

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

There are so many things we have not said about communication. There is the aspect of non-verbal communication. Gestures, facial expressions, body language, breathing, sighing, posture, pace of walking, all can signal or communicate a message. There is communication we send through the actions we do and do not do. When we choose anything over coming to worship, going to bible study, attending a fireside, fellowship with the church or any other event where we can be around the Lord and His people of influence, we send a message which says God, the people of God, and the things of God are nominal, negotiable. Our bank statements communicate a message of our values. Our fruit of repentance or lack thereof tells of our willingness to change to God's glory.

When we claim the preacher was too insensitive or too invasive in a sermon; when we claim the elders were too uncaring or too unconcerned in a personal matter; when we say the church was too cliquy or too picky - we send the message that our practice of faith is the responsibility of someone other than ourselves. There is communication through signs and through symbols: road signs, highway symbols, medical symbols, symbols for multimedia and other electronic communications. We try in so many ways to be seen, to be understood, to be heard by the world. If we are trying this hard to get other people's attention, how hard do you think God has tried? It's, through the communication of symbols, where God has spoken the loudest and clearest.

Does the cross of Jesus draw a boundary in my life? Does the cross of Jesus insist from me, a new way to live, or do I convince myself the cross is merely a suggestion of how to put a new spin on an old life? When I see this sign, does it communicate a new message to me about life, or is it that sign I see which is ignored in my travel and journey of life? We would just as soon hang on to our designer life and our name brand behavior, as to give it up in total submission and heartbroken service to God.



When Jesus hung and died on the cross, He cried, "It is finished." The redemptive work of God for man's sake had been done. There would never again be another sacrifice offered for the sins of the world. The sign would now stand for all time, the cross of shame had just become the sign of salvation. Sin had been defeated. No longer would the sins of this world, (cowardice, gossip, sins of the flesh, of the mind, murder, deception, rebellion, and pride) have to condemn a soul. Now that soul could see the sign of a new way to live, a new life to lead, and if they would do as their Lord did, go out and die, surrender to be saved, and then bury completely that old way of living, no more drugs would define them, no more adultery would allure them, no more pride would prevent them from being set free. They could be saved. And (I hope you know) in three days, there would be another sign, a rolled away stone, a vacant tomb, and a risen Savior which exclaimed to the world, death is destroyed, the last enemy is defeated, you'll never lose in Jesus!

# December Birthdays & Anniversaries



## YOUTH ON HIS PATH

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**

CRAIG SHELTON



**Glenn Earl & Joyce Johnson**  
Married 55 Years  
December 1, 2012



**Belva Goins**  
87 Years Old  
December 3, 2012



**James & Sue Roder**  
Married 58 Years  
December 3, 2012



**Louise Westmoreland**  
88 Years Old  
December 3, 2012



**Jean Plemmons**  
84 Years Old  
December 12, 2012



**Nicus Loveless**  
94 Years Old  
December 13, 2012



**Mozine Atkinson**  
83 Years Old  
December 13, 2012



**Robert Orton**  
87 Years Old  
December 14, 2012



**November 28**  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
5:00-7:00

**-December 2**  
**ALL-CHURCH NIGHT**  
5:00-Worship  
6:00-Food & Fun

**-December 4**  
**JR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
Wayne & Jean Qualls  
6:30-8:30

**-December 5**  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
Gage Dotson hosts  
5:00-7:00

**-December 6**  
**SR. HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
7:15-HCHS

**-December 8**  
**CHRISTMAS ANGEL SHOPPING TRIP**  
3:00-9:00  
**COMING SOON!**

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

A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE the last bulletin. To start, on Friday, the 16th, we had two bus loads to travel to the Lock-In at Laser Quest. We began at Midnight and finished up at 6:00AM for a full night of games and fun. Thanks to Chris Teet for driving the other bus and to Brett Martin, Brad Garland, Eric Hughes all for being sleep deprived and helping chaperone the night. Last Monday, Misty and I hosted a Junior High Fireside in the Lighthouse. We had a wonderful devotional centered on "Filling the Gap" and enjoyed the night together with a good crowd. Next, we had a leaf raking party last Wednesday as around 20 showed up to rake several yards. The work was hard, but our group was up to the task. It is always encouraging to see so many show up on these servant projects! Finally, we had a Fireside this past Sunday night at the home of Scott, Lindsey, and Knox Bailey. We had close to 20 of us together to talk about "Authentic Christianity," to enjoy some great games, and to be filled with some delicious soup. My thanks to the Baileys, CCOC Youth Group Alumni, for the fantastic evening!

**HAVE YOU SEEN IT YET?** It is unbelievable! Check out the December Youth Calendar. It is overflowing with activities for all ages and news about upcoming events. Pick one up at the Youth News Board, from the website, or even on Twitter and Facebook. A few things to be sure to circle; The Progressive Dinner on December 9, our annual Senior High house hopping dinner and Dirty Christmas. If you have said you will host, please remind me. We have a few signed-up, but I am trying to remember everyone... The Junior High Big Fun Christmas on December 14, a huge Christmas Party for our Junior High... Breakfast With Santa on December 15, this will be for our Sparks & Intermediates in the Fellowship Hall. We will have crafts, games, breakfast, and pictures with a jolly ole fellow. Add to all this; Christmas Angel Shopping, Firesides, Prayer Breakfasts, Sunshine Basket Prep and Delivery, Lighthouses, Youth & Parents Meeting, Bible Classes and CAMP SNOWBALL VII! Whew! Are you ready? Keep "Sharpening Iron" and inviting others to join us!

"Do not let making a living prevent you from making a life." -John Wooden. We can get so attached to the fact that our jobs, our status, and even our relationships define us. When in fact, the only relationship and only status that defines us, is that of God's. When this relationship is in the right place, other relationships become what they should. When we realize Christianity is not a part of my life, but in fact is my life, everything falls more easily into place. "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33.  
follow His path, -Craig



# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

11/18 \$ 11,853.76  
 11/25 \$ 11,395.06  
**BUDGET \$ 12,820.00**

## Sunday School

11/18 \$ 199.86  
 11/25 \$ 177.72

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

**Brownie Mayberry** writes: "Thanks to everyone who came to help celebrate my "90th" birthday. Thanks also for the many cards, gifts, and phone calls. I have been truly blessed."

**Michele Bullock Johnstone** writes: Thanks so much for the prayers, calls and messages since my two surgeries. The times I've come back home to visit my granddad "James Easley" and attend church, I always feel surrounded by the love of everyone. While growing up my granddad made sure we rarely missed a Church service or Sunday school. He always instilled in me it was a priority to put God first and kept me active in the youth group. I'm so happy to see all the youth activities/camp etc... that I use to participate in still continue. There is truly no other church like the Centerville Church of Christ !"

*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**



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

...Dec. 2 ***ALL CHURCH NIGHT***

Following 5:00 P.M. Worship Service

..Dec.7 ***Lonnie Gilliam's Sunday***

***School Class 47th Annual Christmas***

***Party***, 6:30 P.M. at the home of Lonnie & Marilyn.

...Dec. 8 ***Jail Ministry Group will prepare and serve a 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***  
**PLEASE BRING SNACKS, COOKIES, OR CANDY TO FILL THESE .**

...Dec. 25 ***Christmas Day***



## Please Pray For...

...Marie Boehms is dealing with severe pain in her leg.

...Curtis McCord is in the local hospital.

...Richard Totty is in Centennial Hospital struggling with kidney failure and congestive heart failure.

...Jeff Denton will begin taking chemotherapy.

...Henrietta Rochelle is waiting for tests results. Please keep her in your prayers.

...Jill Akens, daughter of Shane & Tammy Willis, is in Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas, until the delivery of twins.

...Aiden Turnbow, son of Ritchie & Kristi Turnbow, is taking chemotherapy for leukemia.

...Belva Goins is recovering at home from double pneumonia and doing much better.

...Dana Johnson had knee replacement surgery November 28th at Williamson Medical Center.

...James Dwyer, the father of Kathy McDonald, is very sick in Ashland City.

...James Westmoreland has returned home from the hospital and doing better.

...Louise Westmoreland is suffering with a pinched nerve in her back.

...Colby Westmoreland, the 9 year old great-grandson of James & Louise Westmoreland, will have to undergo another liver transplant in St. Louis. He lives in Gallatin, TN.

...Brooke Stewart is recovering from a tonsillectomy.

...Doug True is recovering at home after having a pacemaker implanted.

...Mildred Beasley is recovering from nose surgery. She is a resident of Tulipwood.

...Bobby Lamb, a member of the Nunnely Church of Christ, has recently been diagnosed with liver cancer.

## Area Events

***5th Annual Sounds of the Season:***

***"Winter Wonderland" Saturday,***

***December 15, 2012. 6:00 P.M.—8:30***

***P.M. Fairfield Church of Christ***

***Fellowship Hall. Featuring the Music***

***of : Flat Rascals With the children's***

***"Miked-Up " Sing-A-Long Just a great***

***night of strumming' and hummin'***

***your favorite yuletide songs and***

***carols. Refreshments served.***

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Joyce Wright who passed away. To her husband Harold, children Greta (David) Harber, Nickey (Yolanda) Wright, Natalie (David) Whitehurst, grandchildren, Aunt Reda Springer, and cousins Ridonna Goodpasture & Lonnie Horner, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Hazel Ferrell who passed away. She was the grandmother of Alicia (Justin) Blystad.

## Requesting Prayers



**Teryl Freeman** requests your prayers as he strives to be a better Christian in every aspect of his life. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ also forgave you." Ephesians 4:32



**OPERATION SANTA**

**CLAUS...Becky Coleman** has

names for *Christmas* if anyone

would like to take one, please

call her at 729-0430.

# More Special Days...

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**Gladys Sharp**  
 90 Years Old  
 December 17, 2012



**Billy & Juanita Garner**  
 Married 66 Years  
 December 23, 2012



**Paul & Betty Litton**  
 Married 57 Years  
 December 23, 2012



**Bobby & Joyce Mayberry**  
 Married 57 Years  
 December 23, 2012

## Those to Serve in December...

**USHERS DEC.:** Bobby Breece, Frank Atkinson, Monty Dunn, Marshall Spencer

<p><b>Wait on Table</b>  <u>1st Sunday</u>                  Lonnie Gilliam  <u>2nd Sunday</u>                  Paul Bryant  <u>3rd Sunday</u>                  Leon Gilbert  <u>4th Sunday</u>                  Marshall Spencer  <u>5th Sunday</u>                  Mike Elkins  <b>Left</b>                  Lonnie Horner                  Randy James                  Alan Potts                  Don Roder  <b>Right</b>                  Jim Hudgins                  Terry Harrington                  Warren Potts                  John Bradley                  John Bradley  <b>Alternates</b>                  Lonnie Mayberry                  Pat Sullivan</p>	<p><b>Prayer Week of</b>  <u>Dec. 2</u>                  S.M.W.                  John Bradley                  S.M.D.                  Calvin Hoover                  S.E.W.                  Mike Plunkett                  S.E.D.                  Marshall Spencer                  W.E.B.S.                  Elders' Prayer                  W.E.D.                  Griffin Elkins</p>	<p><b>To Drive Bus in December</b>                  12/2 Brandon McCauley AM                  Bill Cude PM                  12/5 Mike Goodpasture                  12/9 John Bradley AM                  Mark Chessor PM                  12/12 George Garland                  12/16 Patrick Allen AM                  Phillip Allen PM                  12/19 David Hudgins                  12/23 Michael Bryant AM                  Lonnie Mayberry PM                  12/26 Lonnie Horner                  12/30 John Bradley AM                  Mark Chessor PM</p>	<p><b>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN DECEMBER</b>  <u>1st SUNDAY</u> : Joseph McCauley, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Luke Brown  <u>2nd SUNDAY</u>: Aaron Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, Connor McAlister, Aden Weber  <u>3rd SUNDAY</u>: Thomas Alderson, Heath Buchanan, Trevor Buchannan, McKale Baltz  <u>4th SUNDAY</u>: John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage Dotson, Grant Dotson  <u>5th SUNDAY</u>: Riley Haithcoat, Aiden Wallace, Lincoln Smith, Lake Bates  <b>Please be up front by 8:50</b></p>														
<p><b>Lord's Supper</b>                  P.M.  <i>Served in the Chapel</i>                  David Brown                  Luke Brown</p>	<p><b>READ SCRIPTURE</b>                  Dec. 2                  Patrick Sullivan                  Dec. 9                  Jeremy Qualls</p>	<p><b>RADIO ROOM</b> : Patrick Allen, Brad Gilbert Gaylon Cude</p>	<p><b>GREETERS DEC.</b>                  Jim &amp; Leslie Hudgins                  Percy &amp; Polly Lancaster                  Jack &amp; Bobbie Lowery                  Kolton Miley</p>	<p><b>Meals On Wheels</b>                  12/5 Diane Garrett                  12/12 Faye Claud                  12/19 Carolyn Brown                  12/26 Carolyn Chessor  <b>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</b></p>													
<p><b>NURSERY:</b> Joy McDonald  <b>BAPTISMAL CLOTHING:</b> Lori Woods</p>	<p><b>Bible Hour December:</b>                  Joey &amp; Charlene Hunt                  Kolton Miley, Riley Qualls, Tori Hughes, Stephanie Qualls  <b>Thankful "God Gave His Son"</b>                  December Pantry Item : Soup                  Ages: 3 Years - 3rd Grade</p>	<p><b>NURSING HOME SERVICES</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LIFE CARE CENTER</th> <th>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>12/2 Shane Willis</td> <td>12/2 Mike Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/9 David Hudgins</td> <td>12/9 Marshall Spencer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/16 Daniel Dressler</td> <td>12/16 Robert Bowman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/23 Larry Lawhon</td> <td>12/23 James Aydelott</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12/30 Daniel Dressler</td> <td>12/30 Alan &amp; Warren Potts</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center;"><b>Tulipwood Service - John Bradley</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		LIFE CARE CENTER	HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME	12/2 Shane Willis	12/2 Mike Brown	12/9 David Hudgins	12/9 Marshall Spencer	12/16 Daniel Dressler	12/16 Robert Bowman	12/23 Larry Lawhon	12/23 James Aydelott	12/30 Daniel Dressler	12/30 Alan & Warren Potts	<b>Tulipwood Service - John Bradley</b>	
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