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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

So heart bestill:

**What need our little life
Our human life to know,
If God hath comprehension?
In all the dizzy strife
Of things both high and low,
God hideth His intention.**

**God knows. His will
Is best. The stretch of years
Which wind ahead, so dim
To our imperfect vision,
Are clear to God. Our fears
Are premature; In Him,
All time hath full provision.**

**Then rest: until
God moves to lift the veil
From our impatient eyes,
When, as the sweeter features
Of Life's stern face we hail,
Fair beyond all surmise**

**God's thought around His creatures
Our mind shall fill.**

(Poem by Minnie Louise Haskins)



Yet unknown to us what this year will hold, but fully known to us by faith, Who holds this year. We have entered into 2012 with a tremendous beginning on the Lord's Day. We enjoyed worship with well over 530 believers, welcomed a new member, gave an excellent contribution, and shared a fantastic attendance for Bible School.

Our first Sunday night of the year came earlier, as we worshipped at 5pm and then enjoyed a period of fellowship with a family movie night. "Courageous" was the film. Once again we have bid farewell to another year and opened life's chapter on 2012. It is contagious was its message, and captivated was our audience of over 415 for the night!

It was an outstanding evening planned by the 20/30's ministry and our thanks to them for serving refreshments, providing the movie, and cleaning up after our guests.

This Saturday we will host another worship workshop for our men involved in any public aspect of our worship services. We'll begin at 9am and focus on the New Year and our participation in our public leadership among our church family. All those who participate from serving during communion to public speaking are encouraged to come and take part in the day. On Sunday we will unveil our 2012 theme.

I hope you know how excited we are to begin a New Year together, and how thankful we are it is with you, this tremendous congregation of God's people.

Special Days in January



Juanita Garner
84 Years Old
January 1, 2012



Ida Mable Gerard
100 Years Old
January 30, 2012



Gerald & Ruth McFarlin

Humble people do not solicit recognition, in fact they look away from it. However, upon the humble a gaze cannot help but be cast (Isaiah 66:2). For 45 years, *Gerald and Ruth McFarlin* worked in a harmony received by all who passed by our sign facing Highway 100. From determining the messages to displaying them, our church family benefited from the faithful service. The humble ask for no recognition. But our eyes cannot look away from the sign of faith they are to us. Thank you.



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



COMING SOON...

-January 13
5th Quarter
After the game
Until 11pm.

JUST AS QUICKLY AS 2011.... began, it has ended. A new year has come and brings about new challenges and new opportunities. As the new year begins, I want to share something with you that I learned in 2011. For most of my life, I have found myself making resolutions and hoping that I could accomplish things in my life. I believe that it is important for us to have hope. I also believe that it is important for us not to just hope that we can accomplish something, but do our part to make sure that we can. For example, the most popular New Year's resolution has always been weight loss. It seems that everyone wants to lose a few pounds at the first of the year. In January you can say, "I hope I can lose weight this year." You can also watch every episode of the Biggest Loser, as well as read fitness magazines and so on. However, if this is all that you do, you will probably not be successful. We all know that losing weight is really a simple process, you simply need to burn more calories that you take in. We make it so difficult because we struggle to lay out a game plan and follow through to succeed. In the same way, many of us might resolve this year to read the Bible all the way through. You might say, "I hope that I can read the entire Bible this year." This is not an impossible goal. There are many programs out there that show you it only takes a few chapters a day to read the entire Bible in a year. My point is simply this, as Nike has said for years, "Just Do It!" I've heard that slogan since I was a boy. I just recently came to realize the true meaning of it by realizing that I can accomplish anything in life that I want to accomplish, if I will simply "Just Do It." I can't count the number of times that I have hoped I would have a better prayer life, hoped that my relationship with God would grow, I hope, I hope, I hope, but I never do. In 2012 I want to encourage you to "Just Do It." Whatever your "It" is, I pray that it won't just be a dream that you have, but an accomplishment that you can be proud of. I'm not sure if Nike got its slogan from James or not, but I love James 1:22, where James says, "Be doers of the Word." I don't have to just hope that I go to Heaven, according to James I can know. How can I know? Simple, be a doer of the Word. If I will only read my Bible and live it out in my life, I can lay my head down tonight knowing that I will inherit eternal life. What an awesome thought. Whatever it is you are striving for this year, I pray that you will succeed. I pray that you will experience God's love in a unique way and know him better than you ever have. Light the Way-Chris



Youth In The News...

Congratulations to the *Hickman County Middle School Bulldogs* for winning the MTAC Championship!

THE LIGHTHOUSE
Wednesday January 4
TBA 5-8p
Wednesday January 11
TBA 5-8p

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION DEC. 25TH

\$ 14,199.92

CONTRIBUTION JAN. 1, 2012

\$11,384.16

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$212.01

Dunn Misson Fund \$1,000.00

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 !!!



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of John McCord by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Alvena Hudspeth and Nina Powers by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Danny Galey by Guy & Janet Barber, Shane & Tammy Willis, Dale & Tracy Robinson.

...a donation has been given in honor of Sammye Elrod and Chug & Johnny Ruth Elrod by Dr. & Mrs. David Elrod.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Alvena Hudspeth by Nola Chandler.

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.

 We have received 4 donations to the Framing The Future Fund! Thanks !!

January Events...

...Jan. 7 *Worship Training Workshop* 9:00—10:30 A.M.

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

...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 *Fiesta Night* following evening worship service.



Thank You

The Following have expressed their thanks for the Sunshine Basket: Francis Harris, Lois Sanders, Nola Chandler.

Lois Sanders and Family write:

"Thank you all for the cards, letters, calls and prayers sent while I have been recuperating from my broken hip. Hope you all enjoyed the Holidays. I love and miss you all ! God Bless...."

George Dotson writes: "Thank you for the Sunshine Basket, phone calls, visits, and cards while I was in the Life Care Center for therapy. It is great to be a part of this church family."

Baptism



We rejoice with Candace Willis who was baptized Sunday night, December 25th.

Candice is the daughter of Steven and Misty Willis and the granddaughter of Jane Gilbert.

The *Centerville Church of Christ* has received a donation from the estate of *Ellis Maddox*. Mr. Maddox was a member of the church here at Centerville for many years and faithfully assisted in counting the weekly contribution. *This donation is greatly appreciated.*

"Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase." *Proverbs 3: 9*

Prayer Requests



...Ethan Skelton, son of Danny & Melody, was involved in a logging accident on Monday and had surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital which resulted in the amputation of two of his fingers.

...Ann Orton, the sister of Robert Orton, is in Alive Hospice at St. Thomas Hospital.

...Robert Bryant is undergoing tests at Vanderbilt Hospital. Please remember Robert & Sandy in your prayers.

...Allene Wade is in the local hospital.

...Pauline Tanner, grandmother of Melissa Qualls, Helen Simmons, and Jamie Stoltz, had surgery for a broken arm Tuesday, January 3, at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Mary Wilkerson has returned home.

...Dan Wallace is recovering from back surgery at home.

...Louise Banks, the sister of Bobbie Lowery, is in Maury Regional Skilled Nursing Center.

...Al Baltz is recovering from a kidney transplant at home. He is doing well.

...Jason Upchurch is recovering from surgery and doing well.

...George Dotson is recovering at home.

...Rachel Breece, the granddaughter of Bobby & Betty Breece, is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

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

Patsy Davidson, Lois Sanders, Janet Plemmons Nixon, Janet Wright, Reba Horner, Barbara McClannahan, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

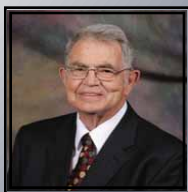
Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:

Alfred Williams, Stella Breece, Jean Plemmons, 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, Allene Wade, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Our Elders



Bobby Bates



Lonnie Gilliam



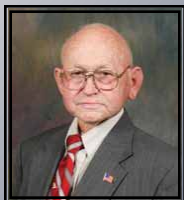
Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Alfred Williams

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Worship Service

Sunday A.M. 9:00

Bible Class 10:15

Sunday P.M. 6:00

Wednesday P.M. 7:00

*"I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go into the house of the lord."*

Psalm 122:1



**Worship
Service**

**Broadcast on Local Dickson Cable Comcast
Channel 19
Sunday Morning 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.**

READ SCRIPTURE

January 8 Patrick Sullivan
January 15 Gaylon Cude

Prayer Week of January 8

S.M.W. Wayne Qualls	S.M.D Robert Bowman
S.E.W. Chris Teet	S.E.D. Wayne Chessor
W.E.B.S. Craig Shelton	W.E.D. Warren Potts