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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

From time to time the words you want to say cannot match the pace of the emotions you are feeling. Such has been the case when we as a family laid to rest one of our pillars and constants among us, our beloved Bobby Bates. Seeing the outpouring of love upon his family that he treasured and cherished so much; watching heart after heart come to express their love and share in this loss; hearing story after personal story of how each person shared their connection to Bobby has been a delight for all privileged to walk with this family through these days. As these words are shared, the thought comes to mind how much Bobby enjoyed being with the workers each Wednesday to help prepare The Messenger for the weekly distribution. Bobby would most often read the labels of names and places to see whose copy of The Messenger he would be sending. He knew most of the names and had traveled to many of the places, just one more example of why he was cherished by so many.

Bobby's love for this church and his firsthand witness of her unfolding history ran deep into his heart. He loved the fact of knowing personally nine of this congregation's ten ministers. He could recall little stories of each one, things which may seem insignificant to some, but to Bobby, they were the fabric of their connection to Centerville. On one occasion he recalled the late B.B. James needing to have his car repaired, and taking it to Bobby's dad. According to Bobby, the steering had broken, and the wheel would just "spin" freely on the steering column. Those are the kind of remembrances a heart has who seeks to find joy in so many things, especially in the simplicity of life.

Our collective love and admiration for Bobby and Mary Katherine stands as a testimony to their influence and the nature of their love for so many. The stories are personal, because they were personal with everyone. Each individual was considered significant and worthy of time and attention. To be clothed with humility should



be our greatest endeavor. It was one achieved by Bobby and Mary Katherine. This church family shares in the tears and the loss of his presence, but rejoices in the rest this servant has earned for the works which follow him (Revelation 14:13).

In just over 16 months, we have bid farewell to a generation of men whose dedication to *their Lord, their wives, and their children have been among the many reasons they and their example were sought for our homes.* Alfred Williams, Bill Davis, and Bobby Bates serve as reminders in our hearts of what a constant faith and abiding love can bring in the everyday life of the child of God. We miss and will continue to miss the godliness of Alfred Williams, the attention to detail of Bill Davis, and the zeal for life of Bobby Bates. The responsibility to train the current and subsequent generations to be the kind of men God desires, rests in our hands and resides in our homes.

I hope you know, it is with the greatest respect for these men you have loved and known for so long, that any words from my hands or spoken from my lips, are offered in the deepest of regard for who they are to you. To me, they were a blessing for too brief of a time. Their influence and memory will remain until our Lord returns. Thus we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus."

PROMOTION DAY
SUNDAY AUGUST 4, 2013
WEDNESDAY NIGHT AUGUST 7, 2013
BACK TO BIBLE SCHOOL
FALL QUARTER:
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER 2013



YOUTH ON HIS PATH
PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN
 CRAIG SHELTON

Nursery	109	Hattie Delk
Babyland	1st Floor	T. Chessor, V. Chessor <u>Wed.</u> T. Oliphant J. Dressler
Age 2	B8	H. Martin, A. A. Jacobs <u>Wed.</u> K. Wallace, R. Newsom
Age 3	B14	H. Rochelle, H. Simmons, G. Dorton
Age 4 Age 3 & 4	B16	B. Hudgins, L. Hunt <u>Wed.</u> Ages 3 & 4 V. McMullin, A. Gilbert
Kind.	B18	T. Oliphant, J. Dressler <u>Wed.</u> B. Coleman
Grade 1	208	B. Greer
Grade 2	206	L. Warren <u>Wed.</u> 1 & 2 L. Hudgins
Grade 3	200	S. Dotson
Grade 4	204	J. Roder <u>Wed.</u> Grades 3,4 E. Gatewood
Grade 5	220 215	M. Brown <u>Wed.</u> E. Coleman
Jr. High 6,7,8	221	M. Dotson
Sr. High 9th-12th	222	C. Shelton & others <u>Wed.</u> Gr. 6-12 C. Shelton
20/30 'S	214	C. Shelton, M. Dotson, M. Elkins, B. McAlister
Adults	225	B. McDonald, S. Willis
Adults Young Men	218 218	W. Qualls <u>Wed.</u> Young Men B. McDonald
Adults	1st Floor	L. Gilliam
Ladies Ladies Ladies	Chapel Lib./ Con.	Various Ladies <u>Wed.</u> Susan Dotson <u>Wed.</u> Wanda Givens
Adults	Aud.	Different Men <u>Wed.</u> B. McAlister
Adults	Lib.	Ward Mayberry



August 2
BACK TO SCHOOL
August 4
PARENT, YOUTH, & VOLUNTEER PLANNING MEETING
 Chapel After PM Services
August 7
LIGHTHOUSE
 Shelton's Host 5:00-7:00
August 10
RIVER TRIP & CAJUN BOIL DEVO
August 11
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
 Shelton's Host 7:00-9:00

SCHOOL IS BACK... ALREADY? It is hard to believe, but school is back in session this Friday! It has been a phenomenal summer with so many highlights it seems it has quickly come to an end. However, with school back in session, so are all our school time activities! We have a planning session on Sunday night to discuss all the plans for the Fall and how you can help us with it all. All ages, with parents, and anyone else who would like to help with the youth ministry, are encouraged to meet in the chapel after services.

LIGHTHOUSE OPENS BACK UP NEXT WEDNESDAY! The lighthouse is ready to go next Wednesday from 5:00-6:45. A meal will be provided and as usual games, Xbox, Playstation, Wii, movies, ping pong, foosball, and more will be available for you to enjoy. Invite a friend and plan to join us at 5:00!

NEXT SATURDAY WE ARE HEADED TO THE RIVER! It will be an afternoon of swimming, tubing, and just enjoying the time together. We plan to leave from the bus garage at 12:00 and be back around 6:30. Following several hours of river fun, Joey Hunt will have his famous Cajun Boil ready for us at his place on Swan. The day will end with a devotional creekside and thoughts about the upcoming year! Plan now to join us and bring some friends!

"PRAY LIKE IT ALL DEPENDS ON GOD, but work like it all depends on you." Dave Ramsey. The financial peace guru says what was echoed in our services on Sunday night. What a wonderful way to begin the school year as men, which included our Superintendent, principals, teachers, counselors, and even a father of a teacher, prayed fervently for each school's faculty, staff, administration, and students. Bryan included our need to pray often for our schools and be involved in making our schools better through our support, encouragement, and especially by standing upon our Christian morals and beliefs as examples. As a former school counselor, what an encouragement to know that you are being prayed for as you embark on a new year of molding young lives for their future. As Mike Kelley phrased it so well in his prayer, "May we help these children not just to make a living, but how to live life." As Colossians 3:17 says; **"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."** May the Lord bless our schools, our children, and those who guide them. May we do all we can as well to continue to help our children to... follow His path, -Craig

Sympathy



Bobby Bates

1930—2013

We express our sympathy to the family of Bobby Bates who passed away Friday, July 26, 2013. Bobby served as an Elder of the Centerville Church of Christ from 1969 — 2012. He was an encourager to many people in various situations through our bus ministry, those who worked on Dotson Alumni Lodge, and through the Visitation Teams. To his wife Mary Katherine, his daughter Anita (Steven) Armstrong, grandchildren, Kristy (Philip) Wallace, Rachel (Derek) Newsom, Jonathan (Megan) Arnold, Michael Arnold, Laura and Kayla Witherow, great grandchildren Kaitlyn & Aiden Wallace, all family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Charles O. Dressler who passed away in Oklahoma. He was the father of Daniel (Mina) Dressler, the grandfather of Charity (Brandon) McCauley, Christina, Paul, Mark (Jessica) Dressler, and the great grandfather of Liberty, Joseph, and Marshall McCauley and Lillianna Dressler.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jimmy Truett who passed away. He was the brother of Tommy (Linda) Truett.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Sanders Wyatt who passed away in Bath Springs, Tennessee. She was a cousin of Carolyn Brown and Wanda Berry, and niece of Thelma Bates.



Daily Updates & Devotional Message
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931-729-0022

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 10,713.86

BUDGET \$ 13,169.00

Sunday School

\$ 138.00

Coming In August...

...August 4 Sunday School

Promotion Day/Teacher of the Year

...August 11 Visitation Team 5 meets

...August 18 Men's Quarterly Business Meeting

...August 18 Visitation Team 3 meets at the Outreach Center following evening worship

...August 24 Redneck Golf (Top Shot)

...August 25 Friends & Family Day
Invite, Invite, Invite !!!!

A Baby Shower !



You are invited to a baby shower for Matthew & Megan Kincaid Sunday, August 11th from 1:00—2:30 P.M. at the Outreach Center. It's a Girl ! They are registered at Target and Walmart.

Thank You

The Family of Clatie Bates writes: " Our family would like to thank everyone for the food, visits, flowers and especially the prayers. Mom loved the Centerville Church of Christ."

Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Bobby Bates by Lonnie & Diane Garrett.

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ in memory of Bobby Bates by the following: John Plemmons, Jr. and Jean Plemmons, Robert & Kristie McAlister, Varden Blackwell Family.

Requesting Prayers



Cynthia Thomas, attends services of our Jail Ministry, is losing her eyesight and has requested prayers.

Please Pray For:

...Belva Goins, the mother of Barbara Baker is in the Life Care Center.

...Lonnie Garrett returned home Tuesday, July 30th.

...Gene Morris has been sick at home for the last few days. He is doing much better.

...Tom Mayberry is recovering from gall bladder surgery at: NHC Healthcare Hillview Room 208B

Columbia, TN 38401

...Jackie Deitmen received a good report following an arteriogram on Monday, July 29th at St. Thomas Midtown.

...Andrea Spears will not be able to participate in the clinical trial and will meet with her oncologist Wednesday, July 31st to determine an alternate route.

...Dawn Orton had an arteriogram on Tuesday, July 30th at St. Thomas Midtown.

...Bill Pinkerton, father of Shirley Bryant, has been in St. Thomas Midtown. He returned home on Monday, July 29th.

..Jerry Shepherd expresses his appreciation for all of the prayers offered on his behalf. He is doing well and will be taking maintenance treatments for the next several months.

Home: Carl Burton, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Jean Plemmons, Sammye Elrod, Mazine Atkinson, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, James & Louise Westmoreland.

To Afghanistan...



Remember *Mark Dressler* in your prayers. He has been deployed to *Afghanistan*.

PV2 Dressler, Mark

0251 MP Co. Combat SPT

Operation Enduring Freedom

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Youth in the News

Congratulations to Grant Dotson and Josh Copley, members of the Columbia Rookies, for winning the World Series in Murfreesboro this past weekend; Congratulations to Brandy Hudgins for earning an Assistant Instructor Certification from Choong Sil Tackwondo Foundation.

Area Events

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...Clearview Church of Christ invites you to their Fall Series on Leadership *The Eldership: God's "Good Work" 1 Timothy 3:1* Wednesday Nights August 7— September 25, 2013. 7:00 P.M.

...Clearview Church of Christ invites you to join them for *Vacation Bible School* Sunday August 4—Tuesday August 6, 2013. Bible Class: 9:00 A.M. Worship: 10:00 A.M. Fellowship Meal to Follow Afternoon Service: 1:00 P.M. Community Dinner provided on Monday and Tuesday from 5:30-6:45 P.M. with Evening services to follow at 7:00 P.M.

...Gospel Singing at the Aetna Church of Christ, August 9th at 7:00 P.M.

...Gospel Meeting at the Upper Sinking Church of Christ August 4—7, 2013. Speaker: Michael Crowder Bible Class: 10:00 A.M.; Worship: 11:00 A.M. Followed by lunch. Sunday Evening: 7:30 P.M. Mon.— Wed. 7:00 P.M.

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 August

Wait on Table

1st Sunday

Gary Gatewood

2nd Sunday

Trey Hudgins

3rd Sunday

Ethan Skelton

4th Sunday

Carter Hoover

Left

David Brown

Eric Ghant

Guy Barber

Jonathan Aydelott

Right

Lonnie Mayberry

Mike Brown

Eric Coleman

Leon Gilbert

Alternates

John Bradley

Mark Chessor

Prayer Week of

August 4

S.M.W.

Randy Wright

S.M.D.

Leon Gilbert

S.E.W.

Mike Elkins

S.E.D.

James Aydelott

W.E.B.S.

Jeremy Qualls

W.E.D.

Marshall

Spencer

NURSERY

Lisa Eddington

Claudette

Atkinson

BAPTISMAL

CLOTHING

Linda Flowers

To Drive Bus in August

8/4 Andy Weber A.M.
 Bill Cude P.M.

8/7 Mike Goodpasture

8/11 Brandon McCauley A.M.
 Mark Chessor P.M.

8/14 George Garland

8/18 John Bradley A.M.
 Phillip Allen P.M.

8/21 Lonnie Mayberry

8/25 Michael Bryant A.M.
 Patrick Allen P.M.

8/28 Lonnie Horner

GREETERS

James Easley

George & Cindy Garland

Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam

Phil & Susan Griggs

USHERS August

Frank Atkinson

Bobby Breece

Monty Dunn

Gary Gatewood

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN AUGUST

1ST SUNDAY: Cameron Wright, Will McDonald, Heath Buchanan, Trevor Buchanan

2ND SUNDAY: John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage Dotson, Grant Dotson

3RD SUNDAY: Riley Haithcoat, Bryce Hughes, Jared Brown, Jackson Thigpen

4TH SUNDAY: Major Qualls, Aiden Wallace, Lincoln Smith, Lake Bates

Please be up front by 8:50

Meals On Wheels August

8/7 Nancy Leathers

8/14 Corene Allen

8/21 Suzette Potts

8/28 Leslie Hudgins

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

READ SCRIPTURE

August 4 John Alderson

August 11 Roger Dotson

Lord's Supper
 P.M.

Marty Smith
 Lincoln Smith

Served in the
 Chapel

RADIO ROOM

Jim Hudgins
 Barrett Davis
 Cody Woods A.M.
 Griffin Elkins P.M.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

LIFE CARE CENTER

8/4 Shane Willis
 8/11 Daniel Dressler
 8/18 Bryan & Connor McAlister
 8/25 Fairfield

HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME

8/4 Alan & Warren Potts
 8/11 Mike Brown
 8/18 Marshall Spencer
 8/25 Robert Bowman

Tulipwood Service - John Bradley