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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

When parents leave the house and the presence of their children, typically someone is left in charge. A word of reminder about their lasting authority, even in their absence, is issued. Finally, they give assurance they will return. Our Lord was no different. When He left His followers, He confessed there was more they needed to hear but could not bear it (John 16:12). He also said there was much He had told them which they would need to remember (John 16:13). Thankfully, the Holy Spirit would come and He would guide them into the remembrance of all things.

When we move beyond the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we are not stepping into a collection of writings with less power, truth, or authority. We are stepping into the words our Lord promised would be coming with the power of His Spirit and the heavenly anchor of His authority (Matthew 16:19). Our faith comes from the Father to help us overcome this world, and not conform more and more to its image (Romans 10:17). The Bible is more than a relic, it is the revealed mind of God, shown to us to guide us out of sin and back into the light of God through His Son (I Corinthians 2:11-13)! Culture cannot shape morality, thus we are not to be like the image of the world around us, but we are to be the house of the Holy Spirit living in us (I Cor 6:19). Culture cannot shape worship, arbitrarily offering, altering, and interpreting, what we believe. Rather, in all things we are to "pray with the spirit and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit and I will also sing with the understanding," and "we are to not despise the church of God" (I Cor 14:15, 11:22).

In a climate of "approve everything while judging nothing" we have stopped pressing for a better and higher way of living this life. True, God has not handed to us the gavel of condemnation, but He has not withheld the scales of judgement, right from wrong, good from evil, light from darkness. Remember, while correcting the



errors which existed among the church, there was a pause to show a more excellent way (I Corinthians 12:31). Love is God's response to us, patience and forgiveness, both things which we did not deserve (I Corinthians 13:4). How we view love, makes a dramatic difference in how we practice the Lord's pure love. Pure love does not have a motive of anger or evil, and pure love is not built on nor does it boast or sink into iniquity (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

Love is a theme of sorts in the month of February. Sadly, over this weekend, too many celebrated an occasion of love with a trip to the movies, to see the highly anticipated, "50 Shades of Grey" movie, adapted from the book by E.L. James. We'd be truly saddened to know how many Christians, especially wives and husbands, took the time to view this glorification of sexual violence, lust over love, and objectifying of women. I wish the world did not distort the nature of love, and I wish Christians in an age when more marriages are being destroyed through pornography, would not allow this influence into their heart, causing it to be lead away from God, one image, one scene, and one glimpse at a time. I hope you know, the same love which sent the Holy Spirit as a comforter and guide into truth, offers that same blessing today, if only we open His word of scripture, and through love, rejoice in the truth!

*February Series
Precious Moments
Make Precious
Memories*

*February 18
Postponed Due To Inclement
Weather*

February 25

Jim Faughn

**When The Honor Doesn't End:
What I Wish My Parents Would**

**Tell Me They Need
Dinner Hosted By:
Wayne Qualls' Class**

March 4

Andy Connelly

**When The Blessings Begin:
What I Wish My Children Trusted**

**Me To Do
Dinner Hosted By:
20/30's Class**



A PACKED LIGHTHOUSE ONCE AGAIN! We had another crowd of over 60 for last week's Lighthouse as we enjoyed the food provided by Bill McDonald's class for the February Series, some fun, and the time together for the February Series.

THE PRAYER BREAKFAST LAST WEEK caused Danny & Melody Skelton to get up at 3:30 to prepare an old fashioned country breakfast. Close to 30 Junior and Senior High enjoyed the homemade biscuits, eggs, chocolate gravy and more. We enjoyed a brief devotional from Philippians 4, took opportunity to share those who were on our hearts and minds and then ended with the guys leading a circle prayer. Thanks Danny & Melody for the hard work and delicious food! Thanks to all who got up a little earlier for this special time.

WE ENJOYED ANOTHER Senior High Fireside hosted by the Elkins' Sunday night. We had over 25 Senior High together to enjoy some tasty Mexican food and a lot of laughter and fun. Our devotional was on Exodus 3 and 4 as we looked at what it means to Surrender All! Thanks to Mike, Regina,

February 20
SENIOR HIGH
& PARENTS
PAINTING &
PIZZA PARTY
Lighthouse
6:00

February 25
LIGHTHOUSE
5:00-7:00

Feb 27-Mar 1
SENIOR
SPOTLIGHT/
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT
Gatlinburg

Griffin, Adley, & Weston for hosting a wonderful evening!

THE LAD & DAD WEEKEND HAS BEEN POSTPONED! With the ground thawing after the snow, it makes for a messy and somewhat unsafe time at the cabin. This also allows Bill McDonald to join us in April for the weekend. We appreciate Bill hosting these weekends as well as all he does and has done for many years for the young people of this area.

THIS FRIDAY WE WILL HOWEVER have something for the Senior High and their parents! Renovations are taking place in the basement for an expanded Lighthouse. This will take several months, but one of the first things is a lot of painting. The halls, kitchen, and restrooms need a fresh coat to brighten up the area. We will capture the memories of the current pictures on the walls with photos. Plans are to frame and hang these memories to always remember the artwork from years past. This Friday, we will begin at 6:00 in the Lighthouse with the Senior High and their parents encouraged to join us. We will supply pizza, drinks, and cookies to encourage the help. We hope you can make it!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT IS FULL! In my 15 years of Youth Ministry, this is a first for me. We are actually full two weeks before the retreat date. Because of transportation and lodging, we are stopping at 40 Senior Highers and 12 chaperones. This is sure to be a fantastic weekend and one we will remember for a long time. I am looking forward to some challenging devotionals on the theme from John 3:30, some beautiful singing, a lot of laughter, and times to share some tears with our seniors and one another. Pray for our safety and that we will come back refocused to surrender all!

SOMETHING TO DO WITH A PURPOSE! Nothing for youth to do in Hickman County? I disagree. We have things year round for all ages and for anyone. When I say anyone, we do not offer things just for "our" youth but for any young person that wants to be involved! Just notice a few of our recent activities. We do offer a disclaimer though, all of our activities have purpose. We will love you like our own (Matthew 22:39), we will teach you why we have the hope that is within us (I Peter 3), and we will share with you the complete gospel so you may come to know salvation and be transformed through Christ (Col 2). Keep inviting, keep encouraging, and always... follow His path, -Craig

**I Surrender All...
Weekly Challenge:**

Sunday	Social Media Sunday
Monday	Mine To The Master
Tuesday	Television Turn-Off Tuesdays
Wednesday	Web Free Wednesday
Thursday	Tame The Tongue Thursday
Friday	Faith Filled Friday
Saturday	Social Media Saturday

Thank You

Janet Barber writes: "I would like to thank everyone for all of the phone calls, cards, and for your prayers concerning my recent heart procedure. I am thankful for my church family."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of David Jimerson by Anthony Canady and Brian & Crystal Davidson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Larry Prince by Jerry & Linda Canady, Anthony Canady, Brian & Crystal Davidson.

Thank You

The Family of Lloyd Bridges writes: "We want to express our appreciation to everyone for the prayers, calls, visits, and cards on Lloyd's behalf. Continue to remember us, as we, his family adjust our lives without him. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you in your daily life with God."

You Are Invited !



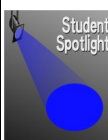
You are invited to a Bridal Tea for Kristen Stone, bride elect of Brad Garland, on Sunday, February 22, 2015 at the Outreach Center from 1:30- 3:00 . Brad & Kristen are registered at the Town Crier, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target and Walmart.

Rescheduled...



Lad/Dad Retreat at the McDonald Farm at Beaverdam...has been rescheduled for April. Stay tuned for details !

...Feb. 27—March 1 Senior Spotlight/ Senior High Retreat Gatlinburg



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$11,748.56

BUDGET

\$ 12,651.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 261.50

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Amanda Dye who was killed in a car wreck last week. She was a cousin of the Shane Willis Family and Chris Hughes family.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Alvie Lynn, father of Judy Hill, who passed away.

Happy Birthday !



**John Thomas Givens
80 Years Old
February 24,2015**

Home: Georgia Moss, Pauline Jimerson, Lorraine Loveless, Minnie Sue Baker, Willie B. Coates, Sammye Elrod, Jean Plemmons, Demetria Barner, Martha Jo Wallace, Floyd Powell, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Edward Loveless, Margaret McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center: Larry Talley, Lucille Breece, Mable Taylor, Nellie Kalosis, Helen Hudgins, Lucy Noles, Stella Greer, Pauline Tilley, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor. Dickson Nursing Home: James Clifton
Thornton Hickman County Nursing Home: Eltie Davis



Please Pray For:

...Georgia Moss is still having a difficult time and is at the home of her son.

...Gabriel Roberson, grandson of Melvin & Felicia Roberson, has a confirmed diagnosis of hepatoblastoma, a cancer of the liver and lungs. He is confirmed stage four. After the second or third treatment they will be in contact with Cincinnati for a possible liver transplant.

...Karen Reagan Bradley, niece of Marilyn (Jerry) Nash, will begin treatments this week for cancer. She will have treatments for 20 weeks.

...Minnie Sue Baker, grandmother of Davy, is in Maury Regional Hospital.

...Dossie Ferrel, grandfather of Alisha Blystad, has returned home from the hospital.

...Ewen Sullivan, grandfather of Amy Bryant, is in Centennial Hospital.

...Janice Beard, aunt of Pam (Tim) Griggs, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She lives in Knoxville.

...Leona White, sister of Shane (Tammy) Willis, will have shoulder surgery in the coming days at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Rachel Bradley is recovering from surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Peggy Feightenzer, mother of Eddie Feightenzer, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

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

Cassie Creighton, Novlene Frost, Dr. Keith Brewer, Roger Truett, Karen Reagan Bradley, Lisa Littlejohn, Dossie Ferrell, Marie Landon, Gerdi Beaman, Rachel Bradley, Barbara Baker, Sheryl Elkins, Roger Dotson, Amanda Mathis, Richard Tate, Amanda Cannon, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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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.

Wait on Table

4th Sunday

Cody Woods

Left Side

Don Chessor

Mark Chessor

Jeremy Qualls

Michael Harrison

Right Side

Don Qualls

Lonnie Mayberry

Don Roder

Pat Sullivan

Alternates

Jonathon Aydelott

Daniel Poff

Elder's Prayer

February 22

Shane Willis

Prepare Communion

February 22

Bobby & Sandy McFarlin

READ SCRIPTURE

Feb. 22 Wayne Chessor

March 1 Paul Bryant

Prayer Week of Feb. 22

S.M.W.

John Bradley

S.E.W.

Chris Teet

W.E.B.S.

Mike Brown

S.M.D

Jeremy Qualls

S.E.D.

Joey Hunt

W.E.D.

Griffin Elkins