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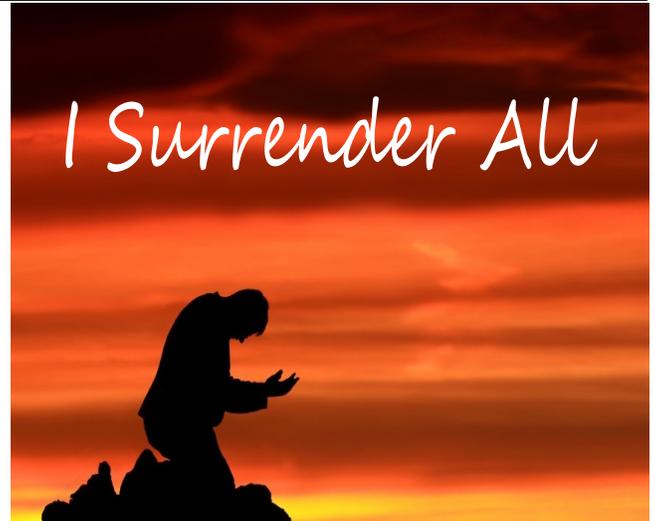
"I Hope You Know"

What can wash away my sin? That's our common, collective, corporate, universal struggle. At the end of the day, no matter who you are or where you are from, no matter what your opinion is about faith, religion, belief, or even Jesus; the only thing that matters, the only point of concern for any soul and every soul, is what can wash away my sin?

Because of our sin, we are separated from God, condemned to eternal separation, and under the bondage of sin, "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:2). Because we feel like David, "My sin is always before me" (Psalm 51:3), we don't know what to do in our lives. So we are loaded down with care, bogged down with anxiety, and we try to find ways to move beyond our sin, but our attempts fall so short of actually helping our hearts. When we find our lives so filled with the burdens of our past choices, that's when we realize somethings got to give.

Because of sin, we call it something else, anything else, other than sin. We talk about our past mistakes, our past guilt, our struggles, our shame, our shortcomings, or our nature. Naming our actions and our choices as sin, places us in a category of something we do not want to be, and that is condemned and accountable for our actions. "I made some mistakes and they are hard to overcome." Mistakes are results of lack of information and lack of knowledge. If you decide mistakes were sin, then you have to own them.

Because of sin, we convince ourselves we have no other choice. "Nobody's perfect...You know my family, we've always been this way, probably always will be...I was young, I was broke, I was lonely, I was immature, I was single, I was drunk, I was angry, I was scared, I was _____." We try to convince ourselves we were a victim of circumstance or that the proverbial cards of life



were stacked against us, and there was no alternative to the outcome of our life. If we can claim we were victims of the world around us without any alternative for a better outcome, then maybe we would feel better about our past and our sins. Yet it seems, no matter how many excuses we make for life, we cannot seem to shake our guilt and our shame for what's happened.

John the apostle tells about John the baptizer who was baptizing at the river Jordan, surrounded by crowds, when Jesus came, "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29)! The NIV puts it this way, "Look, the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). When mankind was in need of help for overcoming their sin, God sent a lamb (John 1:29), literally it can be said, the "God lamb" was the divine offering for all opening our way between us and our Father.

I can't undo the past, I can't go back and un-live what I lived and I can't undo what I did. What can pick up and carry off, pick up and take away, remove and remember no more, my sin? I hope you know, only the lamb of God; nothing but the blood of Jesus.

I Surrender All... Weekly Challenge:

Sunday	Romans 1
Monday	Romans 2
Tuesday	Romans 3
Wednesday	Romans 4
Thursday	Romans 5
Friday	Romans 6
Saturday	Romans 1-6

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Charlie Ingram to our work and worship ! Charlie comes to us from Fort Worth, Texas and is a resident of Tulipwood. His address is: Room 227 Tulipwood Apts. 120 East Swan Street Centerville, Tennessee 37033

We are happy to have Bessie Shepard back at Tulipwood ! She is in room 444. Welcome Back !!!

Concerning Scholarships...

Checks for the recipients of a Centerville Church of Christ Scholarship for the fall 2015 semester were mailed to the appropriate institution on 24 Aug 15.

Area Events

...*Creation/Evolution Seminar* Sunday, August 30, 2015 at the *Brushy Church of Christ*. Speaker: Brad Harrub 9 A.M. Bible Class 10 A.M. Worship Followed by fellowship meal. 1 P.M. Evening Worship
...*Ladies' Day at the Waverly Church of Christ* Saturday, October 17, 2015. 9 A.M. Registration & Hospitality; 9:30 Program begins- Concludes with lunch. Topic: "*Happiness- Rain or Shine*" Speaker: *Celene Sparks*



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON



Wednesday Nights

In August
**PERCEPTION,
IT'S MY REALITY**
Jr & Sr High Study

August 26
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7:00
Jr & Sr High
Bryce Hughes

August 28
5TH QUARTER
After Game -11:30
Fellowship Hall
Sr High

August 30
**YOUNG MEN LEAD
SERVICES AT COBLE**
10:30am-12:30

September 3
PRAYER BREAKFAST
7:00-7:30
Lighthouse
Jr & Sr High

COMING SOON
September 19-20
RUSH AT FHU
Sign-up Now

A WONDERFUL PRAYER BREAKFAST last Thursday. We had close to 40 together for a light breakfast and a time of prayer. Thanks to Misty for always helping with all we do.

CALENDARS WILL BE OUT THIS WEEK.. You will find all the upcoming times for September and October that you will for sure want to be a part of. Pick them up at the Youth News Board, on Twitter, Facebook, or our webpage!

"THREE RULES OF WORK: Out of clutter find simplicity, from discord find harmony; in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity." -Albert Einstein. The buzz word today is "offended." We are told to look for it, get upset about it, and let others know about it. When we do this, it brings discord to whatever organization, group, body we are a part of and the church is not immune. James 4 brings to light this issue when life becomes all about me. The early church saw it when Paul and Barnabas offended one another and they went their separate ways, but they continued in their separate ways spreading the gospel. I would think Jesus was offended when He preached over and over and it fell on deaf ears. When He would do miraculous signs and the people still did not believe He was the Messiah. However, He continued to set an example and to give His life for our salvation. I would imagine even God was offended by today's standards when His Son was hung upon a cross, ridiculed, and killed for our sins, but He let it happen, so we through Christ may be saved. Several say, "The church's antiquated ways offend me so I will find a new way to do it." or "I am way to busy and don't have time to go to worship or a church that doesn't recognize me anyway." Discord is the greatest tool in Satan's arsenal and we continue to give him

the ammunition to attack the bride of Christ even more. As a good friend of mine once said, "It is time we quit letting the world tell us how to be a Christian." If we live our Christian life as the world teaches, it will never work. It is time we quit trying to fit Christianity into our lives. Quit trying to get that little bit in to satisfy our conscience. Rather, it is time for us to make Christianity our life. Yes there are sacrifices, some of those are our very own desires, our very own preferences, our very own inadequacies. But it pales in comparison to the gift that Christ freely gave for our offenses to Him. Let us deny ourselves, and... follow His path, -Craig

Thank You !

Hickman County Board of Education writes to the Centerville Church of Christ: "On behalf of the students and staff of CES and CIS, thank you for allowing your facilities to be utilized when those two schools had to be evacuated, and for the assistance the church staff provided during that emergency."

Margorie Claud writes: "I would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, calls & food after my surgery. It is good to be part of a loving church family."

Guy Barber writes: "Thanks to my church family for the kindness that has been shown to me following my recent surgery and during my recovery. For every phone call, many cards, and delicious food we are very grateful."

Karen Bradley writes:

"Dear Centerville Church of Christ Family, My name is Karen Bradley, niece of Jerry & Marilyn Nash, and I want to thank you for all of your prayers to help me heal. I have been officially declared cancer free and I thank God for that healing and all of your prayers. I thank Bryan McAlister and Craig Shelton for their visit at the hospital. Very thoughtful. Thank you again and God Bless !"

Charlene Hunt writes: "Thanks to everyone who has prayed, sent food, and sent cards. I truly appreciate every act of kindness. I am so thankful to have a thoughtful Church family. In Christian Love..."

Priscilla Barber writes: "Thanks for every kindness shown to me while I was recovering from broken ribs."

Leah Conder & Family write: "Thank you for the visits to the funeral home and chimes sent to me at the passing of my father. Your kindness is always touching."

Paul & Betty Litton write: "We both want to thank everyone for the birthday cards we received recently. We also want to express our sincere thanks for the thoughtfulness shown to us since Paul has been in the Life Care Center."

Home: Georgia Moss, Alvitea Sunder, Jim Wright, Martha Jo Wallace, Lorraine Loveless, Willie B. Coates, Sammie Elrod, Floyd Powell, Charles Minick, Edward Loveless, Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,280.37

BUDGET

\$ 12,651.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 236.35

How Times Have Changed...

Over the past few years, months, and weeks we have listened to reports of public facilities being victimized by individuals whom have little to no respect for human life. The latest incident being very close to home at the Carmike 8 Cinemas in Antioch. Since public facilities such as church buildings, schools, theaters, shopping malls and public offices are targets for these acts of violence against human life, it becomes necessary to evaluate the security and safety of you as you gather here in this facility for worship. In previous years we have unlocked every available door in the building and they have remained unlocked throughout our worship services. We are at a point in time that unlocking every door and them remaining unlocked is not the wisest course to continue. We will be evaluating different alternatives to increase the security of our building. For now we will limit the number of doors unlocked for entry. All doors will be available for exit. Beginning Sunday, September 6th, these doors will be unlocked for entry:

1. Main Lobby (Front entry and both side doors)
2. Jerry Dixon Hall
3. Main Office
4. Day School Entry
5. Lower Level Door (basement) located at elevator.

These doors will give sufficient availability for entry to the building. All doors will be locked when service begins except Main Lobby. The building will be locked during the afternoon on Sunday. Any ministry meeting scheduled for Sunday afternoon will require prearranged entry. We appreciate very much your cooperation.

Your Elders

Please Pray For:

...Gabriel Roberson had a liver transplant Monday night in Cincinnati. The surgery was successful. He will be in critical care for several days.

...Megan Taylor continues to recover at home from surgery and faces more surgery in the coming days.

...Amy Dunn is having a very difficult time lately due to severe neck pain.

...Jerry Burlison has returned home from the hospital after having stents implanted in his heart.

...Mike Plunkett had knee replacement surgery Tuesday, August 25 at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Dave Sanders will have back surgery Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at St. Thomas Mid-town.

...Alyssa Aydelott will have surgery September 8th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She will be in the PICU for a couple of days.

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: Joyce Mayberry, Chris Teet, Guy Barber, Heather Jackson, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dooley, Ronnie Hinson, Terry Johnston, Sarah Rogers, Charlene Hunt, Farris Baker, Jr., De'Jay Sanders, Ruth Claud, Gabriel Roberson, Gerdi Beaman, Sheryl Elkins, Richard Tate, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Bridal Tea



You are invited to a Bridal Tea for Whitney Qualls, bride elect of Sean Moore, Sunday, August 30, 2015 at the Outreach Center from 3:30-5:00 P.M. Whitney is the daughter of Don & Debbie Qualls. They are Registered at Town Crier, Bed , Bath & Beyond, and Target.

Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing The Future Fund in memory of Joe Harper by David & Allison Rogers & Family.

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

Workers Needed !



DAY SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF...Afternoon workers.... Day School is in need of workers from 3-5 P.M. Monday-Friday. If you are interested please call the school at 931-729-5233.

Endeavor 2015

September 27th 3:00pm

HCHS Auditorium

**Endeavoring to keep the unity
of the Spirit in the bond of
peace.
Ephesians 4:3**



Place
Stamp
Here



Public Service Recognition Night

Sunday Night, August 30, 2015

Banana Splits

Following 6 P.M. Worship

Special Invitation To All

Public Service Workers

Coming In September....

The September Series

"I Surrender All My Mistakes"

"A Forgiveness Church"

Sept. 2: *A Forgiveness Church is Forgiveness*
Jeremiah Tatum, Willow Avenue,
Cookeville, TN

Dinner Hosted by Fish Camp Restaurant

Sept. 9: *A Forgiveness Church is Faithful*
Stephen Kelley, Main Street, Mt. Pleasant,
TN. Dinner Hosted by Wayne Qualls' Class

Sept. 16: *A Forgiveness Church is Family*
Craig Evans Spring Hill, Tn.

Dinner Hosted by 20/30's Class

Sept. 23: *A Forgiveness Church is Focused*
David Morris Columbia, TN.

Dinner Hosted by Bill McDonald's Class

Sept. 30: *A Forgiveness Church is
Forgiving* (Josh Manning, Clearview, Lyles,
TN) Potluck Dinner

September Birthdays



Billy Garner
87 Years Old
September 9, 2015



Bobbie June Kittrell
86 Years Old
September 12, 2015



David & Jane Talley
Married 53 Years
September 20, 2015

Wait on Table

5th Sunday
Wayne Chessor

Right Side
Jonathon
Longworth
Eric Coleman
Mike Brown
Michael Horner

Left Side
Chris Haithcoat
Michael Harrison
Thomas Chessor
Sam Chessor

Alternate
Chris Teet

If you are *scheduled to serve in Worship* and are *unable*, please *secure your replacement* and contact one of the following:

Dorris Claud	931-729-2933
Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
Bryan Woods	931-994-7042
John Bradley	931-994-7358

To Read Scripture

8/30: Caleb Odom
9/6: Riley Qualls

Elders' Prayer

8/30 Lonnie Gilliam

Prayer Week of August 30

S.M.W.
Michael Bryant
S.E.W.
Cody Woods
W.E.B.S.
Brian Qualls

S.M.D
Brandon McCauley
S.E.D.
Brad Garland
W.E.D.
Colby Shelton