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"I Hope You Know"

As I write these words, another segment of a very unpredictable journey and period of time is being completed. By the time you read these words, more than 1300 miles of travel will be logged in roughly 36 hours. Since the 14th of December and the 22nd of December, our lives have been anything but normal. They were hardly normal before those listed days, but at least we were accustomed to the chaos. When my Grandmother (my father's mother) fell (December 14th) and then Dad's health crisis began (December 22nd), we've been trying to keep up with the needs of our home and family, work and obligations in Centerville, along with those desires to be near family in Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri. Now that Grandma is settled in back home in Victoria, TX many moments of reflection have been shared. If you will indulge me, I'd like to share a few within the words of this column.

While prepping for travel to return Grandma home, my brother traveled to Murray, KY where he and I would meet and Grandma would return with me to Centerville ahead of our travels to Texas. Contained within the belongings which would return with Grandma, were several other items, specifically cards of well wishes. More than a few, (several really) were from the hearts and homes of those we love in Centerville. The names will not be recognized by Grandma, but the feeling of encouragement is a familiar friend. Both are recognized by my heart and I'm thankful for your open and shared love.

While waiting to board our flight from Nashville to Houston, a young lady stepped off her arriving flight and into the concourse of the airport. At once, she collapsed, gasping for air as she was paralyzed with emotion. She was holding her phone, and on it was a message, received while in flight. There had been a death. She was weeping. I did too. It reminded me, at any moment, everything can change. If you have no relationship with the Lord, then there is no anchor, nothing to hold to.



On Tuesday, January 3rd, one of the many trips made back to our home area, was shared with Wayne Qualls and Mike Goodpasture. They are two of our finest, and their visit, investment of time, and their want to see and check on our family, was a genuine gift. To quote Dad, "They warmed my heart." Mine too.

Their trip reminded me of another, shared a few years back, that time with myself, Wayne, and the one and only, Bobby Bates. Bobby wanted for so long to go, and when we finally did, he (and we) had one of the best times. So much so, the next week, he had Mary Katherine take him back, and they stopped by the office of mom's business. It's still one of my favorite memories of one I (and so many more) dearly miss.

There's something about knowing and seeing where someone is from, knowing their story of beginning, that gives you an insight and perspective, second to none. It's the sentiment of when the Lord came into the world, not only were others invited to come and see His life and learn of His word, but also the very life of the word becoming flesh and Jesus Himself then took on a journey while on earth, to know and learn of your life, your struggle, your flesh, and supply your heart with a faith that could sustain you until He returned. We are not the only ones who come to see Jesus. *(continued pg. 2)*

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He came to see us in our world and in our lives. The more we come to learn of Him, the more we will come to learn of His love for us. My heart and mind have been filled with reflection in the last many days. I hope you know, how thankful we are for you, your faith and fellowship, and the future...Come and see...



YOUTH ON HIS PATH
Praise Apply Teach Heighten
 Craig Shelton



...*Child Advocacy Meeting* 4:30 P.M. Sunday, January 22nd in the Library.
 ...The *Centerville Church of Christ Corporation* will have an annual Corporate Board Meeting on January 29, 2017 at 5 P.M.
 ...*Sylvia Church of Christ* invites you to a 5th Sunday Special. Speaker: Kyle Butt of Apologetics Press January 29, 2017. Bible Class: 10 A.M.; Worship 11 A.M. followed by lunch and 1:30 P.M. afternoon worship.

A Few Highlights from 2016

- Welcomed 6 New Families
- 6 Babies were born
- 7 baptisms and 7 responses;
- Jail Ministry 4 baptisms
- Lost 10 members by death
- 14 Bereavement Meals served to families
- 13 Congregational Meals
- Numerous Small Group Meals served at the Outreach Center
- 650 + Food Boxes Given to Needy Families
- 39 Families assisted with clothing needs
- 52 Families assisted with Utility Bills.
- 21 Individuals or Families assisted with Lodging
- 125 Sunshine Baskets
- 8 Families assisted with Christmas
- Participated in Operation Santa "Great Toy Give Away"
- Monthly Involvement in Youth Program 120+ youth.
- Averaged over 80 at Football 5th Quarters
- Camp Meribah Summer Camp—300+ youth
- Camp Meribah —46 groups used Camp / Lodge 55 groups
- Monthly Jr. & Sr. Firesides, Prayer Breakfast and Lighthouse
- Camp Snowball - 75 participated
- Service projects in community
- Worship Streaming Worldwide— Monthly Avg. 2300 views
- Day School enrollment—96 students weekly
- and much more!



Wed. Nights
L2L

L2L Classroom in Lighthouse

January 22
JUNIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE

Harper Shelton
Lighthouse
7-9

January 25
LIGHHOUSE
Alex Seagraves
5-7

January 29
YOUNG MEN LEAD
SERVICES AT
COBLE
10:15-12

January 29
SENIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE
Colby Shelton
Lighthouse
7-9

COMING SOON...

February 24-26
SENIOR
SPOTLIGHT /
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT
Gatlinburg

WHAT A WAY TO KICK OFF the Lighthouses for the new year. We had a great crowd and a great time. Thanks to Chris, Cyndi, Tori and Bryce for some delicious food and for hosting the night. In our classes we continued our study of Life Has Purpose. This week we looked at the life of The Lame Man at the Pool of Bethesda. The question we must ask is, "What is my sickness?" and "Do I want to be made well?" Super night and thanks to all who were able to be a part of it!

THE 5TH QUARTER Friday night was our biggest basketball 5th Quarter and one of the biggest of the school year. We were wall to wall in the fellowship hall with a lot of pizza, basketball, spike ball, volleyball and others just sitting and talking. Thanks to Mark Bentley, Mike Elkins, Misty Shelton and Chris Teet for all their help.

DON'T FORGET TO KEEP UP WITH THE CALENDAR! You will see several things coming up this month and even busier in February. The Senior Spotlight / Senior High Retreat comes at the end of February and March will bring the Junior High Retreat. Mixed in with these are the monthly Bible Studies, Firesides, Prayer Breakfasts, and Lighthouses. Also our young men will lead service at Coble, our SOUPer Bowl Party and a Sparks & Intermediate activities are there too! For the whole year info, pick up our 2017 Youth Ministry Plans available at the Youth News Board and in the Lighthouse.

AS YOU CAN SEE, we stay pretty busy. Everything we do has a purpose and we want you right in the middle of it. I know it is tough to do it all with your school activities and your family time too, but I encourage you to be at as much as you can. Remember, our theme that was unveiled Sunday is from John 1:39, "Come and See." Jesus encouraged those who wanted to follow Him, to join Him to be a part of all that He was about. In much the same way, let's be challenged to Show Up, Step Up and Speak Up. What a difference it can make in your life and those you come in contact with as we always are striving to...

follow His path, -Craig

Thank You

The Family of Allene Worley writes: "The beautiful flowers were so appreciated. Thank you for sending them."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Turks & Caicos Mission Fund in memory of Dorothy Easley and Allene Worley by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Allene Worley by the residents of Tulipwood. "Mrs. Allene was the housekeeper for Tulipwood Apts. until her health declined in later years. She was totally dedicated to her job in keeping Tulipwood clean and sanitary. Thank you Mrs. Allene!"

A Drop-Off



If you would like to "drop off" a baby gift for Randy & Jana Wright on January 15th or 22nd you may leave it in the new lobby on the table. *It's a boy!*

Baptism

We rejoice with Donavon Clinton who was baptized January 13, 2017 by members of the Jail Ministry.



The *Spring Semester* scholarship checks have been mailed.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,232.20

BUDGET

\$ 12,784.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 220.50

Thank You

The Family of Stella Greer writes: "Dear Church Family, Thank you all for all the cards, food, prayers and the wind chimes. Your love for our family is more than anyone could ask for. We cannot imagine going down this path without the support of a church family like you. In Christian Love, Garry, Barbara, Andrew, Rachel, Emma, Amanda, Joseph & Easton.

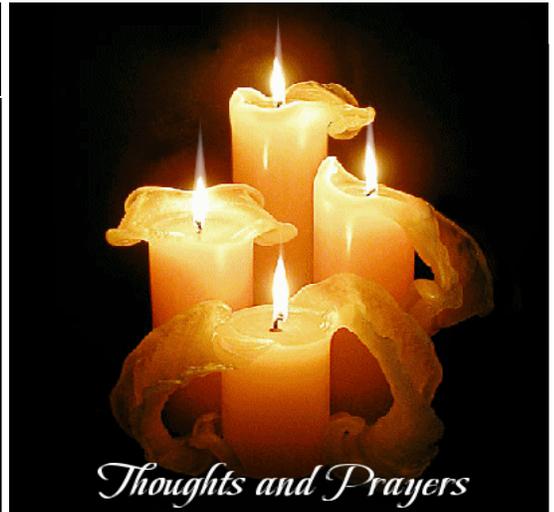
The Residents of Tulipwood write: "Thank you for the Sunshine Baskets brought to us and a special thanks to the Centerville Church of Christ Youth Group for distributing them."



WE'VE
MOVED!

Crystal & Kailey Cannon have moved. Their new address is:

1812 Hwy. 100
Centerville, Tennessee 37033



Thoughts and Prayers

Please Pray For:

...Brianna Duke will have outpatient surgery on Tuesday, January 24th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...David Talley is recovering from surgery for skin cancer.

...Doug True has been in the hospital due to kidney stones. He should return home on Tuesday.

...John Ross Hunt, infant son of Ross & Jill Hunt has returned home from the hospital.

...Jane Berryman is back at Dickson Health & Rehab.

...Mrs. Hattie Delk should return home from the hospital on January 18th.

...Janet Noles, a friend of the McDonald family, is dealing with health problems. She lives in Kentucky.

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

Marlin Lawson, Marie Bradley, Marie Bates, Bob McAlister, Henrietta Rochelle, Terry Johnston, Margaret James, Linda Mays, Bruce Bowen, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Debbie Lancaster, Bessie Shepard, Jimmy Mathis, John Ed Hooten, Lindrell Barrett, Susan Campbell, Bonnie Runions, Sheryl Elkins, Richard Tate

Nursing Home Residents:

Life Care Center: Helen Hudgins, Christine Sawyer, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Lucy Noles, Jimmy King
Hickman County Nursing Home:
Eltie Davis

Home:

Louise Bates, Charles Horner, Sammye Elrod, Charles & Martha Minick, Pauline Jimerson, Mary Helen Barber, Fronia Nash, Alvitea Sunder, Dan & Martha Jo Wallace, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

Hello From The Hill!

Thank you all for making 2016 a fantastic year. In 2016, there were 46 groups to use the camp and 55 groups to use the lodge. 2017 is looking to be another great year. Also, thank you for your contributions during Sunday School. These funds help immensely in making camp better. Thanks are due to Coach and Karen McCord for their donation of two couches. The couches will reside in the lobby of Ken McDonald Hall.

There are several events planned for everyone up here this year and I hope you will all make plans to come to them. This camp would not be the blessing it is without this church. I am thankful every day to be a part of Camp Meribah and the Centerville Church of Christ.

Derek

THE GREAT DEBATE 2016

A formal debate concerning the existence of God between two high profile academics.

Video & Discussion of the
GILMORE - ROSENBERG DEBATE
presented by the Warren Christian Apologetics Center

MID-WINTER SERIES - FEB 15 & 22 MAR 1 & 8

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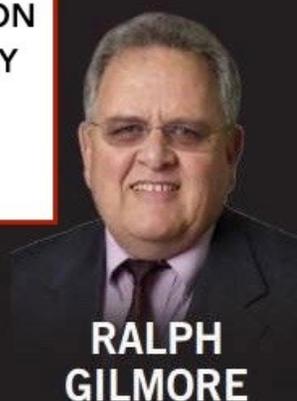
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FEB 15 & 22
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ALEXANDER ROSENBERG



RALPH GILMORE

TALE of the TAPE

Atheist	WORLDVIEW	Christian Theist
Johns Hopkins University	DOCTORATE	University of Tennessee
Professor of Philosophy	POSITION	Professor of Bible and Philosophy
Duke University	INSTITUTION	Freed-Hardeman University
"Since I know that there is vast human and animal suffering, I know that a benevolent, omnipotent God does not exist."	AFFIRMATION	"The use of suffering as a moral criticism against God implies the absolute moral law of God; therefore, God exists."

Dinner Each Wednesday 5:30-6:30
Short Devotional Followed by
Video & Class 7:00-8:00



COME JOIN US!

Elder's Prayer

January 22, 2017
Mike Goodpasture

Read Scripture

Jan. 22 Wayne Chessor
Jan. 29 Jim Hudgins

Prayer Week Of January 22

<u>S.M.W.</u> Luke Worsham	<u>S.M.D.</u> Brandon McCauley
<u>S.E.W.</u> Jeremy Qualls	<u>S.E.D.</u> Eric Nash
<u>W.E.B.S.</u> Eddie Boone	<u>W.E.D.</u> Grady Teet

If you are *scheduled to serve in Worship* and are *unable*, please *take the responsibility to secure your replacement* and contact one of the following:

Lonnie Mayberry
931-242-2644

John Bradley
931-994-7358

Wait on Table

4th Sunday
Alan Potts

5th Sunday
Wayne Rediker

Left Side
Randy James
David Brown
Mark Chessor
Chris Hughes

Right Side

Phillip Allen
Barry Shelton
Michael Horner
David Breece

