centerville  
Church of Christ*

...and I feel like I have been here for years. I have been welcomed open armed by the entire staff; Shane, Tammy, Ruth, Betty, Jean, Phil, Matthew and even Bryan. The possibilities for the Lord's work here at Centerville with this staff are endless. I look forward to working with each one of these on a daily basis. All kidding aside, I am also very thankful to get to work by the side of Bryan McAlister. He has been a true friend and encourager since he moved here. I am inspired by his dedication and the heartfelt thoughts he puts into each action related to this historic congregation. I am also mindful in this work of how I am challenged to build upon the blocks Chris Webb has laid and to continue to encourage our young people to be "lights of the world." Continue to pray for the youth ministry and that many will come to know Christ through it.

**THIS COMING SUNDAY NIGHT...** we will be meeting in the chapel with all ages of youth, your parents, and anyone else that would like to be a part of the youth ministry. During this meeting we will discuss some ideas, renovations, and visions for the youth ministry. We will also look at hosts for Firesides, for the lighthouse, and the calendar for the rest of 2012. I hope you are half as excited as I am... no, I hope you are just as excited as I am about the youth ministry at Centerville. If that is the case, we will do some amazing things to spread the word of Christ. It all starts back Sunday night, hope to see you there!

**SUMMER SERIES WINDING DOWN...** Greg McCord did his usual fantastic job as he spoke to us last week on the topic of Staying Pure in the Strong Enough Series. Alan Reagan will speak this Wednesday and Bob Spencer will wind us down next Wednesday. See you in the new classroom, room 222, on Wednesday.

**I CANNOT ADEQUATELY PUT INTO WORDS...** the thankfulness I have for all the kind words and encouragement that my family has been showered with since the announcement was made in July. From Bill McDonald's kind words on July 8 as well as all the remarks to us directly from the rest of the elders to the many cards and personal pats on the back of our return. Misty, Colby, Harper, and I are anticipating many great things in this new work and know we have the support to accomplish those things. I imagine you will see Proverbs 27:17 quite a bit as well as Mark 10:27. These scriptures inspire me and my ministry. I hope they will continue to inspire you as together we...

***Follow His Path,  
Craig***



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,149.36

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 139.30

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 !!!



## Area Events

...Homecoming & Friends Day at *Brush Creek Church of Christ*; Sunday, August 12, 2012. Bible Study: 10:00 A.M.; Worship: 11:00 A.M. Followed by lunch.

...Gospel Meeting at *Wolf Creek Church of Christ*, August 12—August 15, 2012 with *Jerrie Barber*, Speaker. August 12, Bible Class at 10:15, Worship at 11:00 A.M., Lunch following worship, Afternoon worship 1:30 P.M. Monday—Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.. Homemade ice cream following Wednesday Evening Service.

...Gospel Meeting at *Five Points Church of Christ*, August 19 –22, 2012 with *Bill Watkins* Speaker. Sunday Services: Bible Class, 9:00 A.M., Worship, 10:00 A.M., Evening Worship, 1:00 P.M. Monday—Wednesday: 7:00 P.M.

...“Back To School Special” at *Brushy Church of Christ*, Sunday August 12, 2012. “Chasing Skinny Rabbits” 9 A.M., “Give Peace A Chance”, 10 A.M. Fellowship meal following Morning Worship, “Overcoming Temptation”, 1 P.M. Greg McCord, Speaker.

## Memorial

...A memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of *Owen Barber* by *Walter and Johnnie Ruth Elrod*.

### August Calendar of Events...

...August 9 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30 P.M.

...August 12 Mission Committee Meeting at 5:00 P.M. - Conference Room

...August 19 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M.- Chapel.

...August 19 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center after evening worship service.

...August 25 Team Harvest "Top Shot"

...August 26 Friends/Family/ Dedication Day Fellowship Meal to follow Please sign food list in the lobby. Thanks !

## Sympathy

...We want to express our sympathy to the family of *Anne Atcherson Allen* of California who passed away last week. She was the Aunt of *Marshall Spencer*.

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Debbie Thompson* who passed away. Her funeral was Monday in *Dickson*. She was the sister of *Lisa Eddington*.

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Sue Petty* who passed away in *Nashville*. She was a sister of *June Bowen*.

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Thelbert Bradley* who passed away last week. He was a brother of *Wanda Givens*.

## A Baby Girl



Congratulations to *Randy and Jana Wright* on the birth of a daughter, *Mabry Claire Wright*. Claire was born August 6, 2012. She weighed 9 lbs.

4 ozs. and is 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are *Shane & Tammy Willis, Lewis & Yvonna Caillouet*, and *Jeff & Janet Wright*. Great-grandparents are *Guy & Janet Barber, Leon & Margie Willis*, and *Betty Gordon*.

## Thank You

Maxine Shepherd writes: "Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and concern shown following my fall and recovery."

Vilma McFarlin writes: "I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and gifts on my birthday. You made my day for me. I am so thankful for my friends."

## Power of Prayer



...*Anthony Mayberry*, son of *Bobby & Joyce*, will have surgery August 8th at *St. Thomas Hospital* to remove a malignancy on his kidney.

...*Shane Birdwell*, the brother of *Mike Eddington*, is recovering from a stroke at *Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehab*.

...*Jerry Shepherd* has been diagnosed with lymphoma and is in a hospital in *Atlanta, Georgia*. His family has requested your prayers.

...*Bud Roder* was in *Maury Regional Hospital* last week. He had a pacemaker implanted and is being re-checked on August 7th at *Maury Regional Hospital*.

...*Joyce Carroll*, 102 *Atkinson Heights*, is not well and unable to attend services. She has requested our prayers.

...*Olgia Dotson* is receiving treatments for cancer and request our prayers during this time.

...*Maxine Shepherd* is improving and will not need further surgery. She and *Doug* will remain in *Arkansas* until the last of August.

...*Chris Bowen* had hip replacement surgery Monday. He is the son of *Thomas and June Bowen*.

...*Ralph Fly* is in *Baptist Hospital* very sick.

...*Cynthia Mitchell* fell and is in the local hospital. She is dealing with very serious health issues.

...*Karen Powers* had a very serious surgery on Monday, August 6th, for an abdominal tumor at *Centennial Hospital*.

...*Margaret Forrester* will have double knee replacement on August 7th at *St. Thomas Hospital*. *Margaret* has many friends here as she works at our local *Farmers Co-op* and attends the *Bakerville Church* in *Humphreys County*.

Home: *Lula Mae Gilliam, Curtis & Margaret McCord, Mozine Atkinson, Dorothy Easley, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.*

## Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald

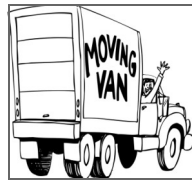


Wayne Qualls

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# Moved...



*Ova Lee Sawyer* relocated to Carrick Glen Senior Living Community in Mt Juliet, TN. Her mailing address is:  
**Keith and Kathy Sawyer**  
2390 Granny Wright Lane  
Hermitage, TN 37076

### Ministers

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Bryan McAlister | 931-994-3525 |
| Matthew Dotson  | 615-418-2051 |
| Craig Shelton   | 615-418-2228 |
| Shane Willis    | 615-308-9161 |

### Secretaries

|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Tammy Willis | 931-729-4201<br>cell: 931-994-2672 |
| Ruth Reece   | 729-4201                           |

### Worship Service Times

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

### READ SCRIPTURE

|           |               |
|-----------|---------------|
| August 12 | Don Roder     |
| August 19 | Ward Mayberry |

### Prayer Week of August 12

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| S.M.W.       | S.M.D           |
| Andy Brown   | Keith Qualls    |
| S.E.W.       | S.E.D.          |
| Larry Lawhon | Will Chessor    |
| W.E.B.S.     | W.E.D.          |
| Jason Dotson | Charles Shelton |

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

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Dorris Claud    | 931-729-2933 |
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