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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

Ask any builder, any architect, any contractor, they will tell you, if you don't build the foundation right, the first time, the building you are building will forever have problems, if it's even able to be used at all. The foundation of a structure is the key element of the process of making something last. "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding...To what were it's foundations fastened, or who laid its cornerstone" (Job 38:4)? From the beginning God has laid the perfect foundation from which all mankind can grow and thrive. "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who builds it. Unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen stays awake in vain" (Psalm 127:1-2). "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say? Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock. But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great" (Luke 6:46-49).

When you've seen what a master builder has built, you can come to know that master builder without having ever really "known" them at all. Their handiwork is seen in their craft and in the way they have molded and shaped their labor. Furthermore, you recognize the nature of their technique, and quickly realize it's not their technique at all that they employed, but one that was tested and true throughout the ages. It's the technique that has withstood the greatest test, the test of time.

For me, my connection and knowledge of Leon Willis, was that of a figure whose frame was tired by work to provide for his family. I knew him from the occasions to preach for the precious church in Grinder's Creek in Hohenwald, TN. To see his Chevrolet roll up to the parking lot and watch him enter the building, "carrying" a walking stick, place his cowboy hat atop



the coat rack, only to be seated with his fellow worshipers. I knew the builder, but more so his handiwork that has flowed through many generations.

The Centerville church is ubiquitous with excellent families. None more worthy of this truth than the Willis family. Flawless? Who among us can say that? Faithful? We'd be hard pressed to find a more faithful family. You see the legacy that is in the craft of a master builder when you look at his family. The building blocks of 64 years of faithful marriage, five daughters and two sons, 17 grandchildren (one of whom prepared his 'granddaddy' for burial), 39 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, three sisters, and the legacy continues.

When tempted to dwell on the ills of the world, and be discouraged by all that seems wrong, a quick glance to the lives of a family like Shane and Tammy, their children, and the children their children are raising, the way of temptation finds its escape. The Psalmist was convinced that God's richest blessing was found in the inheritance, the legacy he'd been given (Psalm 16:6). See these families and be thankful they exist. Let them encourage us to forge the faith of the ages in our families too. It's men like Leon Willis, whose trusting faith more than their tired frame, cause them to stand so tall in our eyes. I hope you know, these families exist not chance, but choice; they chose the technique of the Master Builder.

Coming In April...

**HAPPY
EASTER**

...April 16

Easter Sunday

...April 22

Golden Age Banquet

...April 22

Ladies' Day
at the
Centerville Church of Christ

Speaker: Cathy Powell
"God's Women Through All
Seasons"

Registration: 9-9:30 A.M.
Concludes With Lunch at 11
A.M. R.S.V.P.
tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.
org
or call 931-729-4201

...April 30

Evening Service
At Camp Meribah



...Congratulations to *Zoey
Chilton* for being crowned
Little Miss Hickman County
and congratulations to *Rachel
Hudgins* for being crowned
Miss Hickman County!
We are proud of you !

Aging and Dementia
Workshop

This is a free seminar for our
community. Everyone is
invited to attend. Led by *Don
Williams of Florence, Alabama*
Saturday, March 25- Seminar
9:00 A.M- ends with a 1:30
P.M. Question and Answer
Session with the panel. Light
lunch provided-may bring
lunch Sunday, March 26
Class And Worship Service
9:00 A.M.

Class taught by Don Williams
The Christian And Depression
10:00 A.M. How The Church
Ministers To Life Issues
*Hosted By the Liberty Hill
Church of Christ*
Old Cox Pike at Crow Cut Road
7272 Old Cox Pike
Bon Aqua, TN 37025



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten

Craig Shelton

Wed. Nights
L2L

L2L Classroom in
Lighthouse

March 22

LIGHTHOUSE

Rachel & Sidney Hudgins
& Emma Willis
5-7

March 26

SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES
ABOVE ALL
12:30-5:30

March 26

TURKS & CAICOS
MISSION TRIP MEETING
7:00 Lighthouse

March 26- April 1

SPRING BREAK

April 6

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Mike & Ridonna
Goodpasture
7-7:30

April 9

SENIOR SUNDAY
PACKETS AVAILABLE

April 9

JUNIOR HIGH FIRESIDE

Sidney Hudgins
& Emma Willis
7-9

April 10

BIBLE STUDY

Guys @ Dotson's
Girls @ Newsom's
6-7

April 12

LIGHTHOUSE

Adley & Weston Elkins and
Connor McAlister
5-7

April 14-16

LAD 2 LEADER
CONVENTION
5-7

April 15

KITE FLIGHT, COOKOUT &
EGG HUNT
Camp Meribah
12-2:30

A WONDERFUL NIGHT with our Senior High... We had a delicious meal prepared by Brett & Heather Martin and Ray & Shelda Qualls. Thanks for their help with everything as they hosted the night. Our devotional topic was recapping our recent retreat as we looked at Colossians 2 and 3. Remember, "don't be cheated by philosophies not consistent with the teaching of Christ." Also, "walk in Him as Christ is life." Put away the big stuff but the "small" stuff as well. Thanks to all for the beautiful singing and prayers too! If you did not get a copy of the recent retreat video, see me for yours!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, THE SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES are off to Above All Trampoline Park. We will leave from the bus garage at 12:30 (eat before you come) and we plan to be back by 5:30. Cost will be around \$15 and if you have not been to Above All before, be sure to go online and sign a permission form.

SUNDAY NIGHT WE WILL BEGIN PREPARATION for this Summer's Mission Trip. We will meet in the Lighthouse immediately after evening services to discuss plans for our mission trip to Turks & Caicos Islands. The dates are Saturday, July 8-12. We will give more information for cost, preparation and other important information. If you are interested or you for sure want to go, be sure to be at this meeting Sunday night at 7pm or let me know if you cannot make it.

ARE YOU KEEPING UP? If you are missing out, be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at CCOCyouth. You can also join our Remind 101 group or get information from the Centerville church of Christ App. We always have our calendars available at the Youth News Board or these and a whole lot more on our webpage at centervillechurchofchrist.org/ministries/youth. Stay up to date on the latest, invite others and do not miss a thing!

SATURDAY NIGHT during the Miss Hickman County Pageant four of the top ten and two of the top five finalist were members of our youth group. When the two were asked separately of someone they respected, they both answered with my name. Words cannot express how thankful for that undeserved acknowledgment. I was honored and humbled that I was the one that came to mind. I am forever thankful God has blessed Misty and me with the opportunities we have had to be intertwined in so many young people's lives over the almost 20 years of youth ministry. As I lay awake at night wondering about many of those youth, I also take the time to pray that our examples have not led them in our shadows but rather toward the One who Misty and I owe it all. follow His path, -Craig

Sympathy

Martha Minick

1937-2017

We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Minick who passed away. Mrs. Minick was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ. To her husband Charles, daughter Christina (Norman) George, granddaughters Shelby & Betsy George, great grandson Gage Bates, and great niece Melissa Shelton, we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bill Sanders who passed away. He was the father of Brian (Tracy) Rivers and the brother-in-law of Jean (Wayne) Qualls and Ralph (Katherine) Shelton.

*Brian & Tracy's Address:
1822 Whitson Bend
Centerville, Tennessee 37033*

...We express our sympathy to the family of Roy Breece who passed away.

Thank You

The Family Of Leon Willis writes:
"On behalf of the Leon Willis family we would like to express our sincere thanks for every kindness shown to us at his passing. Thank you for the many cards, calls, messages, visits to our home, the funeral home, for the food brought to our home and to the Brushy Church of Christ Annex Building. Thank you to the congregation at Brushy for hosting the delicious meal and the ladies for serving. Thank you also for the wind chimes given to our family. We are so thankful for the blessing of a church family. In Christian love....*Shane & Tammy Willis*

Home: Hattie Delk, Louise Bates, Charles Horner, Sammie Elrod, Charles Minick, Mary Helen Barber, Fronia Nash, Alvitea Sunder, Dan & Martha Jo Wallace, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,830.00

BUDGET

\$ 12,968.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 212.00

Baptism

...We rejoice with *Cierra Conder* who was baptized on March 17, 2017 by members of the Jail Ministry.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Martha Minick and Leon Willis by Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam.

...a Memorial has been given to the Mable Dunn Mission Fund for Turks & Caicos in memory of Leon Willis by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

Vases Needed!



Avalon Hospice is in need of vases. If you have any vases that are no longer needed please bring them to the church office. They will be used for flower arrangements for *Hospice* patients.

Nursing Home Residents:

Life Care Center: Helen Hudgins, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Lucy Noles

Hickman County Nursing Home:

Eltie Davis, Shirley Bryant
Dickson Health & Rehab.: Jane Berryman

Health South Rehabilitation Hospital:

Sam Cooper
1000 Physicians Way
Franklin. TN. 37067
Room 219



Please Pray For:

...Johnny Qualls, father of Anita Allen, is recovering from a stroke at home and improving daily.

...Melvin & Felicia Roberson are dealing with health problems and have requested your prayers.

...Wanda Givens is at the Life Care Center for rehab. following surgery.

...Chris Coley, son-in-law of Don Luther, was in Vanderbilt Hospital for tests. He has returned home.

...John Beard is suffering with cancer. His address is:

Apt. 587 Fossil Place
Collierville, TN. 38017

...Jo Atkinson is in Centennial Hospital and is having complications from surgery.

...Jr. Baker is recovering at home.

...Lovada Burklow, mother-in-law of Haley McDonald Richardson (Garth), has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Roy Atkinson, a cousin of the Atkinsons, will have open heart surgery Tuesday, March 21st at Veteran's Hospital in Nashville. His home address is:
940 Point View Circle
Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37122

...Anna Ingram Ballou, daughter of Charlie and Susan Ingram, has been diagnosed with Lyme Disease.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With An Illness

Cancer: Rachel Staggs, June Prince, Jennifer Kelley, Raymond Stoltz, Lyndia Long, Marlin Lawson, Janet Noles, Gabriel Roberson, Allen Gordon, Marie Bates, Henrietta Rochelle, Bruce Bowen, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Jimmy Mathis, Susan Campbell, Bonnie Runions, Sheryl Elkins, Richard Tate, John Beard, Linda Mays, Melissa Barber Bryant

Parkinson's Disease:

Guy Barber, Reba Horner, Martha Leathers

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Gary Peden, Raymond Truett, Terry Johnston, Bessie Shepard, John Ed Hooten

Moments With Matthew

Place
Stamp
Here



Hello again! It has been a fantastic start to 2017 for our congregation as we invite others to "Come and See." Our new 20 Somethings ministry keeps growing! In class we continue our study of the book *Not a Fan*, studying what it truly takes to become a more committed follower of Christ. A focal point in recent weeks has been on the words Jesus spoke in Luke 9:23, "*If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.*" These commands of the Savior should be thought of daily as we each seek to live our lives *for Him!*

Speaking of our 20 Somethings, it's a busy and exciting time to be involved! This past Saturday 12 of us enjoyed dinner and an "Escape Room" in Jackson (some got out in time, others weren't quite so fortunate!). On April 21 we will enjoy a "Night on the Town" together and our "Summer Kick-off Extravaganza" will take place June 2-3 as we make plans to travel to Holiday World. Matthew Kincade and I are fortunate to work with this amazing group of young people. If you are a young adult (or a soon-to-be high school graduate), come join us for class any Sunday morning or see Matthew or me for a schedule of events we have going on!

To say that the weather lately has been "inconsistent" would be an understatement. However, as spring arrives this week we can rest assured that warmer weather will be more frequent and more days outside will be enjoyed. Whether the days we endure are 75 degrees and sunny or unseasonably cold, may we always find ways to rejoice in handiwork of our Creator. "*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork*" (Psalm 19:1). What a wonderful world we are given to enjoy—may we never let a day pass where we don't! God bless, Matthew

Golden Wedding Anniversary



Happy
50th
Anniversary

Join Us In A Golden Anniversary Celebration
Honoring Charles & Linda Shelton
Hosted By Their Children
April 2, 2017 1:30-3:30
Dotson Alumni Lodge
493 White Pine Drive
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
"Your Love And Friendship Is Your Gift To Us"

Morrison/Nicks Scholarship Applications

The Scholarship Committee has made available the Centerville Church of Christ Bobby Morrison/ Emma Nicks Scholarship Applications for the 2017-18 school year. Information about the scholarship and applications may be picked up in the foyer, the church office or online at Centervillechurchofchrist.org in the members section. The deadline to have these returned to the church office is Sunday, April 2. No applications will be accepted after this date.

If you would like to have the *Messenger* e-mailed to you weekly, please email: tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org

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



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

Elder's Prayer

March 26

Mike Elkins

Read Scripture

March 26 Caleb Odom
April 2 Mark Chessor

Prayer Week Of March 26

S.M.W.
James Aydelott
S.E.W.
Wayne Chessor
W.E.B.S.
Ward Mayberry

S.M.D.
Brandon McCauley
S.E.D.
Steven Dotson
W.E.D.
John Jacobs

