

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

**"I Hope You Know"**

There is a progression to the Ephesian letter you cannot ignore, much less deny. It is clear that Jesus was the emphasis of the letter. But once it was established that Jesus needed to be the center of all our lives, he then wrote about Christ at the center of all things, including and especially our families, our marriages, and our rearing of children. Ultimately, Paul would write of the "first commandment with promise" (Ephesians 6:2), which would bring into perspective the enormous burden and blessings of our families. Our children are the number one target audience of the world of entertainment, multi-media, and all forms of movies and music. As parents, our children must be our target audience for all means of influence for Christ. If our children see in us a moral compass which alters to allow for convenience and indulgence, what kind of compass will they have? The blind cannot lead the blind and arrive safely (Matthew 15:14).

A "little leaven" still leavens the whole lump (II Cor 5:6). Our children need healthy, individual, and balanced lives, but they need to understand real sources of gratification, worth, and value. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). "Desire the pure milk of the word" (I Peter 2:1-3). The world can never satisfy you, but Christ can fill you. It is not that we are filled and never more again need the Lord. But when we are filled with Him, we desire Him to continually meet our needs. Our young people will have the challenge of choosing whether to fill their lives with the temporary pleasures which have to be increased and repeated, or they will choose to fill their lives with Jesus, who fills all in all to the excess and overflowing (John 2:7).

We must make a choice between sin or sanctity, profanity or purity. Joshua made the choice (Joshua 24:15). Noah made the choice (Heb 11:7). Solomon lamented that his choice had not been more consistent and firm, when choosing a life path (Eccl 12:13).



Abraham made the choice (Heb 11:8). Abraham also rescued Lot from making some questionable choices when pertaining to purity (Gen 18:16-33). Josiah went against the pattern of behavior of his family, and returned to the way of his ancestor David to do, "what was right in the sight of the Lord" (II Kings 22:2). Cornelius refused to remain in a system faith and belief that God no longer accepted as true worship, and changed, he and all his household, in order to be pleasing to God (Acts 10:48). On and on, from the Old Testament to the Covenant governing our lives by faith today, the scripture is replete with examples of godly men who were faced with what influences they would allow to infiltrate their families.

In every instance the prevailing factor was God's influence upon the hearts of men. His purity is the standard for all things. To be devoted to purity is to be fully and unapologetically committed to the will of God in all things. This calling is not easy. That is why, through April and May, our Wednesday nights will offer our series from Ephesians 6:2-3, "ONE Promise." I hope you know, we believe our families have a calling from God, which can both be known and answered through Him and for Him.

**Join Us On Wednesday Nights  
In April And May...**

## Parent/Teen Class One Promise

April 2 Truth

What The Church Wants You To Know  
About Parenting

April 9 Time

Making Moments Matter With Your Kids

April 16 Tension

Handling Conflict

April 23 Triumphs & Tragedies

Setting Up For Spiritual Success and  
Handling Failure

April 30 The Talk

Who Will Teach Your Kids About  
Sexuality ?

May 7 Technology

Challenges Facing Teens and Parenting  
In The 21st Century

May 14 Trust

Building A Relationship That's Based On  
Trusting One Another



April 2-May 14

### ONE PROMISE

Parent/Teen  
Classes

Wednesdays  
at 7

April 5

### GOLDEN AGE BANQUET

Fellowship Hall  
6:30

April 6

### SENIOR HIGH FIRESIDE

Madison Smith  
7:00-9:00

April 9

### LIGHTHOUSE

Danny &  
Melody  
Skelton  
5:00-7:00

April 10

### SENIOR HIGH PRAYER

BREAKFAST  
HCHS @ 7:15

April 11-13

### JUNIOR HIGH SPRING

RETREAT  
Cedars of  
Lebanon State  
Park

## YOUTH ON HIS PATH

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**

CRAIG SHELTON

ONE PROMISE, A SERIES FOR PARENTS AND TEENS! Over the next few weeks we will be discussing the "One Promise" made from Ephesians 6 for teens and their parents. We hope to open the doors of Truth, Time, Tension, Technology, The Talk, Triumphs and Tragedies, and Trust to build stronger relationships and families. Bryan and I will be leading these classes and will have a guest speaker or two join us. Plan now to not miss a single Wednesday night from April 2 through May 14. Also, invite others to join us in the auditorium at 7 for these important times together!

A HAWAIIAN LUAU FOR THE GOLDEN AGERS IS SATURDAY! This Saturday is an event we all look forward to all year long. A chance to show our appreciation to those over 60 in our congregation. The plans have been made, the catered food has been ordered, and the youth group is gearing up to make it an unforgettable evening. If you have not signed up, just call the church office or sign-up Wednesday. Plan to wear your Luau best! Youth Group, we will work beginning at 1:00 on Saturday with lunch provided. If you can't make it the whole time, come when you can to setup and practice.

"WON BY ONE," THE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT is next weekend! Applications are available at the Youth News Board for this unforgettable weekend at Cedars of Lebanon. Cost is \$35 plus a few dollars for spending money. The weekend will be filled with fun and times of devotion centered on our theme. Invite your friends and get those applications in by Sunday!

"THE FUTURE AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE!" -Yogi Berra. Make your future exciting! Plan to have a home with God! Follow His plan and encourage others to do the same. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. follow His path, -Craig

**Scholarship Applications...** are available to be picked up in the lobby. The deadline to turn them in is April 20, 2014.



*Ladies' Day  
Centerville Church of  
Christ  
April 26, 2014*

*Got Time ? Use It Wisely  
Make Time To Make Peace*

*Speaker: Shasta Brown*

*Wonderful Fellowship*

*Tea Party Theme*

*\* Welcome To Dress For The Occasion*

*Registration: 9:00-9:30*

*Program Concludes With Lunch*



**GOLDEN AGE  
BANQUET LUAU  
SATURDAY AT 6:30  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**PROMISE**  
Ephesians 6  
A SERIES FOR PARENTS & TEENS  
Wednesdays at 7:00  
in April & May!

## Thank You

Alisa Harrington & Family of Lauren McCrory write: "On behalf of my niece Lauren McCrory and the family, we want to say thank you for all your prayers and kind words. The loss of a loved one is very hard to get over. The family asks that you keep Lauren in your prayers. To those that have gone the extra mile for her, we love you and thank you so much. God Bless ..."

The Family of Marshall Leathers writes: "To the Centerville Church of Christ, We would like to take this time to say thank you for the cards, calls, and visits to the funeral home. Also, thank you for the food. We are such a blessed family to have so many family and friends. Thank you all for your love and support. In Christian Love, John & Debbie Bradley, Joey & Josh Bradley & families, & Louise Leathers." Barbara & Junior Baker write: " We want to thank everyone for being so nice to us during our sickness. To the ladies who brought food to our house and fed us for days...we thank you. Thank you for the prayers for our recovery. It is wonderful to be part of a loving and caring church."

Martha Jo Wallace writes: "Thank you for the calls, visits, cards, and prayers during my illness and recovery."

## Memorial Gifts

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Lester B. And Belva Goins by Junior & Babara Baker.

## You Are Invited !



You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring Dominique Postma, bride elect of Will Chessor, on Sunday April 13, 2014 from 1:30—3:00 at the Outreach Center. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and etsy.com.

## A Baby Boy !



Congratulations to Andy & Beth Norwood on the birth of a son. Lincoln Davis born March 26, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and is 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Eric & Becky Coleman.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**CONTRIBUTION**  
**\$ 11,046.25**  
**BUDGET 13,276.00**  
**Sunday School**  
**\$ 141.00**

...April 5th  
Golden Age Banquet  
Fellowship Hall  
6 P.M.  
Hosted by Youth



...April 11-13  
Jr. High Retreat  
Cedars of Lebanon



...April 13 Visitation Team 3 meets  
at the Outreach Center following  
P.M. worship service

...April 20 Easter Sunday



...April 20 Men's  
Quarterly Business  
Meeting 5 P.M. in the  
chapel



...April 26 Centerville Church of  
Christ Ladies' Day

## You Are Invited !



You are invited to a Wedding Tea honoring Stevy Woods, bride elect of Caleb Odom, Sunday, April 6, 2014 from 1:00—2:30 at the Outreach Center. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Target, and Town Crier.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:  
Chris Buchanan, Heath Buchannan, Natisha Wright, Timothy Brown, Randolph Beard, Larry Hann, Maxine Shepherd, David Baker, David Brown, Gene Morris, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Home: Mildred Bridges, Christine Sawyer, Stephen Church, Willie B. Coates, Floyd Powell, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Jean Plemmons, Sammye Elrod, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Edward Loveless, Troy Parks.



...Ruth Reece is recovering at home.

...Opal Roder is at home and improving.

...Pauline Tilley is at the Life Care Center for therapy.

...Maxine Shepherd continues to deal with a very serious leg infection. She is in a rehab. facility in Batesville, AR. Her mailing address is 159 Family Circle Drive, Floral, AR 72534.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Paul Litton, Beverly Bruno, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris. Vanderbilt Stallworth: Richard Tate

## Sympathy



Louise Westmoreland  
1924—2014

We express our sympathy to the family of Louise Westmoreland who passed away. Mrs. Westmoreland was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ and was recently preceded in death by her husband James. To her sons Charles (Yvonne) Westmoreland, Keith Westmoreland, grandchildren Christopher and Jason Westmoreland, great grandson Kolby Westmoreland, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Howard Breece who passed away. To his daughter Melissa (Patrick) Sullivan, his son Roger (JoAnn) Breece, and grandchildren Andrew and Aaron Sullivan, Rachel & Kevin Breece, we extend our deepest sympathy.



# April Celebrations

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED  
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**Albren & Margie Copley**  
 Married 65 Years  
 April 9, 2014



**Fay Bowen**  
 82 Years Old  
 April 16, 2014



*Daily Updates & Devotional  
 Message*  
 931-729-5055, 931-729-0022

***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
John Bradley	931-994-7358

## *Those to Serve in April*

### Wait on Table

**1st Sunday**  
 John Plemmons, Jr.  
**2nd Sunday**  
 Daniel Dressler  
**3rd Sunday**  
 Michael Bryant  
**4th Sunday**  
 Bobby McFarlin  
Left  
 Don Qualls  
 Don Chessor  
 Griffin Elkins  
 Colby Shelton  
Right  
 Don Roder  
 Chris Haithcoat  
 Ronald Coates  
 Mark Chessor  
Alternates  
 Mike Brown  
 Randy James

### Prayer Week of

**April 6**  
 S.M.W.  
 John Bradley  
 S.M.D.  
 Randy Wright  
 S.E.W.  
 Dr. Jerry Nash  
 S.E.D.  
 James Easley  
 W.E.B.S.  
 Mike Plunkett  
 W.E.D.  
 Charles Shelton

### To Drive Bus in April

4/2 Mike Goodpasture  
 4/6 Andy Weber A.M.  
 Lonnie Mayberry P.M.  
 4/9 George Garland  
 4/13 John Bradley A.M.  
 Brandon McCauley P.M.  
 4/16 Lonnie Mayberry  
 4/20 Michael Bryant A.M.  
 Phillip Allen P.M.  
 4/23 Lonnie Horner  
 4/27 John Bradley A.M.  
 Patrick Allen P.M.  
 4/30 Phillip Allen

### BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN APRIL

**1ST SUNDAY:** Houston Hudgins, Bryce Hughes, John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs  
**2ND SUNDAY:** Case Martin, Elijah Mayberry, Connor McAlister, Joseph McCauley  
**3RD SUNDAY:** Will McDonald, Jackson McDonald, Zane Nash, Major Qualls  
**4TH SUNDAY:** Lincoln Smith, Aaron Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, Aiden Wallace  
 Please be up front by 8:50

**USHERS:** Frank Atkinson, Bobby Breece, Monty Dunn, Gary Gatewood

### SCRIPTURE

4/6 Brandon McCauley  
 4/13 Bob McDonald

### Meals On Wheels

4/2 Judy Rogers  
 4/9 Roberta Anderson  
 4/16 Jane Talley  
 4/23 Margie Copley  
 4/30 Barbara Wood  
**PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40**

### GREETERS

Betty Claud  
 Ronald Coates  
 Jimmy & Cathie Copley  
 Matthew & Cissy Dotson

### NURSERY

Glenda Dorton  
BAPT. CLOTHING  
 Shelby Prince

**RADIO ROOM:** Jim Hudgins, Bradley Horner, Brad Gilbert

### Lord's Supper P.M.

*Served in the Chapel*  
 Marty Smith  
 Lincoln Smith

### NURSING HOME SERVICES

<u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u>	<u>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</u>
4/6 Shane Willis	4/6 Alan & Warren Potts
4/13 Daniel Dressler	4/13 Mike Brown
4/20 B & C McAlister	4/20 Marshall Spencer
4/27 Fairfield	4/27 Robert Bowman
<u>Tulipwood Service - John Bradley</u>	

### *Elders' Prayer*

April 6  
 Bill McDonald

**Bible Hour April:** Jeremy & Meredith Qualls, Griffin Elkins, Riley Qualls, Colby Shelton, Abigail Loveless, Alexis Hudgins Show Love: Jesus Loves the Children  
 Pantry Item: *Macaroni & Cheese*