

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

God has given us a healthy and vibrant plan for leadership, one that is proven to work. Yet at times we exchange the healthy plan of leadership for a faulty and sometimes diseased plan of leadership. This problem is not new, it has historically tempted God's people. "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). There is a better way, but it is not of your creation. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its way is the end of death" (Proverbs 14:12). How many were lead to divorce because to one, this just doesn't feel right anymore? "When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:10). Where will the next generation be if our definition of success does not begin with a faithful relationship with God? "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6; 21:25). Without the clear direction of leadership, without the clear guidance of principles and priorities which care for the wellbeing of those being lead, every person will attempt their own version of leadership, and the end result will be disastrous. That is why God put on flesh, walked among men, so that we might see what it can be like to be led in the way God shows.

More than seven times throughout John's gospel of belief, he will record Jesus saying, "I am." "I am...the bread of life, light of the world, resurrection, way-truth-and life, true vine, etc." Resonating in chapter 10 is the statement, "I am the good shepherd." It's a statement of connection to people, which Jesus was the Master connector. In fact, John 10 is couched between two powerful accounts where Jesus connects people back to the hope they believed they had lost in their life. In John 9 it was man born blind, disconnected from the world around him all his life, and Jesus connects him through healing. In John 11 its Lazarus, dead for four days. Through the power of raising the dead, Jesus connects Lazarus back to His family and the family back to hope. You see, Jesus has always had a vested interest in people. That's why John 10 He explains. He is not a thief looking to steal from the hearts of men. He's not



a hireling, unconcerned for those He knows. He has a vested interest in our welfare and wellbeing.

Leadership must contain the quality of connection, if we ever hope to make an impact on those we are trying to lead. One of our ministries through the Centerville Church of Christ that has excelled in recent days is our Harvest Time Outreach. Jason Dotson helps to lead that ministry, and through his talent for video editing and filming, has established some great lessons on life applications through, "Lesson from the Field." Check out [www.centervillechurchofchrist.org](http://www.centervillechurchofchrist.org) and look under "media" and you'll see what work has been done. Most recently, one of their filming ventures was featured in a sports-mans' publication, Ammoguide. This is a ministry that has connected a love for the Lord, the outdoors, and life's lessons in a meaningful way. Thank you for your leadership.

I hope you know, you possess the ability to lead like this in your daily walk. Finding the things you love to do, and then remembering to surrender that talent to the Lord. There is no better way to lead souls to the cross, to the Christ, and to His great church!



Please Join Us !

What : A Card Drive  
For : Andrea Spears  
Andrea Spears is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. She will be undergoing chemotherapy. Please join us in sending Andrea cards and let her know we are praying for her recovery.

Address: 104 Green Tree Court  
Columbia, Tennessee 38401



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

SUNDAY NIGHT WAS VERY.... encouraging for so many reasons! We had a great crowd on hand for our Fireside, and it was definitely one to remember. Our hosts were Bryan and Mendy McAlister. Bryan did our devotional lesson and challenged our young people to look deeply at their own lives and see what things are holding them back from truly being the person that God has called them to be. I feel that I need to say one thing about this Fireside. That is, how much I truly appreciate the McAlister's willingness to host and participate in our youth ministry. The Pulpit Minister at any congregation is typically being



**COMING SOON...**

- March 16-18 Jr. High Retreat
- March 19 HCHS Baseball Tail-gate Party 5:30p

pullled in a hundred different directions at all times. Think about it, it's a difficult task caring for a congregation of over 500 people. I am continually amazed at how well our preacher stays involved in the lives of the good folks who worship here. As a youth minister however, I cannot express how much I appreciate a preacher who cares so deeply for even the youngest souls. Sunday night was a late night for all, but it was one that touched lives and glorified God. At the end of the day, it's really hard to ask for much more than that!

THE JR. AND SR. HIGH GROUPS WILL BE GOING TO.... see the Nashville Predators play on April 3rd. There is no sign up list for this event ! I have 40 tickets for our group, and they must be purchased through the church website. Simply go to our events page and click on the Predators game. There you can buy the number of tickets that you need for the game. On the night of the event, you will swap your ticket that you print off for the game tickets that I have. Hopefully this will make it easier for everyone to sign up and make sure that they have a spot reserved. The bus will pull out at 5pm for the game! I sure hope you are on it!

## Youth in the News...



Congratulations to the following for earning a new rank in Taekwondo: *Brandy Hudgins, Aaron Sullivan, Aiden Wallace, Kaitlyn Wallace, Dylan Lampley, Bryce Hughes, Aaron Sullivan, and John Jacobs.* Great Job !



*Learning Your Way Through Loss  
A Workshop on Making Your Way  
Through The Struggle of Loss  
Making the Pieces Fit  
Grief Seminar by Bill McDonald  
Location: Centerville Church of  
Christ Outreach Center  
Time: 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.*

*You may sign-up in the church lobby or contact the church office at 931-729-4201 or McDonald Funeral Home at 931-729-3561.*

Week 1	Thursday, March 1
Week 2	Thursday, March 8
Week 3	Thursday, March 15
Week 4	Thursday, March 22
Week 5	Thursday, March 29

PLEASE BE PRAYING THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR JR.... High Retreat at Nathan Bedford Forrest. We have several signed up and are looking forward to a great weekend! The bus will pull out at 5pm on Friday and return around 11am on Sunday!

ON MONDAY, MARCH 19TH, WE WILL BE HOSTING A.... Tail-gate party at the HCHS baseball game when they take on the East Eagles. The party kicks off at the field at 5:30pm! We will have food and drinks, so come on out and join us! Light the Way-Chris

## Children's Bible Hour

*Every Sunday Night at 6:00 P.M.  
Bible Stories, Songs,  
Puppets*

**March Theme:**  
*I'm Special  
"Joseph"*



**Hey kids ! Don't forget :**

**March Hungry Hound Pantry Item :**  
**corn, beans, soup**



**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
Wednesday March 14  
Youth Group host Fellowship Meal  
Wednesday March 21  
Visitation Team 3 5-7p

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

**\$ 14,696.20**

**BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00**

**Sunday School - \$ 210.00**

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 !!!



## Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Nelly Morales (mother-in-law of Larry Dotson and mother of Hope Dotson) by Kenneth Dotson.

...a Donation has been given to the Sojourners in honor of Doug & Maxine Shepherd by Carol Ballard.

...a Donation has been given to Camp Meribah in honor of Bill McDonald, Gary Greer & Staff by Carol Ballard.

## Area Events

...*St. Jude Walk-A-Thon, March 17, 2012. Time: 9:30-2:00 P.M. Location : Jerry Dixon Walking Trail* Contact Joyce Boyd for more information at 931-729-4144 or 931-224-4706 *Concessions available* All proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

...March 17, 2012 *Ladies' Day* at the Highland Heights Church of Christ, 785 S. Lowry Street, Smyrna, TN 37167. 8:30 A.M. Registration; 9:00 A.M.-12:30 Lesson & Lunch \*Childcare will be provided R.S.V.P. to the church office at (615) 459-4071 or e-mail to ncarlin@highlandheights.net by March 9th.

...You are invited to hear Bill McDonald speak at the Sylvia Church of Christ March 18-21, 2012. Theme: "The Parables of Jesus" Bible Class 10:00 A.M.; Worship: 11:00 A.M. ; 12:15 Covered Dish Lunch; 1:30 P.M. Gospel Singing; 2:00 P.M. Worship Monday - Wednesday 7:00 P.M.



...March 16-18 *Jr. High Retreat*  
...March 18 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting* at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.  
...March 18 *Visitation Team 3* meets at the Outreach Center after P.M. worship.

## Thank You

Lloyd Bridges writes: "Thank you so very much for your thoughts & prayers over the past few weeks. God has truly blessed me in so many ways. Mildred and I have listened each Sunday we have been home and enjoyed your minister's sermons so much. Sincerely..."

Bill & Betty Davis write: " It is hard, indeed, to find the words to express our deep appreciation to so many who made our reception so special for us.

However, may we offer a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to all who planned, prepared, and attended that special reception. We shall never forget it !

May the Lord bless each of you. With Christian Love..."

## A Baby Girl !



Congratulations to Mark & Jessica Dressler on the birth of a baby girl, Lilianna Rose. She was born March 7th and weighs 6 lbs. 3 ozs. Proud

grandparents are Tonya Oliphant, Daniel & Mina Dressler.



*Skyler Harrington* left for *Fort Jackson, South Carolina* on Tuesday, March 13, 2012. Please keep him in your prayers.



...Alfred Williams is in Maury Regional Hospital dealing with an infection.

...Andrea Spears is in Maury Regional Hospital recovering from surgery.

...Dot Cook, the mother of Pam Peone, is very sick in Baptist Hospital.

...Eddie Cook is very ill in Maury Regional Hospital suffering with cancer.

...Doris King had surgery Monday at Baptist Hospital for cancer.

...Owen Barber is recovering at Vanderbilt Hospital following a stroke and surgery for a brain tumor.

...James Westmoreland has returned home from the hospital.

...Stella Greer is recovering from a fall at home. She is doing better.

...Robert Bryant is in Williamson County Medical Center. He is very sick at this time and has finished his treatments. *No visitors please.*

...J.T. Moss has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Cynthia Mitchell has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Joshua Bryant, brother of Brandon Bryant, is very sick at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...Brett Gatewood, son of Gary & Becky, is recovering from gall bladder surgery in Birmingham, Alabama.

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


Patsy Davidson, Janie Billions, Louise Campbell, John McCrary, Andrea Spears, James Dwyer, Robert Pitts, J.W. Hankins, Lisa Shepherd, Ann Orton, Bill Merrick, Robert Bryant, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Katie Lane Jones.

Home: Curtis & Margaret McCord, Mozine Atkinson, Dorothy Easley, Mary Wilkerson, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.



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**Understanding Medicare**


*Informational Meeting*

**Date:** Tuesday, March 20, 2012  
**Location:** Outreach Center  
**Time:** 10:30 A.M.

Followed by a Question & Answer Session



**Don't Forget.....**  
 To turn in your work form to your bible class teacher or the office. *Thank You!*



It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade. ~ Charles Dickens

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

Dorris Claud	931-729-2933
Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
Bryan Woods	931-994-7042

**Ministers**

Bryan McAlister	931-994-3525
Chris Webb	615-394-8710
Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

**Secretaries**

Tammy Willis	931- 729-4201,
	931- 994-2672
Ruth Reece	931- 729-4201

**Prayer Week of March 18**

<b>S.M.W.</b>	<b>S.M.D</b>
Cody Woods	Derek Newsom
<b>S.E.W.</b>	<b>S.E.D.</b>
Jim Hudgins	James Easley
<b>W.E.B.S.</b>	<b>W.E.D.</b>
Lonnie Gilliam	Eric Coleman

**READ SCRIPTURE**

March 18	Jimmy Reece
March 25	Mike Brown