

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

Happiness seems to be the pursuit of just about every heart you meet. Yet its source is not in the typical places people look. Investments, portfolios, possessions, savings, people, relationships, prominence, or power have been mistakenly presented as the source of happiness. In a moment of doubt, Jesus revealed the true source. "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Our search for happiness has us looking around nearly every corner and down every street, but its real location is at the intersection of love and grace, on a hill called calvary. Still people fail to see Jesus and understand His real intentions.

Jesus said, "I am no thief" (John 10:8), but the people wanted a thief (Barabbas) released instead of Jesus (John 18:40). Jesus said, "I will set you free" (John 8:36), but the people wanted a prisoner, just like they were prisoners (John 18:39). Jesus said, "I am the king" (John 18:37), but the people said "We have no king but Caesar" (John 19:15)!" When Jesus came to Pilate in John 20, Pilate wanted to know, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" Jesus had every right to ask Pilate, "Do you want to know because you want to know, or are you merely repeating what someone else told you?" Their exchange went on for a bit, until finally, Pilate just asked again, "Are you a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice" (John 18:37). It was clear, Jesus was the King of kings.

What's it like when the evidence cannot lie? In April of 2007, Jeremy Miller became the 200th prison inmate to be exonerated of his crime, due to DNA evidence in his case. There have been other convictions overturned since then, because of the undeniable evidence presented,



which serves as a reminder of the power of truth. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Beyond a shadow of a doubt, our Lord confirmed His identity, and with that His ability to set free those who are under the bondage of sin. That means all of us, every one of us, who could rightly be condemned because of sin, need not be, due to the liberty and freedom we find in the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope you know...All truth is God's truth. Truth does not negate truth, it negates error. When truth is discovered, no matter who discovers it, God revealed it, for God is the source of all truth. It was the very prayer of Jesus (John 17:17). Truth does not originate from you, it regenerates all of you! What happens when we believe the truth of the Redeemer for our souls? What happens when we believe the truth of the ransom paid for our sins? What happens when we believe the truth of the resurrected Savior? What happens when we believe in the regenerated soul through the removal of sin through baptism (I Peter 3:21)? What happens when we believe in the Lord's absolute truth? Happiness? Absolutely.

## 2012 Baby Gallery...



*Carly Mae Delaney*



*Liam Michael King*



*Mollie Fay Orton*



*Cade Houston Thomas*



*Kinley Brooke McAlister*



*Avery Reese Kent*



*Emma Makayla Batts*



*Merfy Guin Qualls*



*Oliver Mason Harrington*



*Anthony Daniels*



*Lilianna Rose Dressler*



*Lauryn Abigail Harrison*



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

An open letter to the Centerville Church of Christ:



To My Dear Church Family,  
 A wise friend once told me that when God opens doors, we should pray to have sense enough to see the door, and faith enough to walk through it. I have challenged our young people for the last 7 years to live their lives in this way. It's because of this conviction that, I tell you today that my family and I

will be moving to Columbia, TN to work with the Graymere Church of Christ, effective June 15, 2012. This is not a decision that we have made quickly or taken lightly. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with this congregation. We have poured our hearts and souls into this work and have been blessed to be able to call you our family. We did not make this decision because of ill will or a bad experience. Rather, this decision came by our family striving to do what we believe is most pleasing to God. Sometimes, it is hard to discern what the will of God is in our lives. I firmly believe however that we must be open to whatever God may have in store for us, and walk by faith every step of the way. I pray that you will support us in this decision and I know that in the end, our family and this congregation will be blessed by it. You have impacted our family in such ways that to say thank you simply would not do. You will forever hold a place in our hearts and we pray that this congregation will continue to be a light in this community as it has been for over 140 years. I want to especially say thank you to our Elders, both past and present, who have stood beside us from day one and offered us the love and support that has helped us to grow. They are wonderful men and we have been blessed to know them. We love you more than words can say and thank you for allowing us to be a part of your lives.

Light the Way-Chris

**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
 Wednesday May 23  
 Need Host 5-7p  
 Wednesday May 30  
 Lighthouse Closed

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

\$ 9,654.10

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 181.04

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 !!!

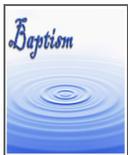


## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of T.B. Gordon who passed away. He was the uncle of Elaine Gilbert.

...a graveside Memorial Service was held at the Chessor Cemetary on May 6, 2012, for Lelon & Pearl O'Guin Turnbow who died in Michigan in December. They were the aunt and uncle of Jean Qualls and have many friends in our church family.

...We express our sympathy to the family of 25 year old Joshua Bryant. Josh was the brother of Brandon (Amy) Bryant, son of Kim (Randy) Frazier, and Eddie (Cindy) Bryant, the grandson of James and Helen Bryant, and Gene Morgan. He has several other relatives in our congregation.



We rejoice with Joseph Sean Gibbs who was baptized Thursday, May 17th, by members of the Jail Ministry.

## Youth In The News...

Congratulations to the following award winners:

John Mark Thigpen, Theatre Arts; Koltan Miley, Perfect Attendance 12 Years; Logan Hunt, Most Likely To Change The World; Savannah Davis, Class Clown; Blane Wright, Most Athletic; Mackaye Gribbons, Most Unforgettable; Savannah Davis, Jacob Breece, Dynamic Duo Award.



## Coming In June...

...June 10—15 Camp Meribah Week 1.  
...June 14 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30.

...June 17 Father's Day  
...June 17 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.  
...June 17 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship service.

...June 18- 20 VBS & Day Camp Week 2

...June 24—29 Camp Meribah Week 3

## Thank You

Janet Hopkins-Campbell writes: "I just want to thank the Centerville Church of Christ family for all of your encouragement in the years it took me to complete my Bachelor's degree at Tennessee State University. Whether it was filling out a survey for my Senior Project or encouraging me as I worked multiple jobs to put myself through school, or sending a graduation card, the support of my brothers and sisters in Christ here has just been beyond words. Again, Thank You."

Ermadean Hickerson writes: "Thanks for the prayers on behalf of the passing of my Rhonda. It gave me so much strength. God Bless you ! What a great church!"

Marie Bates writes : "Thank you for the food, calls, cards, and visits during my illness and recovery."



## Congratulations to...

Nick Deitmen and Kindall Duke who were married Saturday, May 19th, 2012, at the Granny White Church of Christ. Nick is the son of Jackie and Randy Deitmen and the grandson of Thelma Deitmen and the late Don Deitmen and Coleen Williams and the late Alfred Williams. Nick and Kindall will be making their home in the Bellevue area.

## A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Luke & Samantha Williams on the birth of a baby boy, Corbin Taylor Williams. He was born May 21, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 ozs. Proud great-grandmother is Coleen Williams.



...Bill McDonald was in the local hospital on Sunday due to a kidney stone.

...Terry Bradley, the son of Geneva Bradley, will have surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital Friday, May 25th, for a cancerous tumor on his kidney.

...Please remember the Doug Burchard Family as Doug will start taking chemotherapy and radiation treatments for cancer this week.

...Owen Barber continues to improve daily. He has been moved to a new location. His new address is:

Remeo  
Room 218B  
1414 County Hospital Road  
Nashville, TN 37218

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

Bruce Bowen, Marie Bates, Mollie Orton, Janie Billions, Barbara Wood, Beverly Bruno, Becky Hadden, J.T. Moss, Andrea Spears, Doris King, Cynthia Mitchell, James Dwyer, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Ann Orton, Bill Merrick, Robert Bryant, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren.

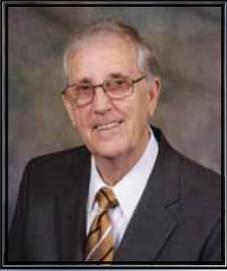
Home: Mozine Atkinson, Curtis & Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, Jean Plemmons, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Francis Harris, H.D. Fann, Stephen Church, Stella Breece, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Brown Breece



## Our Elders



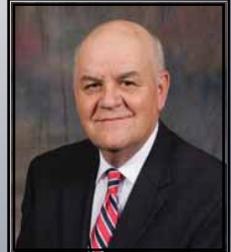
Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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The *Camp Meribah Board* expresses thanks to all who contributed to the success of the *Sojourners'* work from May 7<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. The special Sunday School Classes' donations made adequate funds available for the purchase of supplies and materials for the effort. The lunch meal was provided by members of the congregation on each work day. Many other activities of the Centerville Church enhanced the *Sojourners'* performance of 487 hours of physical labor.

### CAMP BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the *Camp Meribah Board* will be held at the *Hayes House* at 5:00 PM (1700 hrs) on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.



... The *Scholarship Committee* is now accepting applications for awards from the fund for the 2012-2013 academic year. *Applications* are available in the church office and must be submitted no later than June 8<sup>th</sup>

to be considered at the committee meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Regardless of previous scholarship awards a new application must be submitted for the upcoming semester.



We deeply appreciate the Donation to *Framing the Future* and to the *Scholarship Fund*.  
Thank You....Thank You !!

### READ SCRIPTURE

May 27 Chris Teet  
June 3 Monty Dunn

### Prayer Week of May 27

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Michael Bryant	Paul Bryant
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
David Brown	Patrick Allen
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Larry Lawhon	Charles Shelton

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

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Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
Bryan Woods	931-994-7042
John Bradley	931-994-7358