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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

In order to prepare for the coming eternity of tomorrow, our Lord taught we cannot not afford any delay, today. Jesus calls those who are His, those of this world, out of darkness and into His light of love and life. By the very nature of that calling, all of our life is changed and transformed into His image. Part of our preparation for tomorrow, includes what we do today with the things our Lord places in our care. Of the Lord's parables, stewardship was a focus in three of His earthly stories with heavenly meaning. Sometimes we consider stewardship in terms only pertaining to money, and our handling of it in a responsible manner.

Whatever we cannot surrender, whatever we cannot give up and lay over to the control and guidance of God, which is the one thing which possesses us, and in reality, possesses our soul, and will hamper our soul from receiving its eternal reward. Such would be the dilemma in the life of the man of Luke 12 we know as the rich fool. The Lord tells this parable in response to a question asked by a member of the great multitude following Jesus. At first glance this question seems to come out of the blue, when Jesus had been teaching on what seems to be such separate matters. But when you stop to consider how Jesus responded, slowly the relationship between what He was saying and why this question was asked is made clear by the Master teacher.

He had spoken words of caution (Luke 12:1-3). Our hearts and our lives are so easily influenced and so easily swayed by the world around us and whatever we allow ourselves to be exposed to in the moment can captivate us. The influence of the Pharisees was worth avoiding, and Jesus wanted His followers warned of their hypocrisy. They were strict when it came to enforcing the laws on others, but for themselves the strictness was not the same.

Counting our dollars and cents, our Lord has counted the hairs of our head, and numbered them one by one. While we're busy preparing for holding on to all our possessions, heaven's eternity is slipping through our fingers. Yet when we make our confession, compelling us to faithful



obedience, then we find a true richness "toward God." (Luke 12:21).

He had spoken words of concern (Luke 12:4-7). Hell is a reality, and eternity ought to be a priority, but we seldom speak of eternity in terms of the dangers of separation from God via the confines of hell. Jesus made it abundantly clear, death of the body is minor, compared to the eternal pain of the real place known as hell. Jesus had spoken words of confession (Luke 12:8-12). His call for His people is to have an open lifestyle spoken and shown in faith and following of their devotion and commitment to God.

Then comes the words of the parable, "beware of covetousness" (Luke 12:15). He was teaching caution for the place of hypocrisy in one's life, and between these two brothers there was something covered, "There is nothing covered that will not be revealed" (Luke 12:2). Covetousness insists that whatever you see someone else possess, you should possess that very thing because you could do better with it. It's one thing to deceive your fellow man, it's pointless to think you can deceive God, thus His word of concern for being true to God. He cares for you, don't ever think otherwise, that's why the hairs of your head are numbered (Luke 12:7). His words of confession blend the genuineness of the caution against hypocrisy and His concern for eternity through saying that His name and His word ought to be seen in all you are (Luke 12:8). I hope you know, while we're busy.



We are currently seeking volunteer host families for students 15-18 years of age from countries such as Germany, Brazil, Switzerland, Poland, China, Japan, Colombia and many more. Families choose the student they wish to host that best fits with their family and interest in order to ease the student's transition into US family life and culture. Host families come in all shapes and sizes and represent the diversity of American culture. Our host families are of varied economic, religious and racial backgrounds and include working parents, couples without children, single parents, adoptive parents and empty-nesters. All host families must complete an application and must clear a background check. Any one who is interested in hosting can contact: Susan Springer 931-994-3936 or visit our website at www.ccigreenheart.org

Communion Preparation

The location for preparing the weekly communion has been moved from the basement kitchen to the area located behind the baptistery. The new location will make it more convenient for preparation and transporting. If you or your family would like to volunteer, on a monthly basis, to prepare the communion please contact Dorris Claud.

Coble Community Disaster Relief

Acts 20:35 "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, **"It is more blessed to give than to receive."** \$5000.00 given to the *Coble Community Disaster Relief*. Thank you for your generosity !

DAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR



The *Day School* is accepting applications for the position of *Director*. Applications may be picked up at the church office, and returned by *February 8, 2013*. Call the Day School office if you have any questions at 931-729-5233.

Baptisms



We rejoice with Patrick Lampley, Corey Warren, Tammy Jones, and Melissa Warren who were baptized January 29, 2013 by members of the Jail Ministry.



February 10
JR. HIGH
FIRESIDE
Wayne & Jean
Qualls'
7:00-9:00

-February 13
LIGHTHOUSE
Rachel Hudgins
hosts
5:00-7:00

-February 14
SENIOR HIGH
PRAYER
BREAKFAST
HCHS
7:15

-February
15-16
LAD & DAD
RETREAT
McDonald's Farm

-February 17
SENIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE
J&M Qualls /
P&AA Jacobs
7:00-9:00

-February 18
BIBLE STUDIES
Girls- Newsom's
Guys- Dotson's
6:00-7:00

-February
22-24
SENIOR
SPOTLIGHT /
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT
Gatlinburg

YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK FOR THE Centerville Church of Christ Youth Ministry. Last Monday we had a large crowd and several visitors for our Junior High Fireside in the Lighthouse. Then, Wednesday we had another packed house for the Lighthouse. Thanks to Brandy & Lexi Hudgins and their family for a delicious meal. Our last event was the Souper Bowl in the Lighthouse. Well over 20 cans of soup was collected for our food pantry and a whole lot of fun was had. Thanks to Brett & Heather Martin and Chris & Jenny Teet for helping Misty and me with the night.

THE 20/30's WERE UNPLUGGED FOR THE WEEKEND AT MERIBAH! We had right at 30 that were able to join us at some point. Thanks to Matthew Dotson for his help in planning the event and the activities and to Bryan McAlister for helping us with devotionals. A huge thanks to Rick & Joyce Bruno for being the chefs for the weekend. And the great meals. U-Decide, U-Defend, U-Depend!

HAVE YOU BEEN IN CLASS on Sunday mornings? For the Senior High some of the teachers have been Marty Smith, Chris Teet, Jeremy Qualls, Matthew Kincade, myself, and currently Clay Chessor with Matthew Dotson up next month. For the Junior High you have had Philip Jacobs and currently Jeremy Qualls. I appreciate these men and their willingness to teach these classes and make a connection with our youth in this setting. With our new curriculum for the 6th-12th, it is a sure thing you need to be a part of. Currently both groups are studying the only duplicated study in the curriculum, "Things Surely Believed Among Us." Don't miss this time for growth!

A MAN BECAME ENVIOUS OF HIS FRIENDS because they had larger and better homes he thought. So he asked a real estate firm to advertise and list his house in order to buy another one. Shortly afterward, as he was reading the classified section of the newspaper, he saw an ad for a house that seemed just right. He promptly called the realtor and said, "A house described in today's paper is exactly what I'm looking for." The agent asked him several questions about it and then replied, "But

sir, that's your house your describing." Who is setting our standards? Do we base our happiness upon the actions or inaction of others? Do we even blame the church for our shortcomings and expect that to make us feel better? Why do we let others define who we are as well as my relationship with God and His church? All good questions that truthfully only we ourselves can answer. As was discussed on the 20/30 retreat, let's unplug from the things that disturb our personal relationship with God and its growth. Let us find joy in Christ as He intended (John 15:11). In the end, that is really all that matters, "Seek first the kingdom of God..." *Matthew 6:33.* follow His path, - Craig

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,875.17

BUDGET \$ 12,820.00

Sunday School

\$ 196.57

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 !!!



...Feb. 9 Women's Involvement "Share Your Ideas Lunch" Outreach Center at 11:00 A.M. Sign-Up in the lobby!



...Feb. 13 Ladies' Dinner with the Elders at 5:30 P.M.

..Feb. 15-16 Lad/Dad Retreat at Beaverdam

...Feb. 16 Wild Game Supper at the Lodge

...Feb. 17 Men's Quarterly Business Meeting 5:00 P.M. in the chapel

...Feb. 22-24 Senior High Retreat

Thank You

The Temple Family writes:

"Thank you for your kind expression of sympathy during the sickness and passing of Reba C. Temple." John, Peggy, and Hannah

Mary Frances Welch writes:

"Thank you very much for all the cards and visits while I was off from work for surgery. I also want to say your prayers mean so much to me and I need you to keep praying for me. Thanks for the good treats at Christmas. With Love..."

The Family of Nicus Loveless writes:

"Dear Christian Friends, On behalf of my entire family, I would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude for the many overwhelming acts of support, love, and kindness extended to us during this period of sadness. What a tremendous source of strength and encouragement this church family has been to all of us throughout our journey of providing my father's care, and for this we are extremely grateful. The generosity of your thoughtful and loving spirits has been evidenced through food being brought to our home, prayers said on our behalf, and the warm comforting words spoken or written in cards. The untiring help so graciously provided by the church staff, the delicious meal served after the funeral service, and the beautiful funeral basket of red roses has provided us with much comfort and reassurance. My parents loved this congregation immensely and considered everyone here as their dear friends, as does my family also. Our hearts have been deeply touched by your many expressions of love and kindness, and this will be remembered always by my family. May God Bless You! In Christian Love, Becky & Family."

THANK YOU....CONTINUED ON BACK



Please Pray For :

...Bobby Bates has returned home.

...Bud Roder has returned home.

...Margie Claud is recovering at home from back surgery.

...Rodney Gilbert, son of Ronnie & Judy Gilbert, suffered a heart attack last week and had 2 stents implanted. He is at home and doing well.

...Robert Pitts, the father of Eric & Kari (Galey) Pitts, has returned home.

...Ruby Springer, sister-in-law of Hezekiah Springer & Juanita Garner, is recovering from a broken hip at the local hospital.

...Trevor Buchanan is recovering from ear surgery.

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

Neil Jobe, Minnie Sue Baker, Andrea Spears, Regina Elkins, Floyd Powell, Reba Horner, Henrietta Rochelle, Danny Goodpasture, Sandy Bryant, Caleb Sams, Michael Sweeney, Maxine Shepherd, Pearl Mayberry, Jeff Denton, Colby Westmoreland, Aiden Turnbow, Mary Frances Welch, Fred Hansford, Mollie Orton, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Bobby Kelley, Janie Billions, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson.

Home: Sammye Elrod, Mozine Atkinson, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care

Center: Lula Mae Gilliam, Ruth Stephenson, Belva Goins, Lois Masters, Jean Plemmons, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Nicus Loveless and Austin Dickens by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Eddy Mayberry who was killed in tragic accident. He was a nephew of Billy Ray Dyer and a cousin of Brandy (Eric) Nash.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Karen Rial Powers who passed away. She was a cousin of Polly Lancaster and Bobby Breece.

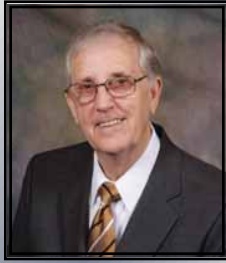
...We express our sympathy to the family of Gary Garrett who passed away. He was the brother of Liz Bryant.

...Funeral services were held Saturday Feb. 2nd 2013 at Jackson Heights Church of Christ in Florence AL for Mrs. Don (Sue) Pace. Sue was the sister of Mrs. L.T. Aydelott, aunt of James Aydelott & family and was also related to the late Jack & Nancy Durham, and John Durham family of Centerville. Sue diligently battled her own Leukemia while caring for a devoted husband Don (a former Elder of Jackson Heights CoC) that suffers with final stages of Alzheimer's disease. Their children Hope, Greg & Jeff are to be commended for their roles in caring for their parents; please remember them in your prayer life.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Brown Breece who passed away. Mr. Breece served as Superintendent of Hickman County Schools from 1960-1980. He is the brother-in-law of Robert Orton, uncle of Karen (Gary) Phillips, and great uncle of Lee (Cassidy) Orton.

...We express our sympathy to the family of James Pollock who passed away. He was the grandfather of Devin (Angie) Pickard.

Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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Thank You

Sandy Bryant writes: "I want to thank everyone for the cards, food, and especially the prayers on my behalf. We are truly blessed with Christian friends and neighbors. May God bless you."

Maxine Shepherd writes: "I want to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, cards, visits and every act of kindness shown to me during my illness. I appreciate you all so much."

Bobby Bates writes: "My heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits and other acts of kindness during my hospital stay and after returning home. In Christian Love..."

Liz & Paul Bryant write for the Family of Gary Garrett: "We want to thank everyone who came by the funeral home, for the food, cards, and all other acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our brother, Gary Garrett. We are blessed to be members of the Centerville Church of Christ."

Attention Ladies !

You Are Invited !!

What: Dinner with the Elders

When: Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Where: Outreach Center

Time: 5:30 P.M.

Dinner hosted by the Elders for the Ladies of the Centerville Church of Christ. **Sign-Up in the lobby !**

Area Events

...*St. Jude Walk-A-Thon* March 16, 2013 at the Jerry Dixon Walking Trail from 9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Call Joyce Boyd for more information. 931-729-4144 or 931-224-4706. *Flyers are in the lobby.

...*Columbia Avenue Church of Christ* invites you to a Soul Winning Evangelism Workshop February 16th 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Morning Session 9-11:30 A.M. ; Lunch 11:30-12:30; Afternoon Session 1:00 P.M.—4:00 P.M. Workshop Facilitator: Amanzo Jones

READ SCRIPTURE

February 10	Don Luther
February 17	Rick Bruno

Prayer Week of Feb. 10

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Daniel Dressler	Rick Bruno
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Eric Nash	Jamie Stoltz
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Warren Potts	Mike Brown