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"I Hope You Know"

With a word, God made the world and everything in it. He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3). "God, who at various times, and in various ways, spoke to the Father, by the prophets, has in the these last days spoken to us by His Son...whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds..." (Hebrews 1:1-2). Words are powerful and words are everywhere. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). Likewise, our words in public and private, in prayer and praise, in peace or in pain, the words we speak make a difference. That's why not only should our speech be "with grace, seasoned with salt" (Col 4:6), but our speech and our conduct should not be in conflict with our confession of faith. "He who confesses Me before men, him will I confess before My Father who is in Heaven. But he who denies Me before men, him will I deny before My Father who is in Heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33). Our words matter, because they reveal the nature and the content of our hearts (Luke 6:47).

In Matthew 12, there is a wealth of references to scenes of history in the Old Testament. The Lord was confronted about the eating of heads of grain through the fields. Believing it to be a violation of the Sabbath, as somehow the Lord and His followers were working via the act of eating, the Pharisees questioned the Lord. There is the moment of healing a man with a withered hand. Again, in defense of the Sabbath there is a debate. But Jesus responds by drawing the debate from the law and with the law, He answers the law by applying the law. Once again, He looks to history. If it's lawful to retrieve your sheep that has fallen into a pit, of how much more value is the help given to the life of a soul? Jesus applied the truth of the law as He did when questioned, "What is the greatest command? You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength...and the second is like the first, you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:38-40).

There is the moment when the Pharisees ask for a sign, and Jesus again draws the history of Jonah and Solomon to make His point. Jonah was in the belly of the great fish, in the belly of the deep, as a



sign for the generation and Jesus says a greater than Jonah is here. Furthermore when the news of the wisdom of Solomon spread, the Queen of Sheba came to investigate for herself. She came and saw and marveled, and now in Jesus a greater than Jesus is here. There's the history of Isaiah, as he told of a servant who would come, a servant that was chosen by God and the fulfillment of all that God has promised to redeem. We tell ourselves, if you give me "one more word" or a "different word" I'll have what I need. We have THE Word...it truly is all we need.

While the Pharisees indicted Jesus for eating the heads of grain from the corners of the fields (something that was entirely lawful), they ignored David when he and his travelers, lied and ate of the showbread from the temple, something reserved only for the priests (Matthew 12:1-3). They showed the same kind of hypocrisy when dealing with the needy as well as the nature of seeing the signs of the Lord's truth. More than merely what we want or what satisfies us, or what matches what I already believe or think, we need to want the truth, pure, uncorrupted, transparent, and full...the truth. It's summed up in the words of James, "Let your yes be yes and your no be no" (James 5:12). I hope you know, when we filter truth, words, anything through the strainer of our own creation and not the revelation of God, we produce a product that is authentically not of God's design.



CHALLENGE

Bible Class Challenge!

In an effort to help out the

Tennessee Children's Home Spring Food & Supply Drive

Your Bible Class Has Been
Challenged!

Please participate by bringing the
items assigned to your class by
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

3 Year Old Class
Bar Soap

4 Year Old Class
Paper Towels

Kindergarten
Canisters of Kool-Aid

Grades 1 & 2
Loose Leaf Notebook Paper

Grades 3,4,5
Pop Tarts

Jr. High
Cream Of Mushroom &
Cream Of Chicken Soup

Sr. High
Men's Deodorant

20 Somethings
Kitchen Floor Cleaner

Mike Elkins' Class
Laundry Detergent

Lonnie Gilliam
100 % Bottled Apple and Grape
Juice

Bill McDonald/Shane Willis
Velveeta Cheese (Box)

Wayne Qualls
Ward Mayberry
Auditorium Class
13 and 55 Gallon Trash Bags

Wed. Nights
L2L
L2L Classroom in
Lighthouse

March 8
LIGHTHOUSE
5-7

March 10-12
JUNIOR HIGH
RETREAT
NBF State Park

March 13
BIBLE STUDY
Guys @ Dotson's
Girls @ Newsom's
6-7

March 19
SENIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE
Jake Martin &
Madelyn True
7-9

March 22
LIGHTHOUSE
Rachel & Sidney
Hudgins
& Emma Willis
5-7

March 26- April 1
SPRING BREAK

I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO START THE DAY...
AND MONTH! We had a well attended and tasty Prayer
Breakfast last Thursday. Thank you to Jim & Lesley
Hudgins and Chris & Jenny Teet and their families for a
delicious meal. Thank you to all those who got up a little
earlier for this time of devotion and some beautiful
prayers to begin the day!

#SELFIEISH IS THE THEME FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE WEEKEND PLANNED... The Junior High
Retreat is this weekend at Nathan Bedford Forrest State
Park in Eva, Tennessee. The bus will leave at 5:30 on
Friday evening with plans to return on Sunday at
11:00am, in time for parents to pick up after Sunday
school. There is a whole lot of fun and games planned,
some tasty meals, some super chaperones and a whole
lot more. Most importantly, we will be looking at how
important we are and what is most important from 2
Corinthians 4. Do not forget to bring changes of clothes,
toiletries, towels, bedding and especially your Bible! I
can't wait and I hope you are as excited as I am!

ALL RECENT GRADUATES AND 20 SOMETHINGS...
Be sure you are a part of the renewed 20 Somethings
class in room 222 on Sunday mornings. Matthew Dotson
and Matthew Kincade are the teachers and a lot is being
planned for the coming months. See Matthew or
Matthew for more details and get involved in all you can!

THIS WEEK I WAS PRIVILEGED TO SPEAK AT
Graymere Church of Christ's Youth Minister's Conference.
I always look forward to sharing the love I have for
working with young people as well as the involvement in
our community. May we always be an encouragement to
one another in sharing our experiences and our pursuits.
Hebrews 3:13 tells us to "encourage one another daily."
Often times this can be a challenge when we aren't
seeking out the positive of life. But, when our focus is
the blessings from God, what a joy it is to share it. Seek
out the positive today and know there is more to come
when you strive to... follow His path, -Craig

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.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Robert & Megan Kent on the birth of a baby girl February 16, 2017. Hannah Kate Kent weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. and is 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Gary & Becky Gatewood and Ray & Manuela Kent.

Thank You

Carl & Fay Burton write: "Thanks for the wind chimes you gave us when we lost Sue. They were so fitting. Sue loved wind chimes. She had two sets in her back yard. Also, thanks for the cards, phone calls and prayers. Love you all..."

Bob & Kristie McAlister write: "Where does one start? To name each one individually would not be possible—please know each card, call, visit & text message will never be forgotten. Your prayers and love mean everything to us. God is good. We love the Centerville congregation. In Christian love....."

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jerry Simmons who passed away. He was the uncle of Kerry (Helen) Simmons.

A Bridal Shower



You are invited to a Bridal Shower for *Katy Holmes*, bride elect of *Trey Hudgins*, on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Mill Creek Barn. Directions: 7011 Old Mill Creek Road Turn onto Washer Road, at the end after passing over the bridge, turn left onto Old Mill Creek Rd., first driveway on the right. Gift cards are welcomed! *Katy & Trey are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Pottery Barn.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 16,216.80

BUDGET

\$ 12,968.00

Camp Meribah

\$ 120.50

Area Events

...The Ladies of East Main Church of Christ, 216 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN invite you to Ladies' Day April 8, 2017. Theme: Up, Up, and Away Speaker: Renita Archey 8:15 A.M. until Noon Lunch will be provided at Noon in the Annex. Please RSVP by Monday, April 3 by e-mail at EastMainCoC@bellsouth.net or by phone at (615) 893-6180 ext. 3.

Turks & Caicos

Information Dinner

You are invited to a dinner and information session on March 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will be discussing how you can assist in supporting this work, underwriting the building and property for the church in Provo, and participating in this excellent work. For more information or to RSVP see a member of the Mission Committee or email ccoc@centervillechurchofchrist.org

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



Please Pray For:

...Jr. Baker is in Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital in Franklin recovering from a spinal fracture.
...Paul Bryant was treated for cuts and bruises Sunday as a result of falling.

...Gary Peden, uncle of Alan & Brad Gilbert, remains in the hospital and will be undergoing another procedure this week.

...Wanda Givens is in Centennial Hospital recovering from surgery.

...Bob McAlister, father of Bryan, has returned home.

...Leon Willis, father of Shane, is in Maury Regional Hospital.

...As of Monday, Rachel Staggs, granddaughter of Ruth Staggs, received an ovarian cancer pathology report. She will require chemotherapy. She is also dealing with a hip problem that may require surgery. *Thank you so much for your prayers and concern.*

...Melissa Barber Bryant is struggling with cancer of the endocrine system.

...Sam Cooper, brother of Martha Leath, is recovering from surgery.

...Pearl Gordon, mother of Elaine Gilbert, is dealing health problems.

...John Beard, son of Gary & Norma Beard, is dealing with the recurrence of cancer. He lives in Memphis.

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

The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness: David Talley, June Prince, Jennifer Kelley, Raymond Stoltz, Gary Peden, Mary Gilbert, Mary Frances Campbell, Jennifer Fakes, Raymond Truett, Lyndia Long, Terry Johnston, Janet Noles, Marlin Lawson, Marie Bradley, Marie Bates, Henrietta Rochelle, Terry Johnston, Bruce Bowen, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Bessie Shepard, Jimmy Mathis, John Ed Hooten, Lindrell Barrett, Susan Campbell, Bonnie Runions, Sheryl Elkins, Richard Tate

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Centerville Church of Christ

Come Worship With Us !
Sunday 9 A.M./ 6 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!

YOUTH IN THE NEWS....CONGRATS TO ALL THESE STUDENTS WHO ADVANCED FROM WINNING THEIR COUNTY GRADE DIVISION 4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST TO THE SOUTHEAST SUB-REGIONAL AREA PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST; LAKE BATES FOR 3RD PLACE IN 7TH GRADE DIVISION, ASHLEY SHELTON FOR PLACING 2ND IN THE 5TH GRADE DIVISION AND EMILY ANDERSON FOR HER PARTICIPATION IN THE 4TH GRADE DIVISION.

New Quiet Bags!

Take a look at the new *Quiet Bags* in the lobby! Thanks to *Shelia Griggs* for providing the books, puzzles, crayons, etc. for the bags and to *Susan Griggs* for filling the bags. We appreciate you!

Area Events

...*Men's Bible Study Weekend 2017* Men All In For Jesus Men of Resolution with Alan Yeater March 17th: 7 P.M.; March 18th: 9 A.M. *Jackson Heights Church of Christ 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN.*

...*Friends and Family Day* March 19, 2017 at the Five Points Church of Christ, 9040 Old Nashville Road, Bon Aqua, Tennessee 37025 Bible Class: 9 A.M. Worship: 10 A.M. followed by a Fellowship Meal and 1 P.M. Worship



Life-Line

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

Elder's Prayer

March 12

Wayne Qualls

Read Scripture

March 12
March 19

Philip Jacobs
Marshall Spencer

Prayer Week Of March 12

S.M.W.
Luke Worsham
S.E.W.
Don Luther
W.E.B.S.
Eric Coleman

S.M.D.
Griffin Elkins
S.E.D.
Paul Bryant
W.E.D.
Grady Teet



March 8
Mid-Winter Wednesday
Night Series Dinner Served
5:30-6:30 Potluck!
Bring Your Favorite Dish!

March 15th
Mid-Winter Wednesday
Night Series Question &
Answer Session with Ralph
Gilmore 7 P.M.

March 10-12
Jr. High Retreat
March 27-31

School System Spring Break

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
1st Sunday
Jeremy Qualls

2nd Sunday
David Hudgins

3rd Sunday
Ward Mayberry

4th Sunday
Randy Wright

Left Side
Eric Mayberry
Ethan Horner
George Garland
Thomas Chessor

Right Side
Jonathan Longworth
Mike Brown
Will Mayberry
Alan Potts