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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

He only wanted one thing: proof. His question alone begged that very thing, "Are you the Coming One, or do we look for another" (Matthew 11:3)? How could you blame him? He was in prison facing death, and yet he knew from a little boy, he had been given a very special assignment; to be the forerunner for the Messiah. He called Him by one of the most descriptive names possible, "The Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world." But now his chance to be that forerunner, to tell others He of whom the prophets had spoken, had arrived. From that dreaded prison cell, John the baptizer, sent word via his followers, and the followers asked the one they called Jesus, that very question. This was His reply, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 'The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me" (Matthew 11:4-6).

How do we know Jesus was the Son of God? Was Jesus born just a man and later become God in man? When Jesus died on the cross, was it God in man that died on the cross or just man? Was He just another historical figure, a man of notoriety, like Socrates or Confucius; was He a moral teacher and nothing more? "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me" (John 5:39). He was foreordained (I Peter 1:20); He was in the beginning when our time began (John 1:1). His existence is eternal (John 17:24). If we want to know Jesus, we must know the words which testify of Him, the scriptures. His coming to earth was no accident it was not an afterthought, nor was He less than deity. He is Immanuel, God in man. He's the Word of deity, embodied in the flesh.

To the Colossians He was "the image of the invisible God" (Col 1:15). He told the apostles "if you have seen Me, you have seen the Father" (John 14:9), he told the Pharisees "I am the Son of God" (John 10:36), John the baptizer testified Jesus possessed the "Spirit without measure"



(John 3:34). Everything that it meant to be God was found in Jesus, "and you are complete in Him" (Col 2:10). To the Galatians He was the liberty which made men free (Gal 5:1). In Philippians He emptied Himself of deity's privilege and became a servant (Phil 2:5-7). He came not to show us our sin, but to shine through our sin and show us our real image, who we are, who we can be, and how we can become more than our hearts ever imagined through believing in Him.

Our salvation is not of flesh, blood, or man, it is of God. The will of God is not revealed by association through family. It didn't come through flesh. Likewise the flesh is comprised of feelings, and if that is the case, my salvation is not dependent on my feelings, for one day I may feel saved and in truth I'm not. The will of God is not of Blood. The will of God is not of man. It is not through the minds of men, the doctrines of men, the teachings of men, or the churches of men that we come to know Jesus. I hope you know, "For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him" (John 1:17-18).

# "Back To Bible School" Fall Promotion Day

Sunday, August 3, 2014 Wednesday Night August 6, 2014

Babyland	1st Floor	Tara Chessor, Vickie Chessor <u>Wed.</u> Regina Elkins
Age 2	В8	Heather Martin, Alice Anne Jacobs <u>Wed</u> . Kristy Wallace, Rachel Newsom
Age 3	B14	Amanda Mayberry, Lindsay Newsom
Age 4	B16	Brandy Hudgins, Lauren Hunt <u>Wed</u> . Ages 3 & 4 Vanessa McMullin, Allison Gilbert
Kind.	B18	Tonya Oliphant, Jessica Dressler
Grade 1	208	Katie Qualls
Grade 2	206	Lynn Warren <u>Wed</u> . Kindergarten, 1 & 2 Grade Brandy Nash
Grade 3	200	Barry & Melissa Shelton
Grade 4	204 200	June Roder <u>Wed.</u> Grades 3,4 Emily Gatewood
Grade 5	220 220	Cody Woods <u>Wed.</u> Eric Coleman
Jr. High 6,7,8	221	<b>Matthew Dotson</b>
Sr. High 9th-12th	222	C. Shelton & others Wed. Gr. 6-12 C. Shelton
20/30 `s Sun. & Wed.	214	C. Shelton, M. Dotson, M. Elkins, B. McAlister
Adults	225	B. McDonald, S. Willis
Adults Men Adults Adults	218 218 Aud. Lib.	W. Qualls Wed. B. McDonald M. Goodpasture, D. Dressler Wed. B. McAlister Ward Mayberry
Adults	1st Floor	L. Gilliam
Addits	130 1 1001	L. Jillialli
Ladies Ladies Ladies	Chapel Library Conf. Rm.	Wed. J. McDonald Wed. S. Dotson Wed .W. Givens



August 10 **Junior High** Fireside 7:00 @ McAlister's August 13 Lighthouse 5:00-6:45 Host T.B.A. August 17 Senior High Fireside 7:00 @ Shelton's August 24 Friends & **Family Day** August 27 Lighthouse 5:00-6:45 Host T.B.A.

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CRAIG SHELTON

A FEW MORE THINGS ABOUT THE TURKS & CAICOS TRIP... I forgot to mention last week a big thanks to several people. Thanks to Jean Qualls for assembling the materials for our Vacation Bible School. They were perfect and the children loved them. Also thanks to Brian Oualls and Chris Teet for arranging to drop us off and pick us up at the airport. Finally, thanks to our Elders for their support and encouragement. They prayed with us as we loaded the bus Tuesday night and again on Wednesday morning as we departed for our trip. This congregation is blessed with leaders who are about their people and the work they are doing. Again, thanks to everyone who made the trip possible in anyway. Continue to pray for the islands and the souls the Word is reaching daily.

A WONDERFUL PLANNING SESSION THIS PAST SUNDAY NIGHT. We looked at plans for the coming months and some even into 2015. We are still in need of several hosts for Firesides and Lighthouses. If you are interested, please let me know or contact the church office.

JUST A REMINDER... If you want information about upcoming things we have planned, you can always check at www.centervillechurchofchrist.org/ministries/youth or at Centerville Church of Christ Youth Ministry page on Facebook or @ccocyouth on twitter. Also, monthly calendars are available at the Youth News Board and in the Lighthouse. I try to keep up to date calendars and information about when and where the next planned event is. Also, as we try to lessen the announcements around worship, I encourage you to keep up to date on these resources so you do not miss a thing.

IT HAS BEEN SAID "There is nothing for young people to do in Centerville." I very strongly disagree. Our youth ministry at Centerville has gone non-stop year long with monthly events like Firesides, Lighthouse, Bible Studies, Prayer Breakfasts and Sparks & Intermediate events. Add to that many more special trips and retreats. If you just look at the time since school was out until now, we have gone very few days when there wasn't something for Junior High and Senior High ages to be involved. That time included our weeks of Summer Camp at Meribah, Vacation Bible School, The Cincinnati Blast, and the Turks & Caicos Trip. Consider too that none of this was just to have something to do. Each activity mentioned had purpose for growth with other Christians and with emphasis on growing closer to God. If you have not been involved, I encourage you to begin today to join in. If you have been involved, keep doing so and encourage others to join us too. There is no greater life than growing up in the Lord's church and being surrounded by those with the same goals as you. From my time as a school counselor to my many years in youth ministry, I believe more and more in Proverbs 27:17. We grow to be like those we spend most of our time with. Just as our ministry exists to Praise our Father in heaven, Apply our love to one another and to the lost, Teach those who are without Christ, and Heighten our personal relationship with God. Keep focused, keep involved, and alwavs... follow His path, Craig

#### Thank You

The Family of Virginia (Coleman)
Arnold writes: "The basket of red roses were beautiful. A special thanks to the male Quartet Singers. Their singing was superb and it was so comforting during our time of loss. Thanks again..."

Jim, Reba & Barry Coleman

Marie Boehms writes: "I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and gifts on my 88th birthday. It is so nice to be remembered."

#### Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Fund in memory of Carl Ayers and Fay Bowen by Barbara McClanahan.

...a Memorial has been given to the Outreach Center in memory of Don Luckett by Ralph & Katherine Shelton.





We rejoice with Jeremy Barber and Justin Barber who were baptized July 24, 2014. They are nephews of

Paul & Betty Litton.

...We rejoice with David A. White and Jessie Gossett who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.



Back To School Banana Splits August 3, 2014

Following 6 P.M. Worship Teacher and School Employee Appreciation Night

All Hickman County School Personnel Will Be Our Honored Guests

...August 3

Teacher of the Year/ Sunday School Promotion Day

Plan To Attend... August 24, 2014 Centerville Church of Christ Friends & Family Day

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<u>CONTRIBUTION</u> \$ 12,706.35 BUDGET \$ 13,276.00 <u>Camp Meribah</u> \$ 180.25

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Timothy Brown who passed away. He was the brother of Pam (Tim) Griggs.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lorene Parnell who passed away. She was the sister of June (Petsie) Bowen.

...We express our sympathy to the family of James Hinson who passed away in Hohenwald. He was a member of the Flatrock Church of Christ.

### Please Pray For:

...David Brown, brother of Dana Atkinson and brother-in-law of Melissa Qualls, is at home with hospice care.

...Martha Leath has returned home.

...Lisa Shephard, niece of Wayne & Carolyn Chessor, is at home with hospice care.

...Roger Dotson is taking treatments for cancer.

...Margaret Forrester (works at local Farmers Co-op) remains in Vanderbilt Hospital. She was injured in an ATV accident and has a badly broken ankle and wrist. Complications have extended her recovery. She and her husband Eddie live in the Bakerville (Hurricane Mills) community of Humphreys County and attend the Bakerville Church. Please be mindful of the Forresters as her recovery continues.

...Amanda Mathis, daughter of Gary & Gail Mathis, will begin cancer treatments in a few days.

...Janice Lawson, mother of Shaun (Jamie) Lawson, is recovering at Maury Regional Hospital from hip surgery due to a fall.

### Placing Membership



We want to welcome Sam, Cindy, and Lindsey Chessor to our work and worship! Their address is:

623 Hwy. 50 West Centerville, Tennessee 37033 Welcome!



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 The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: Isaac Whitson, Betty Massow, Melissa Beasley, James Stoltz, Glenda Teet, Roger Dotson, Richard Tate, Amanda Cannon, June Matyas, Jaxon Long, Shelia Rochelle, Peggy Martin, Natisha Wright, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton.

#### **Area Events**

...Gospel Meeting at the New Antioch Church of Christ August 3-8, 2014 Speaker: David Peeler Sunday A.M. Bible Study 9:15; Worship 10 A.M. followed by a fellowship meal. Sunday—Friday evening 7:30 P.M.

...Homecoming & Friends & Family Day at the Brush Creek Church of Christ Hwy. 100 East Linden, TN. 37096 Sunday, August 10, 2014 Minister: Ricky Burse Bible Study: 10 A.M.; Worship: 11 A.M. followed by fellowship meal Evening Worship: 1:30 P.M.

#### August Celebrations!



Vilma McFarlin 85 Years Old August 4, 2014



**Carl Burton** 84 Years Old August 10, 2014



**Doyle Rushton** 82 Years Old August 20, 2014



Jack & Barbara Wood **Married 56 Years** August 21, 2014

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#### <u>Those to Serve in August...</u>

**Wait on Table** 1st Sunday **Don Luther** 2nd Sunday **Paul Bryant 3rd Sunday George Garland** 4th Sunday **Daniel Dressler** 5th Sunday **Marshall Spencer** <u>Left</u> **Thomas Chessor Lonnie Mayberry Eric Coleman Don Qualls** Right **Mike Brown Don Chessor** J.B. Brown **Mark Chessor** <u>Alternates</u> **Griffin Elkins** 

Served in the Chapel

David Brown

**Luke Brown** 

Prayer Week of August 3, 2014 S.M.W. **Eric Nash** S.M.D. **Clav Chessor** S.E.W. Jim Hudgins S.E.D. Jared Street W.E.B.S. **Robert Bowman** W.E.D. **Luke Worsham** 

To Drive Bus in August A.M. **Andy Weber** Aug. 3 **Mark Chessor** Aug. 6 Mike Goodpasture Aug. 10 John Bradley Aug. 13 George Garland Aug. 17 Michael Bryant Phillip Allen Aug. 20 Lonnie Horner Aug. 24 John Bradley

Aug. 27 Lonnie Mayberry

Elders' Prayer August 3, 2014 Mike Elkins

P.M. A.M. Brandon McCauley P.M. A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M. **Patrick Allen** 

**GREETERS** David & Susan Hudgins Jim & Leslie Hudgins **Chris & Cyndi Hughes** Joey & Charlene Hunt

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN AUGUST 8/3: Lincoln Smith, Aaron Sullivan, Andrew Sullivan, Aiden Wallace 8/10 : Aden Weber, Cameron Wright, Thomas Alderson, Wyatt Aydelott 8/17:Lake Bates, Sam Brown, Luke Brown, Jared Brown 8/24: Andrew Bryant, Gage Buchanan, Heath Buchanan, Trevor Buchanan 8/31:Dane Gilbert, Riley Haithcoat, Houston Hudgins, Bryce Hughes Please be up front by 8:50

RADIO ROOM

**Andy Weber** 

**Chris Teet** 

**Rick Bruno** 

**USHERS:** Bobby Breece, Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn

**Meals On Wheels** 8/6 Martha Leathers 8/13 Nancy Leathers 8/20 Corene Allen 8/27 Glenda Delk **PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40** 

**SCRIPTURE** 8/3 Jeremy Qualls **Brian Qualls** 8/3 Barry Shelton Lord's Supper P.M.

**NURSERY:** Betty Banks **BAPT. CLOTHING:** Kathy McDonald

**NURSING HOME SERVICES LIFE CARE CENTER HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME** 8/3 **Shane Willis Marshall Spencer** 8/3

8/10 Daniel Dressler 8/17 B & C McAlister 8/24 Fairfield 8/31 Daniel Dressler

**Robert Bowman** 8/10 **James Aydelott** 8/17 8/24 **Alan Potts** 8/31 Mike Brown **Tulipwood Service** - John Bradley