

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

Every life is purposed by God. If the grandeur of that truth could reverberate in the soul of every man, the world in which we live, comprised of culture, societies, governments and powers, would look drastically different than the landscape of the world today. One need not look far to see how the wisdom of the world takes for granted the value and purpose of life. By virtue of man being created in the likeness and image of God (Genesis 1:27), life has an instant and indescribable value which cannot be overstated. The moral and ethical issues wrapped around life, are answered and guided through God's divine nature and made known through His infallible word (II Peter 1:3).

On Monday, jurors convicted Philadelphia doctor, Kermit Gosnell of first degree murder in the deaths of three babies born in an abortion clinic where Gosnell was the attending medical doctor. He was also convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the case of an adult patient who died of a drug-overdose having undergone an abortion. Few media outlets have described the horrific scenes of Gosnell's abortion clinic and fewer have recounted the testimonies of those who reported the atrocities which were practiced there. God's voice speaks clearly to all parties involved in a case and story such as this. God speaks to the protector of the innocents throughout all the ages (Jeremiah 2:34). He speaks to the women who were convinced in their fear, they had no other choice; as a God who always in every scenario and instances, forgives all iniquities (Psalm 103:3). God even speaks to the Kermit Gosnells of this world, whose hearts have been darkened by the basic principles of the world and have not been lead according to Christ (Colossians 2:8). Every one of these lives, no matter their circumstance, has a value God can redeem and reclaim for His glory.

We continue to learn of the story of the three young women, held captive for 10 years. For Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus, and Michelle Knight, their lives are

## LIVING YOUR TOMORROW



beginning all over again. Yet for a decade, a perpetrator and his accomplices, took their lives as property and valued them as nothing more than a possession to be held captive. Sadly their story is duplicated in zip codes across the country when captors abduct and remove freedom from precious souls. Their story is also illustrated in every life, even those who believe they are free. Jesus' words to you and me were to set "at liberty" those who were held captive by sin (Luke 4:18). The bondage of sin, holds every heart for a time (Romans 6:18), but it does not always have to be that way.

The life you choose to live is the most powerful choice you will ever make. God calls to every heart to see their way out of the principles of this world and into the purpose of the world of the Son of His glory. I hope you know, there is no better life for any soul to possess than the life of a child of God. We cannot know this new life through our own invention. We must learn this life from the giver of all life, God the Father. He has let us know His purpose for you and me through the blessings and presence of His Son Jesus Christ. Know Him and you will begin to know your purpose today, and every day!

# Senior Sunday



## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bill Davis, Bud & Jimmie Roder, Olga Dotson and Bobby Kelley by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Olga Dotson by Roger, Susan, Matthew, and Cecily Dotson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bill Davis, Robert Orton, Olga Dotson, Bobby Kelley, Aspasia Mayberry, Tommy Burton, Bud & Jimmie Roder by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Orton by Mike & Dawn Orton.

## Mother's Day 2013



Pictured from left: Brandy and Kaynann Nash, Lindsey and Sloan Bailey, Amanda and Walker Mayberry, Amy and Kaitlyn Bryant, Jana and Claire Wright.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right. Honor your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise - that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life.

~Ephesians 6:1-3



# YOUTH ON HIS PATH

## PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN

CRAIG SHELTON

May 15  
LIGHTHOUSE  
5:00-7:00

May 30-June 1  
DAUGHTERS  
OF THE KING  
Dotson Lodge

June 2-4  
CAMP  
KERUSSO

Lehman's Lakes  
June 9-14  
CAMP  
MERIBAH  
WEEK 1

Agnes 7-14  
June 17-19  
CAMP  
MERIBAH  
DAY CAMP &  
VBS

June 23-27  
CAMP  
MERIBAH  
WEEK 2  
Agnes 7-14

June 30-July 4  
CAMP  
MERIBAH  
TEEN WEEK  
Agnes 13-18

July 19-21  
CINCINNATI  
BLAST  
Senior High

A GREAT WAY TO END THE FIRESIDES for this school year! Thanks to Joey, Charlene, Lauren, and Maty Hunt for a wonderful afternoon at their place on Swan Creek. We had some delicious burgers, fished, played several games, and even swam. Remember, have the B.E.S.T. summer and strive to be a better Christian each day!

WRAPPING UP THE MONDAY BIBLE STUDIES. My thanks to Matthew & Cissy Dotson and Derek & Rachel Newsom for hosting our Monday Bible Studies. What a benefit it has been to our ministry to have these extra times to dig deeper in God's Word. It won't be long until these times return with the school year. Plan to be a part now!

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE... for Daughters of the King (DOTK) and for Camp Kerusso. These can be picked up at the Youth News Board. Be sure to get it filled out and turn back into me before the deadline. These camps are always highlights of the year and are valuable training tools for our young people. Make plans to join us!

ARE YOU GOING TO MERIBAH THIS SUMMER? I hope you have already filled out your application and have it sent back. Space is always limited and can fill fast. Clay has a full slate of activities with some of your favorite ones planned with some new ones too. As always, the usual cast of characters will be on hand to entertain and bring excitement! Through it all, memories will be made as we all grow closer to God and enjoy the time on the hill. You don't want to miss it!

ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOUR HELP! Several young people attend Camp Meribah that may not otherwise afford to every summer through scholarships. With "May for Meribah" you can help through your donations during Sunday school. You may also give at anytime by sending it to the church

office and we will see that it gets to its proper place. Thank you in advance for your support!

*"THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith." -Franklin D. Roosevelt.* Often times we doubt we have the knowledge we need. We fret that we have not been prepared enough to face the challenge before us. May we rest assured, no matter the challenge, God has the provisions to see us through. The only time we are not prepared is when we venture off without the security of God's care and direction. Once again, I want to say congratulations to our Senior Class of 2013. We wish you the best and hope you always put God first in every decision. Know that it matters not how far life takes you, it cannot carry you beyond the grasp of God. Know that in every tough decision, in every seemingly minute task, God is and can be a very big part of it. *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand."* - Psalm 37:23-24. Have faith and...

follow His path, -Craig



# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

**\$ 10,474.59**

**BUDGET \$ 13,169.00**

## Sunday School

**"MAY FOR MERIBAH"**

**\$ 377.86**

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 250 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



## Sympathy



**Jimmie Roder**

**1922—2013**

We express our sympathy to the family of Jimmie Roder who passed away. Her husband, Delbert (Bud) passed away April 4, 2013. They were members of our church family for many years and were very active in our Outreach Program.

To their daughter Debbie (Richard) Groce, grandchildren John (Erica) Groce, Katie (Adam) Ryan, brother-in-law Bobby Roder, and nephews J.W. (Sue) Roder, Don (June) Roder, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ruby Nell Jenkins who passed away. She was the mother of Kim (Troy) Bates and Randy (Teresa) Jenkins. To her grandchildren, Lake, Brandy, Brittany (Jared) Hutchinson we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Lois Masters who passed away. She was a resident of the Life Care Center and enjoyed attending the worship services of the Centerville Church when she could.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Elise Dorton who passed away. She was the mother of Paul (Joyce) Dorton.

## May Events...

...**ATTENTION MEN:** *Men's Quarterly Business Meeting* has been moved to **June 16th** at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel.



...May 19 Widows/Widowers Luncheon at the Outreach Center at 11:00 A.M. Hosted by Visitation Team 3. Sign-Up in the Lobby!

...May 19th Jail Ministry Meeting at 4:30 in library. This will be a planning and scheduling meeting. Very important!

## Thank You

Marge Rushton writes: "It is wonderful being a Christian, especially when you are surrounded by Christian brothers and sisters. Thank you for your prayers and every act of kindness shown me and Rusty my care giver, and to my dear friend Catherine Shelton for the "pep talks". Love..."

The Family of Olgia Dotson writes: "We want to thank you for sending the lovely flowers for Mrs. Dotson's service. The family appreciates your thoughtfulness on her behalf. Sincerely, Philip, Betty, Larry, Hope, Stephen, Lisa, Kenneth & Kelly Dotson."

Hattie Delk writes: "Thank you for celebrating my 96th birthday with a cake, flowers, cards, and balloons. Thank you all. I love you."

The Day School Staff writes: "We would like to thank Teryl Freeman, Craig Shelton, Rick Bruno, Shane Willis, Jim Hudgins & Ryan McDonald for all their technical assistance which made the graduation program a success."

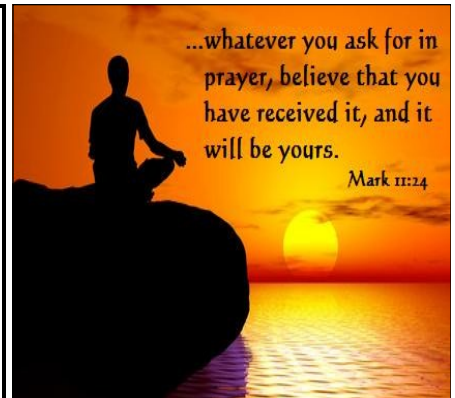
## Baby Girls !!



Congratulations to Scott & Lindsey Bailey on the birth of a daughter. Sloan McNabb Bailey was born on Wednesday, May 8, 2013.

She weighed 8 lbs. 9 ozs. And is 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Barry & Susan McNabb and Gary & Cindy Bailey. Great grandparents Frank & Maxine Atkinson.

...Congratulations to Tony & Bonnie Roder on the birth of a daughter, Sadie Claire. She was born May 13, 2013 and weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and is 19 inches long.



...Colleen Williams is in Baptist Hospital and will have a pacemaker implanted on Wednesday, May 15th.

...Robert Bryant had an arteriogram at Vanderbilt Hospital and will be having heart by-pass surgery.

...Barrett Davis will have surgery Wednesday, May 15th at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. He will be there for a few days.

...Floyd Powell suffered a broken hip and is in Maury Regional Hospital.

...Col. Jeff Denton, the son of Johnnie Ruth Denton, will have liver surgery on May 16, 2013 at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington D.C.

...Wilma Smith, the mother of June Aydelott, is dealing with advanced Alzheimer's disease. Bobby Smith, June's stepfather, has returned from a lengthy stay at Maury Regional and is back at Lewis County Manor. This family would appreciate your prayers.

...Eric Pitts, son-in-law of Sherry Galey, will be having surgery in the next few days.

...Ari James Byrd (4 lbs. 1 oz.) and Elijah Kenneth Byrd ( 2 lbs. 6 ozs.), newborn twins sons of Ken and Mallory Byrd of Pensacola, Florida. They were born May 9, 2013 and are relatives of Ruth (Jimmy) Reece.

## Nursing Home Residents: Life

Care Center: George Dotson, Norma Nicks Parham, Ruth Stephenson, Beverly Bruno, Stephen Church, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. Hickman County Nursing Home: Ruby Wells, Francis Harris. Lewis County Manor: Bobby Smith, 119 Kittrell Hohenwald, TN 38462

## Youth In The News...

**Congratulations to:** *Tabitha Beard* for winning the Perkins Freeman Governors Club Academic Achievement Award ; *Jake Martin* for doing well in the Middle School Mathematics contest held at Austin Peay State University on April 18; *Weston Elkins* for being at Top Reader at Centerville Elementary School.

**Scholarship Applications...**are on the table in the lobby. The deadline to turn them in is *June 1, 2013.*



*We received a donation to  
Framing the Future!  
Thank you very much....*

### 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.

### Area Events

...The *South Gate Church of Christ* invites you to their *Summer Series 2013 Making All Things New* Rev. 21:5 Tuesday Nights at 6:30 June 4—July 23, 2013 2700 Pulaski Hwy. Columbia, TN 38401

...Mark your calendar for *Vacation Bible School* at the *Columbia Avenue Church of Christ*, 177 Columbia Avenue, Centerville, TN. Sunday, June 23, 2013 at 2:30 P.M. for VBS Kickoff. VBS will be Monday, June 24—Wednesday June 26, 2013 from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. Theme: "Circus of Faith" Ages 4—Adult.

...*Southeastern Soul Saving Seminar* at the *Adamsville Church of Christ*, June 21-23, 2013. \* *See the Flyer in the lobby*

### Blood Drive

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

### Blood Drive

At the Centerville Church of Christ

### Outreach Center

Wednesday, May 29, 2013  
2:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

Schedule your appointment today !  
Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) Or Call  
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### READ SCRIPTURE

May 19	David Brown
May 26	Don Roder

### Prayer Week of May 19

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Randy Wright	Leon Gilbert
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Garry Greer	James Easley
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Don Luther	Eric Hughes