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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

"Before"... The word "before" describes many things about our Lord, and His mighty plan for all of His creation. The salvation of the souls of men was set and sealed in its form "before the foundation of the world." God's plan for saving mankind, included the sacrifice of His Son, which included the creation of the church, which in harmony with the Lord Himself, existed before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, I Peter 1:20). At the heart of this plan, at its core and its center, was the presence of love. "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:23-26).

The shared love from the the Father and the Son, was the shared love to the world lost in sin and needing the salvation of the God of love. Before there was a sunset for young lovers to share, before there were beaches upon which to walk, and brisk fall evenings to gather around a fire to share a romantic evening, there was love. It was and remains the bond of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Love is the source of their cooperation, it's the sound of their invitation, and its the sign of their consecration to all who will hear and receive their love. Love motivated their plan to redeem the world and was the source of their cooperation. Love called out to the lost and dying in sin as the sound of their invitation. Love sets us apart from the world for the sign of our consecration.



A few years ago a book and movie popularized the "Love Dare" as a means for couples to rebuild broken relationships. The emphasis was for one to reach out to another with the intent and hope of building a better connection or perhaps even healing wounds which can so easily come through our relationships. Some in frustration and exasperation commented, "I tried the love dare, and it didn't work." Some believe that if you reach out to others with everything you have to give in love, they'll respond. The truth of the matter is, love is not about changing everyone else around you. You cannot force them to change. Love is about changing everything within you.

God reached out to us with love, because it's not what we deserved, but because it's who God is! Love is who we are to be. Had God only condemned man due to man's sin, He could not be described as love (I John 4:8). But since God gives man the choice of heaven or hell; His grace or His judgment, He is love and invites us to be as He is, love. Love has always existed, because as the nature of our God is eternal, so is His love. I hope you know, when we reach within ourselves to change our lives into the shape of the nature of our Lord's love, we become part of that which will never fail, the children of God born out of the love of our heavenly Father (I Corinthians 13:8).

February Series
Precious Moments Make
Precious Memories

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



YOUTH ON HIS PATH
PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON

February 25

LIGHTHOUSE

5:00-7:00

Feb 27-Mar 1

SENIOR

SPOTLIGHT/

SENIOR HIGH

RETREAT

Gatlinburg

March 5

PRAYER

BREAKFAST

Lighthouse

7:00am

LAST FRIDAY MORNING AS THE SNOW FELL, we had close to 20 Senior High show up to help paint the basement. As we begin our Lighthouse renovation and expansion, the first step was painting. We took pictures of all the previous artwork on the walls and then set in to making it all clean and fresh. In just a few hours we were able to paint all the hallways, two classrooms, and the kitchen. Thank you to those who were able to help that day. A big thank you to the adults who helped as well, Misty Shelton, Mike Elkins, Derek Newsom, Daniel Poff, and Brian Qualls. We look forward to the continued work on this project and the benefit it will have as we keep striving to grow!

I Surrender All...
Weekly Challenge:

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| Sunday | I Corinthians 13 |
| Monday | Ruth 1 |
| Tuesday | Ruth 2 |
| Wednesday | Ruth 3 |
| Thursday | Ruth 4 |
| Friday | John 14-16 |
| Saturday | II Corinthians 6 |

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT IS THIS WEEKEND! The buses will leave the parking lot at 9:00am on Friday. Those buses will have 55 loaded up for an unforgettable weekend as we delve into John 3:30 and search for a way to "Surrender All." We will also use this time to grow closer and stronger as a group as well as spend time showing how much we care about our Seniors. Senior High, be sure to bring money for 3 meals on your own and spending money for shopping and games. Also, be sure to bring your Bible, your extra clothes and toiletries, and an attitude to "increase" Jesus in our lives! We will be back around 5pm Sunday in time for evening worship services. Please, pray for our safety as we travel as well.

DON'T BE A CHURCH DATER! Stay away from the tendency to be Concerned With Me, that the church is all about me and must rotate around what I think worship should be which takes the emphasis off what is intended, worship. Neglect the tendency to be Closed Off, thinking that I will not get too involved for fear more will be expected of me and that I can't just slip in and out. Avoid the tendency to be Critical, finding every flaw that I can and letting it be known so others will know my displeasure. In doing any or all of these we truly cheat our church family, the community, and my cultivation as a Christian. As we study the book of Ephesians, we often relate it to our personal lives. This is good and very applicable to recognize our shortcoming. However, if we study also as Paul wrote it to the church in Ephesus, it is a letter on how the church should approach one another and the "body of Christ." In my study of Ephesians 5, I have had my eyes reopened to viewing it rather than just as a marriage relationship, but also as a church's relationship to Jesus. If we view the church as the "bride of Christ," then the end of Chapter 4 and the beginning of Chapter 5 show us the things we need to do and not do for one another. If we view marriage as the way God intended for us to understand better the relationship between the church and Christ, we can't help but want to love her, build her up, continue to tell others about her and how blessed we are to have her, defend her, and be willing to give our all for her well being. Christ set that example and Paul encourages us to love her as He did. May we do nothing to "give her a blemish or stain" and doing everything to follow His path, -Craig



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Audrey Mozine Atkinson, Ernest Lee Atkinson, and Paul Edward Atkinson by Bobby R. Atkinson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Dell Wilkerson, Francis Harris, and Beverly Bruno by Don & Vicki Chessor.

Thank You

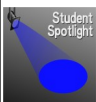
The Family of Thelma Davidson writes: "Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for the food and your kind expression of sympathy."

Area Events

...*Ladies' Day at the Walnut Street Church of Christ, Saturday, March 7, 2015.* Speakers : Ava White and Judy Hinson Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Lunch will be provided
...*10th Annual Area Wide Singing at the Plainview Church of Christ March 13, 2015 from 7—9 P.M.*
MC: Tom Holland



...*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*

March Events



...*March 20 First Day of Spring*



...*March 21-22 Father/Daughter Retreat at Beaverdam*



...*March 23-27 School System Spring Break*



...*March 29 5th Sunday Picnic Potluck No P.M. Worship*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 8,716.00

BUDGET

\$ 12,651.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 98.57

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lee O. Morrison who passed away in Warren, Michigan. He was the brother-in-law of Claudine Morrison.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Novalene Frost who passed away. She was the grandmother of Cassidy (Lee) Orton.

...We express our sympathy to the family of infant Tatium Harpin who passed away.



The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: Gabriel Roberson, Cassie Creighton, Roger Truett, Karen Reagan Bradley, Lisa Littlejohn, Marie Landon, Gerdi Beaman, Rachel Bradley, Barbara Baker, Sheryl Elkins, Roger Dotson, Amanda Mathis, Richard Tate, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

Home: Georgia Moss, Pauline Jimerson, Lorraine Loveless, 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, Paul Litton, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor

Dickson Nursing Home: James Clifton Thornton

Hickman County Nursing Home: Eltie Davis



Please Pray For:

...Robert McAlister, father of Bryan (Mendy) McAlister, is recovering from hip surgery due to a fall. His address is: *740 Bauer Rd. Jonesboro, Illinois 62952.*

...Georgia Moss is recovering at home.
...Karen Reagan Bradley, niece of Marilyn (Jerry) Nash, is having treatments for cancer. She will have treatments for 20 weeks.

...Marshall Spencer will have elbow surgery and carpal-tunnel surgery at Howell-Allen Clinic in Nashville Wednesday.

...Pauline Tilley is in St. Thomas Mid-town.

...Corene Allen has been sick at home the past few weeks.

...Gabriel Roberson, grandson of Melvin & Felica Roberson, is having treatments for cancer.

...Paige Wrenne, granddaughter of Farris & Barbara Baker, is in Vanderbilt Stallworth recovering from serious injuries due to a car accident.

...Minnie Sue Baker, grandmother of Davy, is in the Life Care Center.

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

...Janice Beard, aunt of Pam (Tim) Griggs and sister-in-law of Edgar (Barbara) Beard, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. She lives in Knoxville.

...Leona White, sister of Shane Willis, will have shoulder surgery Tuesday, February 24th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Rachel Bradley is recovering from surgery at her parents home.

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

...Joshua Jenkins, son of Randy and Tanya Parker Jenkins, grandson of Robbie Jenkins, is in St. Thomas Hospital waiting on a heart transplant.

March Celebrations !

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Helen Hudgins
82 Years Old
March 2, 2015



Polly Chessor Lancaster
85 Years Old
March 14, 2015



Life-Line
Daily Updates
& Devotional Message
931-729-5055,
931-729-0022

Those to Serve in March

Wait on Table

1st Sunday

Paul Bryant

2nd Sunday

Mike Brown

3rd Sunday

Chris Teet

4th Sunday

Ward Mayberry

5th Sunday

Daniel Dressler

Right Side

Eric Nash

Robert Bowman

Michael Horner

Clay Chessor

Left Side

Phillip Allen

Eric Coleman

Patrick Allen

Eric Mayberry

Alternates

Marshall Spencer

Samuel Gilbert

Lord's Supper

Case Martin

Luke Worsham

Served in the chapel

Elders' Prayer

3/1 Mike Elkins

Prayer Week of

March 1

S.M.W.

Cody Woods

S.M.D.

Bob McDonald

S.E.W.

Eric Nash

S.E.D.

Marty Smith

W.E.B.S.

Derek Newsom

W.E.D.

Riley Qualls

NURSERY

Elaine Gilbert

BAPT. CLOTHING

Kathy Brown

RADIO ROOM

Gaylon Cude

Caleb Truett

Matthew Kincade

Griffin Elkins

Bible Hour: I'm Special "Joseph" Lauren & Ryan McDonald, Griffin Elkins, Riley Qualls, Colby Shelton, Brandy Hudgins, Lauren Hunt, Lincoln Smith

Pantry Item: Tuna

To Drive Bus in March

3/1 Andy Weber A.M.

Mark Chessor P.M.

3/4 Mike Goodpasture

3/8 John Bradley A.M.

Phillip Allen P.M.

3/11 George Garland

3/15 Michael Bryant A.M.

Brandon McCauley P.M.

3/18 Patrick Allen

3/22 John Bradley A.M.

Phillip Allen P.M.

3/25 Lonnie Mayberry

3/29 George Garland A.M.

Lonnie Mayberry P.M.

Read Scripture

3/1 Paul Bryant

1/8 Robert Bowman

Meals On Wheels

3/4 Shirley DeVore

3/11 Regina Elkins

3/18 Marge Gilmer

3/25 Joy McDonald

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MARCH

3/1: Sam Brown, Jared Brown, Andrew Bryant, Gage Buchanan

3/8: Heath Buchanan, Trevor Buchanan, Braydon Chessor, Dane Gilbert

3/15: Bryce Hughes, John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Jagger Lawson

3/22: Case Martin, Elijah Mayberry, Connor McAlister, Joseph McCauley

3/29: Jackson McDonald, Will McDonald, Zane Nash, Major Qualls

Please be up front by 8:50

Prepare Communion

3/1 & 8 Wayne/Jean Qualls

3/15 & 22 Mark/Shela Chessor

3/29 Shane & Tammy Willis

Greeters

Jimmy & Cathie Copley

Lonnie & Kay Mayberry

James & June Aydelott

George & Cindy Garland

USHERS:

Bobby Breece

Ronald Coates

Monty Dunn

Calvin Hoover

NURSING HOME SERVICES

LIFE CARE CENTER

3/1 Daniel Dressler

3/8 Shane Willis

3/15 Bryan & Connor Mc

3/22 Fairfield

3/29 Daniel Dressler

HICKMAN CO. NURSING

3/1 Marshall Spencer

3/8 Robert Bowman

3/15 James Aydelott

3/22 Alan Potts

3/29 Mike Brown

Tulipwood Service - John Bradley