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"I Hope You Know"

When did we stop? When did Christians stop insisting on the standard of morality we believe in, (the morality we believe Another died for), be the standard guarded and protected, defended and practiced by those around us? When did Christians stop supporting others in places of authority when they were called upon to make the decisions we ourselves are either unable, unwilling, or unqualified to make in the moment they need to be decided? When did we stop seeing the "days of our youth" as a proving ground for a deeper faith, for a time our youth must "survive" - apologizing away rebellion with cliches? When did we stop forgiving the sins of our youth, extending the compassion of Christ, and seeking the support of sympathy for moments when hearts are caught up in the whirlwind of their peers' behavior? When did we stop pointing to the blood of Jesus for the motivation to correct our wrongs, to avoid our temptations, and to conquer our sins? When did we stop living like we were forgiven?

When did we start? When did we start behaving more like the world in subtle ways, believing our backwards attempt will somehow attract those of the world to Christianity, through behaviors, attitudes, actions, and beliefs that mimic that of the world? When did we start defending foolishness, endorsing ignorance, and appeasing impetuosity? When did we start compartmentalizing our faith, our belief, our conviction, our salvation to convenient contexts of life? When did we start separating our faith, our worship, our belief, our relationship with Jesus, from our every day? When did we start going to social media to allow our tongues through our fingertips to find another way to display praise and cursing out of the same mouth? When did we start praising God in the pew and then embarrass Him in our (Facebook) "posts?" When did we start calling "evil, good" and "good, evil?" Our eyes have winked at too much sin, diluted too much sensibility, and distorted too great a Savior. Such a lack of sight has brought us to a moment where we fight against personalities and forget to stand for principles. "Are the consolations of God too small for you, and the word spoken gently with you? Why does your heart carry you away, and



what do your eyes wink at, that you turn your spirit against God, and let such words go out of your mouth" (Job 15:11-13)?

What will it take? What will it take to turn our hearts back to seeing the image of the cross in our eyes? What will it take to place the forgiveness of the cross as our message; the holiness of the cross as our motivation; the agony of the cross as our mission; and the Savior of the cross as our meaning? What will it take to cause us to wake up from our sleep and see the need must come at some point for us to live differently from the world around us in order to make an impact on the world containing us? What will it take to see that today is one less day we have to speak for the Christ of Salvation, the Christ of the Cross, the Christ of the church, and the Christ of the coming? What will it take to see that today is one day closer to the day when all that we know, our lives, our homes, our computers, our cell phones, our Facebook, twitter, friend requests and following, our youth and the days of our youth - are gone, passed away, no longer here, and the only day that remains is the day of eternity, the day of judgement; the day we thought could come but wouldn't, finally did? "Behold - Now is the accepted time, behold today is the day of salvation" (II Corinthians 6:2)!

Placing Membership



We want to welcome *Brenda Yates* to our work and worship ! Her address is :
 4518 Elkins Drive, Centerville, TN 37033
Welcome !



We want to welcome *Louise Jones* to our work and worship ! Her address is:
 105 Riverside Drive, Centerville, TN 37033
Welcome !



His L.I.G.H.T.
 LEAD. IMITATE. GLORIFY. HUMBLE. TOUCH
 Chris Webb



COMING SOON...
 -January 13
 5th Quarter
 After the game
 Until 11pm.
 -January 15
 Fireside 7-9p

IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE A... week such as the one we have had. It's hard to believe that social media could have such an impact on one community. This is the world we live in today. Once something is on the internet, it is there for life and there for everyone to see. Once it's there, we can do little about it. All of us at some point have undoubtedly posted something or tweeted something that perhaps, looking back, we wish we hadn't hit send. Watching Sport Center I can tell you that athletes make this mistake on a daily basis. When one athlete vents via Facebook, he not only speaks for himself, but also for his team, coaches, etc... Perhaps it doesn't seem fair, that

one person carries the burden of others when they speak. It is, however, the way it will always be. We are fooled if we think the only people that we represent are ourselves. Our actions and words can bring adoration to our families as well as embarrassment. Our actions and words can represent the place we work, the people we associate with, and yes, even the school we attend. When you watch the news, you often see when someone is interviewed they put their name in the lower portion of the screen. Almost always, below the name, they put some sort of description. Never do you see it just say some person standing nearby to interview. You will see their job title, their relationship to the people involved, and so on. I point this out for a very simple reason. Every time we as Christians say or do something, below our name on the bottom of the screen is the description, Christian. By having this word under our names, it means that we are representing Christ. 2 Cor. 5:20 says that "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us." By calling ourselves Christians and ambassadors, we must accept that we are representing Christ. It's a big responsibility, however, it's one that He thinks we can bear. Carry the name Christian with pride and strive everyday to represent Him in the light that He deserves! It won't be easy, but it will be worth it!

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT WE ARE HAVING A 5TH QUARTER.... after the home basketball game. Everything will kick off at the conclusion of the game and go until 11p. Be sure to invite a few friends and come to enjoy good food and fellowship! The 5th Quarter will be in the Fellowship Hall of the Centerville Church of Christ. Light the Way-Chris

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday January 11
 David and Jane Talley 5-8p
Wednesday January 18
 Clay and Tara Chessor 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,134.77

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 197.76

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 236 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dimple Thornton who passed away. She was a resident of the Life Care Center and was the wife of James Thornton and the mother of Teresa Drew.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jim Bragg who passed away. Mr. Bragg was a resident of the Life Care Center and from the Coble Community.

Area Events

You're Invited to Lipscomb University's Men's Basketball Adoption Rally Benefiting the Estabrooks' Adoption Fund, Jan. 14, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. at Lipscomb's Allen Arena. Tickets:\$5-\$12. All ticket sales for this game will be donated to help with the costs of the Estabrooks' adoption of a little girl from Bulgaria. *This is Lipscomb University's first game to benefit adoptive families. Your attendance will support this fundraising program and help orphaned children get to loving homes.



There are many **bibles** in the lobby. If you have misplaced one, please check the table. **Thanks!**



January Events...

...Jan. 12 Visitation Team 2 will meet at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...Jan. 15 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.

...Jan. 15 Camp Board Meeting 5:00 P.M. in the conference room.

...Jan. 15 Visitation Team 3 will meet at the Outreach Center after evening worship service.

...Jan. 21 Women's Organizational Breakfast 9:00 A.M.

...Jan. 28 Wild Game Supper

...Jan. 29 Mission Committee Meeting at 4:44 in the Conference Room.

...Jan. 29 Fiesta Night following evening worship service.

Thank You

The following have expressed their appreciation for the Sunshine Basket:

Thelma Chessor, Lois Masters, Elsie Mathis, Inis Puckett.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Brent & Jessica Delaney on the birth of a daughter, Carly Mae Delaney. Carly was born on January 6, 2012. She weighed 8 lbs. 11 ozs. Proud grandparents are Mike & Carla Plunkett and Jimmy & Rhonda Delaney.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Skyler & Kimberly Harrington on the birth of a son, Oliver Mason Harrington. Oliver was born January 4, 2012. He weighed 8lbs. 13 ozs. And is 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Joey & Charlene Hunt and Bill & Christy Harrington.

Prayer Requests



...Jean Plemmons has returned home from the Life Care Center.

...Krystal Thornton, the daughter of Teresa Drew, is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

...Bill Merrick is suffering with cancer, and his wife has recently been diagnosed with meningitis. They are good friends of Chris Hughes and Charles Ingram. Please keep this family in your prayers.

...Ann Orton, the sister of Robert Orton, has returned home with hospice care.

...Allene Wade is very sick at the Hickman County Nursing Home.

...Marie Lawhon was in the local hospital for a few days last week. She is back at the Nursing Home.

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

Ethan Skelton, Pauline Tanner, Robert Bryant, Al Baltz, Jason Upchurch, Patsy Davidson, Lois Sanders, Janet Plemmons Nixon, Janet Wright, Barbara McClannahan, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Maury Regional Skilled Nursing Center: Louise Banks

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Alfred Williams,

Stella Breece, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece.

Home: J.W. & Sue Roder, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Our Elders



Bobby Bates



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Alfred Williams

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January 15 Gaylon Cude
 January 22 Bill McDonald

Prayer Week of January 15

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| S.M.W. Michael Bryant | S.M.D Derek Newsom |
| S.E.W. Bob McDonald | S.E.D. Garry Greer |
| W.E.B.S. David Hudgins | W.E.D. James Aydelott |



"Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter." Psalm 74:17