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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

There are so many things we ought to say to the people near us and around us, who are dear to us - yet because of the fear within us, we remain silent and bury those words. What if God had been too scared of our reaction to Him sending His Son? What if He had been so scared, He opted not to tell us at all, but simply allow us to meander through life without direction and without hope? Since God is perfect in all His ways, and though has an understanding and sympathetic grasp of all our emotions, He is not confined by them. However, God did choose to reveal to man His deep desire, His deep will, and His deep love for all humanity.

"For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him" (I Corinthians 2:11)? Were it not for the willingness of God to reveal to all of man, His divine will for us, there was not an "eye" among us that could have "seen" nor an "ear" which could have "heard" and certainly no "heart" which could have imagined a plan for redemption from sin and hope for living a life renewed, quite like the mind of God. Were it not for the fact that He chose to tell us, reveal to us, show us, and live among us, His message of salvation, no one could have known. But He did tell what was on His mind; and we now know, and are without excuse.

God's desire to see His creation connected back to Him is clear, to those who do not question His love. But for those who have never known it, or never believed it, they cannot help but question whether or not His love is real. Thus the question becomes essential, "Do you care for me?" Paul knew this going into an area with a new audience with a tried and true message. But before the message could be tested, the motive of the messenger had to be established. "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling" (I Corinthians 2:1-3). His motive was plain, he was there in weakness, fear, and trembling, some of our most desperate times of life. He cared. But more importantly, God cared,



and it was clear.

It is not enough to know another cares, but we ask, "Can you help me?" "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power," (I Corinthians 2:4). In reality, it is not about what we are able to do, but what we are convinced the Lord is able to do through His power and might, and through His Spirit of comfort and presence. The Lord is our shield, refuge, defender, rock, and shelter. Can He help? Of course He can. For those searching for faith, they are looking to be won with savvy speech, but won to a superior Savior.

Can I trust you? It's the natural progression. We believe others care. We are confident they can help. Can that help be trusted? "that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God." (I Corinthians 2:5). As much as I would rather not admit it, I will let you down. Yet I hope you know, it is the wisdom of God that begs us to look past our humanity and see His deity and know with certainty, His Son is our security.



**THANKSINGING**  
NOVEMBER 18, 2012



**9:00 A.M.**  
**Sermon in Song**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Song Service**



**YOUTH ON HIS PATH**

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**

CRAIG SHELTON



November 16-17  
**LAZER QUEST**  
**LOCK-IN**  
9:30PM-7:30AM

November 19  
**JR. HIGH**  
**FIRESIDE**  
Lighthouse  
6:30-8:30

November 21-23  
**THANKSGIVING**  
**BREAK**

November 21  
**SERVICE**  
**PROJECT**  
Jr. & Sr. High  
10:00-3:00

November 25  
**SR. HIGH**  
**FIRESIDE**  
Bailey's  
7:00-9:00

November 28  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
Hosted by  
Blake Warren  
5:00-7:00

**COMING SOON!**

Dec 27-29  
**CAMP**  
**SNOWBALL VII**  
Applications are  
online or on the  
Youth News  
Board

**A BUSY AND BLESSED WEEK!** We began last week with a Junior High Fireside at The McAlisters. We had a wonderful time, enjoyed the delicious meal, and our devotional was centered on "Moving Forward." Thanks McAlisters! Wednesday brought the Lighthouse hosted by Brandy & Lexi Hudgins and their family. A large turn-out for some soup that hit the spot. Thanks to the Hudgins for hosting! We ended the week with a Senior High FCA Prayer Breakfast at HCHS. Thanks to Mike Elkins for his help and his leadership of this club at school.

**A SUPER START TO THIS WEEK...** We have already started this week off right. We had a crowd assemble at Madison Smith's for our Senior High Fireside this past Sunday night. It was great to see some faces that we have missed and to be together as a group. Our devotional was about "Prayer." Just remember to "Ask excessively with confidence!" as you go to God in prayer! Thanks again to the Smiths for a wonderful evening!

**WE HAVE CLOSE TO 30 SIGNED-UP SO FAR** planning to go this Friday night to LaserQuest. Because of our Bulldogs playing in Milan in the playoffs, we will have two buses going on Friday night. The first will depart at 9:30. The second, driven by Chris Teet, will be leaving around 11:00-11:30 depending on when the game ends. Contact me or Chris if you are planning on going on the second bus so we do not leave you. Cost is \$35.00 and you will need to give this to me or Chris as you load the bus. This \$35.00 will give you unlimited laser tag, pizza, and drinks. If you would like more snacks, drinks, or to play video games, bring a little more cash with you. Both buses will return by 7:30 at the bus garage. Space is still available, sign-up today!

**AN ADDITION TO THE CALENDAR...** We will have a Service Project next Wednesday from 10:00-3:00. We will rake leaves and do some other jobs.

This is for the Junior & Senior High and lunch will be provided.

**DECEMBER CALENDARS** will be out next week. Be sure to pick one up or check the website!

**AS WE GET CLOSER TO THANKSGIVING....** "Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds." ~Theodore Roosevelt "You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?" ~James 2:19-20. follow His path, -Craig

**All Church Night**  
**&**  
**Newcomers Dinner**

**Sunday, December 2, 2012**

**5:00 P.M. WORSHIP**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**DINNER & FAMILY**  
**TRIVIA**

**COME AND ENJOY A**  
**WONDERFUL DINNER AND A**  
**NIGHT OF FUN AS WE**  
**HONOR OUR NEW**  
**FAMILIES THAT HAVE**  
**PLACED MEMBERSHIP THIS**  
**YEAR**



**...CHRISTMAS**  
**SONGS SUNG BY**  
**THE CHILDREN**

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,876.39

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 160.87

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 !!!



## Thank You

**Katherine Shelton writes:** "Dear Friends and Church Family, Because your friendship meant so much it helped me to have a speedy recovery. I am home and appreciate the many cards, food, and loving prayers. Thank you for everything. In him..."

**George & Faye Dotson write:** "We would like to thank everyone for the visits, cards, and prayers during George's recovery."

**Mary Katherine Bates writes:**

"My deepest appreciation and thanks for the beautiful cards, calls, and other remembrances for my birthday. You love and thoughtfulness means so much to me. In Christian Love..."

**Margie Copley writes:**

"My sincere thanks to all who remembered me with so many beautiful cards, phone calls, and gifts on my birthday. I am so blessed to have so many friends and family. God Bless all of you..."

"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalm 95:2



## November Events...

...Nov. 18 *Thanksgiving*

...Nov. 18 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting 5:00 P.M.*

...Nov. 18 *Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship service.*

...Nov. 21 *NO MESSENGER*

...Nov. 22 *Thanksgiving Day*

...Nov. 30 *Team Harvest Deer Camp*

## December Events...

...Dec. 2 *ALL CHURCH NIGHT*

Following 5:00 P.M. Worship Service

...Dec. 8 *Jail Ministry Holiday Meal for Inmates and Jail Staff*

...Dec. 9 *Candlelight Ceremony at McDonald Funeral Home.*

...Dec. 16 *Men's Monthly Business Meeting 5:00 P.M.*

...Dec. 16 *Vis. Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center after P.M. worship.*

...Dec. 19 *Sunshine Baskets*

...Dec. 25 *Christmas Day*



## Please Pray For...

...Lois Masters is back at the Life Care Center. She is dealing with several different health issues.

...Larry Lawhon is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery.

...Henrietta Rochelle will have a consultation with her doctor on November 16th.

...Col. Jeff Denton, the son of Johnnie Ruth Denton, will be undergoing tests at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. on November 13th.

...Ruth Staggs is having severe shoulder pain and has been unable to attend services for several weeks.

...Curtis McCord is in ICU at St. Thomas Hospital suffering with pneumonia and a possible heart attack.

...Brenda Joyce Cotton, a resident of Tulipwood, is having some health issues and has requested your prayers.

...Mozine Atkinson continues to improve at home.

...James Westmoreland spent a couple of days in Maury Regional Hospital. He is recovering at home.

...Michelle Johnstone, the granddaughter of James Easley, is having complications due to surgery.

...Mary Frances Welch had surgery on Tuesday, November 12th, at Baptist Hospital.

**Home:** Mozine Atkinson, Joyce Carroll, Lula Mae Gilliam, Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Belva Goins, Louise Westmoreland.

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

Clara Nell Brown, Joni Phillips, Ralph Gossett, Katherine Shelton, Fred Hansford, Aiden Turnbow, Mollie Orton, Charlie Shelton, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Joyce Carroll, Bobby Kelley, Noah Elliott, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Tina Johnson

## Area Events

...8<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving, Friday November 16, 2012 at Clifton Church of Christ in Clifton Tennessee. Supper will begin at 6:00 PM and singing will follow at 7:00 PM.



## OPERATION SANTA

**CLAUS...**Becky Coleman has names for *Christmas* if anyone would like to take one, please call her at 729-0430.

## Requesting Prayers



**Felicia Roberson** requests your prayers and your help to be a more faithful Christian.

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with *Thanksgiving* let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

**Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:** Jean Plemmons, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Ida Mable Gerard.

**Hickman County Nursing Home:** Brown Breece, Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

**NHC Place at Cool Springs:** Joyce Wright, 211 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin, TN. 37067-7242

## Our Elders



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls

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### Worship Service Times

Sunday A.M.	9:00 A.M.
Bible Class	10:15 A.M.
Sunday P.M.	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday	7:00 P.M.

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

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Craig Shelton	615-418-2228
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

### Secretaries

Tammy Willis	931-729-4201
Ruth Reece	931-729-4201

### READ SCRIPTURE

November 18	Eric Hughes
November 25	Roger Dotson

### Prayer Week of November 18

S.M.W.	S.M.D.
Jeremy Qualls	Ethan Skelton
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Jim Hudgins	Jason Dotson
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Carter Hoover	Will Chessor