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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

What seeds are you planting for your future generations (children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren) to be Christians? "...as my forefathers did..." (II Timothy 1:3). Paul revealed that service to God is not dependent on what the generations decide to do in response to God, but on what God declares to each generation. Throughout the age of Paul's forefathers and before, God had a law delivered through Moses and the Prophets and in that law there was a promise of the Lord Jesus coming to unite the world through forgiveness of sins into one body, the church (Isaiah 2:2; Malachi 3:3). Intentionality toward our children and future generations is what must be practiced if we want our kids to develop the habit of worship, stewardship, service, and above all these, love for the Lord our God. It's the children's place to be trained, but is the parent's priority to provide the training.

It's not so much telling you that we need to do these things, but showing you, teaching you, and helping you do these things. We meet together at most four hours through the week. My challenge is to our leadership, our elders, our ministers, to make available the tools and the opportunities to help our families secure their faith. "For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

"...the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice" (II Timothy 1:5). There were three generations of faith mentioned in Paul's words to Timothy and those generations of faith made a true effort to see to it the message of Jesus and the cross was not lost. Later, Paul would name no less than four generations, to illustrate how the word of God and it's influence for the message of Jesus, salvation, and the church, should continue throughout the ages (II Timothy 2:2). We are not to dismiss faith building questions of "why do we do it that way" with faith breaking answers (continued pg. 4)

September Series The Time Is Now... For The Church



September 19, 2012
Her Love

Mike Baker Nashville, Tennessee

Mike Baker is from Nashville, Tennessee. Mike serves as the Involvement and Outreach Minister for the Crieve Hall Church of Christ in Nashville. Mike holds a Bachelor of Business Management degree from Georgia State University, Bachelor of Arts degree in bible from Heritage Christian University, and a Master of Ministry degree from Freed Hardeman University. He has also written articles and worked in the corporate world for a while before deciding to follow in the footsteps of his father, Gerald Baker, who was a preacher in the Church of Christ for over 38 years. The Bakers, Mike and wife Carla, have twin sons, Jonathan and Joseph.

Baptisms



We rejoice with Doyle and Carla Totty who were baptized on Sunday, September 9, 2012, by Mike Goodpasture in Duck River. We are thankful for Doyle, Carla, Spencer, and Valerie and are so happy to have them worship with us!

Requesting Prayers

Esther Johnson, of the Hickman Community Nursing Home, requested prayers of forgiveness and asked to be restored to our Lord's Church. We commend Mrs. Johnson for her love of God and her determination to serve him.

Deployed to Afghanistan



Justin Bannister has been deployed to Afghanistan. Please remember him in your prayers.

Kidney Foundation Walk



Joyce Bruno is participating in the Kidney Foundation Walk on September 15, 2012, in memory of her mother, Ethel Church. If you would like to help, please contact Joyce this week.

All Committee Chairmen!

2013 CALENDAR



Please pick up an event schedule form in the lobby and return it to the office by **October 15, 2012**. The 2013 Calendar is set to be completed by November 1, 2012. We appreciate your help with this.



HEY KIDS!

Children's Bible Hour
Every Sunday Night at 6:00 P.M.
Bible Stories, Songs, Puppets
September Theme :
Prayer "Daniel"
**"Hey kids! Don't forget :
Hungry Hound Pantry
Item: Canned corn/beans**



- September 13
SR. HIGH PRAYER
BREAKFAST
7:15 in Coach Elkins
Old Room
- September 17
JR. HIGH FIRESIDE
Mike & Ridonna
Goodpasture
Bus leaves at
6:15 returns at 8:30
- September 19
LIGHTHOUSE
Hosted by
Cash Dansby
5:00-7:00
- September 23
SR. HIGH FIRESIDE
Matthew & Cissy
Dotson
7:00-9:00

My thanks to Mike & Danny Goodpasture and John Fly for their help in building and placing it in the space. Along with new booths, videos, games, and wifi, it is a great place to hang out and use. We have been averaging around 40 at the lighthouses for our first three nights. My thanks to Brett, Heather, Jake, and Case Martin for hosting last week. The next Lighthouse will be September 19 beginning at 5:00 with Cash Dansby and his family hosting.

THIS SATURDAY MORNING WE WILL DEPART AT 7:00AM for R.U.S.H. at Freed-Hardeman University. Cost is \$30 and this will cover any cost including a shirt and your meals. We plan to return by midnight. This is for the Junior and Senior High. If you would still like to go, call me so I can make arrangements.

I WAS IN THE TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS, WHERE WERE YOU? A question that we all revisit on September 11 as we do with anniversaries of all historical events. The bigger question, what did it cause you to do with your relationship with Jesus Christ? One of the biggest growths in churches came during this time as did the turn of the new millennium. May it not take a milestone or a cataclysmic event to make us examine where we stand in our relationship with Christ. May this be a daily challenge to make our life what it should be according to God's Word.
2 Corinthians 13:5 follow His path, -Craig



GOOD CROWD, GOOD FUN, AND GOOD MEMORIES... We had a blast at the 5th Quarter last Friday night. Again, over 80 were together for some pizza, to sit around and talk, and for a little entertainment through dodgeball. Thanks to Mike Elkins, Joey & Charlene Hunt, Chris & Cyndi Hughes, Will Mayberry, Scott Powers, Brian Qualls, Marty Smith, and Chris Teet for helping Misty and me with chaperoning the night. We will not have a 5th Quarter after the next home game because of Homecoming and events at school after the game. Our next 5th Quarter will be on October 5th.

THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS THE SETTING of this past Sunday's Senior High Fireside. Philip, Alice Anne, Jon, and Eli Jacobs and Mike, Regina, Griffin, Adley & Weston Elkins hosted the night. The homemade barbeque by Philip was delicious as was the desserts made by Bettina Horner. Our devotional was centered on the importance of one another and each day together. Remember Ecclesiastes 4:12, Proverbs 27:17, and that we are always strongest with all the blocks in place. Get involved, stay involved, and encourage others.

SPEAKING OF THE LIGHTHOUSE... Have you been able to stop in and see it lately. This brainchild of Chris Webb has been built upon by being totally revamped and reequipped. The latest edition is a video game center with six televisions.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,673.45

BUDGET -\$ 12,820.00

Sunday School - \$ 170.27

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 !!!



Coming in September...

...September Series, Wednesday nights. Special group class for ages 3-4th grade. Babyland & 2 Year Old Class will meet.

...Sept. 13 Visitation Team 2 meets at the Outreach Center at 6:30 P.M.

...Sept. 16 Men's Monthly Business Meeting at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.

...Sept. 16 Jail Ministry Planning & Scheduling meeting @ 4:30 P.M. in the library.

Prayer Requests



...Regina Elkins is having a very difficult time with back pain.

...Melissa Sullivan had tests Tuesday at Baptist Hospital.

...Charlie Shelton will have spine surgery on September 18th at Baptist Hospital.

...Doug Burchard is recovering at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Centennial Hospital from a very serious surgery.

...Mary Helen Barber suffered injuries in a fall. She is at home recovering.

...Pam Morgan, daughter of Frank & Maxine Atkinson, sister of Susan McNabb, had knee replacement surgery Monday, September 10th, at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Shane Birdwell, the brother of Mike Eddington, is recovering at home.

...Lois Sanders fell and broke her leg. She had surgery at Dickson Horizon Medical Center.

...Carolyn Stoltz had hip replacement surgery September 11th at St. Thomas Hospital.

...Joyce Mayberry is recovering from pneumonia at home.

...Margaret Woods, the mother of Bryan Woods, is suffering with the final stages of Parkinson's Disease. She lives in Somerville, Tennessee.

...Crystal Thorton, the daughter of Teresa Drew, is recovering at home.

...Natalie (Bryant) Slavinski is dealing with an infection. She is in Baptist Hospital.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund in memory of Thelbert Bradley by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

Thank You

Gerald & Ruth McFarlin write:

"We would like to thank everyone who sent us cards and good wishes on our 50th anniversary. In Christian Love..."

The Family of Irene McCoy writes:

"We appreciate so very much the support from one church family during this difficult time. The many cards, visits, words of kindness and the delicious meal prepared for us. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered."

Area Events

...September 15, 2012 Benefit for J.T. Moss Time: 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. New Spring Creek Church of Christ, 9980 Hwy. 46 S., Bon Aqua, TN 37025 J.T. suffers from Germ Cell Cancer. ETF and The Flatt Rascals will perform, inflatable play areas for the kids, food, cake walk, bake sale, and silent auction. You may contact Dana Phelan by email at jt.mossfundraiser@gmail.com or call 615-878-3130 with any questions.

...Ladies' Day at the Old Hickory Church of Christ, September 15, 2012. Speaker: Tama Fortner Registration: 8:00—8:30 A.M. Breakfast: 8:30—9:30 A.M. Program: 9:45-11:30 A.M. Main auditorium

...Ladies' Day at the Totty's Bend Church of Christ, September 29, 2012. Registration: 9:00 A.M. Program: 9:30—12:00. Lunch served after the program. Speaker: Elsie Huffard

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Michael & Michelle Jenkins on the birth of a son, Landon Michael Jenkins. Landon was born September 7, 2012. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 Ozs. and is 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Ken & Debbie Jenkins, and the great grandfather is Kenneth Jenkins.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Kriston & Natalie Slavinski on the the birth of a daughter, Amelia Grace. Amelia was born September 10, 2012. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Michael & Shirley Bryant, and the great grandparents are Jerry & Margaret Yates.

Moved



Ila Bess Rochelle has moved to a new home. Her new address is:

202 Walton Ferry Road # 39
Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075

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

June Matyas, James Dawes, Carolyn Stoltz, George Church, Kris Akens, Margaret Woods, Robert King, J.T. Moss, Jerry Shepard, Olga Dotson, Joyce Carroll, Bobby Kelley, Teresa Stone, Arabella Burns, Paul Litton, Fay Bowen, Mollie Orton, Noah Elliott, Janie Billions, Andrea Spears, Robert Pitts, Lisa Shepherd, Kathy Lawhon.

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"it's how we've always done things." We are to insure the message of Jesus, salvation, and unity are preserved through the generations. "So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; we will show forth Your praise to all generations" (Psalm 79:13).

"stir up the gift of God which is in you..." (II Timothy 1:6). Belief may not be able to be inherited, but the reason to believe can be. Show them the reasons to believe and have faith. When the moments come to confess a wrong and admit a mistake, embrace the feeling of shame but the security of forgiveness. Pile on the praise of doing the right thing, even when it all seems to be going wrong. What are we doing to make a heritage, an inheritance of faith? What are we doing to pass on what we believe? God has always been concerned with every generation having the chance to inherit the reason to believe. Moses told it, Joshua told it, the kings of Judah showed it, and the kings of Israel forgot it. I hope you know to determine the church to be known, "I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever" (Psalm 45:17).

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Youth in the News...The *Middle School District Golf Champs* are Ben Bentley, Garrett Cochran, Quincy Cochran, Cooper Mays, Riley Qualls, Colby Shelton, Andrew Sullivan, and Grady Teet. *Karly Potts* won individual honors as she was low medalist (lowest score) for all the girls who competed. *Morgan Petrowski* recently won honors on August 25 as the top 4-H grilling team. *Great Job !*

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

Dorris Claud	931-729-2933
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READ SCRIPTURE

September 16	Bob McDonald
September 23	Patrick Allen

Prayer Week of September 16

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Matthew Kincade	Leon Gilbert
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Philip Jacobs	Jamie Stoltz
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Keith Qualls	Jimmy Reece



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