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"I Hope You Know"

Thankfulness is a state of mind, an attitude, a choice. Our brother Paul taught us he knew, "how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need" (Philippians 4:12). Paul literally was thankful for nothing, for the reality that even in the absence or abundance of "things" he had everything he needed, he had His Lord. Thankful hearts echo from God's faithful throughout the generations. "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and named shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21). In all of Job's life, the possessions he had were immeasurable. Yet through the loss of it all he realized his birth and life defined what was his, nothing. He had no attachment to the earth worthy of eternity.

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (I Timothy 6:7-8). Be thankful you brought nothing into this world, and you will leave with nothing. The thankfulness comes from a heart which recognized all their life is not hinged on the promises of acquired wealth or possessions. The thankfulness of heart understands the real need of life; thankful for the nothing we brought into this world. The great philosopher (George Strait) once sang, "I've never seen a hearse with a luggage rack." So true.

While we may be without possessions we are not without promise of God's presence. We take it for granted, and we forget it is a promise and a constant. When pressed in the hours of hardship or even heartache, the kind of car we drive is not the concern, the size of our house does not matter, nor the bottom line of a bank statement. In the most stressful of



times, what brings us the deepest concern is the wonder of our heart if anyone cares? Paul remembered when all those around him left him, the Lord stood with him (II Timothy 4:17). When it seems we have nothing around us, we must call to mind, our Lord's promise to never leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5-6). With that we truly have everything.

Too easily the spectrum of God's complete and total knowledge of our lives is forgotten in our hearts. At the beginning of our life, the moment of our conception, our God is there, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before your were born I sanctified you" (Jeremiah 1:5). In the moment of our death, not the valley or the shadow, but the moment when the body is without the spirit, in that moment our God is there (Psalm 23:1-4). When you have had all you think you can handle, be thankful for the absolute nothingness which ties you to this world, this earth, this life, and the supply of everything your heart needs to find the anchor of hope in Jesus (Hebrews 6:19). I hope you know, we have so much to be thankful for, and it begins with nothing this world has to offer and it ends with everything God has supplied us (Philippians 4:19).

"Home For The Holidays"



Christmas Lunch
 December 3, 2017
 Following Bible Class
 11 A.M. in the
 Fellowship Hall

Menu.

Ham

Turkey/Dressing

Green Beans

Corn

Cranberry Salad

Rolls

Tea/Coffee

Coconut Cake, Pecan

Pie, Christmas Cookies

Sign-up in the lobby

If you can bring a coconut
 cake or Christmas Cookies

*It's the Most Wonderful
 Time Of The Year!*



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten
 Craig Shelton

Oct 18 - Nov 29
TIMOTHY & TABITHA
CLASSES
 Wednesdays 7-8

November 19
SENIOR HIGH FIRESIDE
 Hudgins & Jacobs
 7-9

November 20
(Date Change)
BIBLE STUDY
 Junior & Senior High
 6-7 Guys @ Dotson's
 Girls @ Newsom's

November 25
SERVANT SATURDAY
 9-2
**DINNER &
 A MOVIE**
 3-10

December 2
JUNIOR HIGH BIG FUN
CHRISTMAS
 Fellowship Hall 6-9

December 3
CHURCH FOR THE
HOLIDAYS

December 3
JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
ANGEL TREE SHOPPING
 1:00-7:30

December 9
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
 Fellowship Hall 8-10

December 10
SENIOR HIGH
PROGRESSIVE DINNER
 4-10

December 13
(Date Change)
LIGHTHOUSE
SUNSHINE BASKET PREP
& DELIVERY
 5-7

December 27-30
CAMP SNOWBALL XII

A TERRIFIC TIME AND A GOOD CROWD for last week's Lighthouse. Thank you to Misty & Jonathan Aydelott and Bryan & Mendy McAlister and their families for hosting. We enjoyed some delicious chili, grilled cheeses, cake and Italian ice. Be sure to adjust your December calendar to note the Lighthouse will be December 13, not December 6. This will be when we prepare Sunshine Baskets and deliver them.

A QUICK BUT FANTASTIC JUNIOR HIGH FIRESIDE. Following the Family Meeting Sunday night, we rushed over to Anna Kate McDonald's for our devo. After a few songs and a prayer, I spoke on "If this was my last Junior High Fireside lesson." It came from Col 2 and focused on trusting God, following His plan and realizing our blessings from Him. Following the devo we had a memorable game of McDonald hide and seek, an age old favorite from generations of Centerville Youth Groups. Thank you to Ryan & Lauren McDonald and their family for opening up their home to us.

DO YOU NEED SOME YARD WORK? If you know of someone that could use some raking, let the office know. On Saturday, November 25 we will be raking leaves for our Senior members from 9:00-2:00. After a break to get cleaned up, all those who helped work, we will load up and have dinner and a movie together. We will need a lot of rakes, leaf blowers, and especially rakers! Plan now to join us for this time of service and time together.

WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE OPPORTUNITY to help preparing the boxes for Turks & Caicos. 105 boxes have been handed out to fill and will be collected this coming Sunday. We as a youth group will secure these and get them ready to be shipped to the kids in Providenciales to help them after the recent hurricanes and for a Merry Christmas.

THE YOUTH DEACONS continue to work hard combing through resumes and interviewing. It is all being narrowed down and hopefully an announcement will be forthcoming soon. Keep lifting through prayer these deacons, the future youth minister and his family, our youth and the process of selecting the next youth minister.

GET INVOLVED, STAY INVOLVED AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO JOIN US! Be a leader as we all strive to...

follow His path, -Craig

Sympathy



Martha Jo Wallace
1933-2017

We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Jo Wallace who passed away. Mrs. Wallace was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. To her husband Dan, daughter Becky (Bill), grandson Gaylon (Tabitha), and great granddaughter Sutherland, we express our deepest sympathy.

Thank You

Guy & Janet Barber write: " We want to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards, food, and for the wind chimes we received when our brother Glen died. We love our church family."

Mary Katherine Bates writes: "Thank you for remembering me with all the birthday wishes. You made my day special. In Christian love..."

Angel Tree



If you would like to help the Family Resource Center with a Christmas Angel Tree Gift, please contact

Becky Coleman at 931-729-3391 Ext. 2225

Come Worship With Us !

Sunday: 9 A.M./ 6 P.M.
Wednesday: 7 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 14,322.41

BUDGET

\$ 12,968.00

Camp

\$ 162.76

Baptism



We rejoice with Bob Warren who was baptized November 7, 2017 by Bill McDonald.

TODAY
WILL NEVER COME AGAIN.

Be a blessing.

Be a friend.

Encourage someone.

Take Time To Care.

**Let your words heal,
and not wound.**

Nursing Home:Life Care Center:
Johnnie Ruth Denton, Seth Armstrong, Georgia Moss, Pearl Mayberry, Helen Hudgins, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Lucy Noles, Sammye Elrod, Bobby Breece, Jim & Jean Wright

Hickman County Nursing Home: Louise Hudgins, Annie Lee Whitwell, Francis McClanahan, Eltie Davis, Shirley Bryant, Sybil Jenkins

Dickson Health & Rehab.:
Jane Berryman

Dickson TriStar Horizon Medical Center Rehab. Unit # 2 111 Hwy. 70E Dickson, TN 37055: Greg McCord

Centennial Hospital 230 25th Ave. North Nashville, TN. 37203 Room 3305:
Dot Hill

Please Pray
for:



...Sheryle Elkins, mother of Mike, is in a Rehab. facility. Her address is: Sevierville Health and Rehabilitation Center 415 Catlett Road Sevierville, TN 37862
...William Longworth, grandfather of Jonathon (Hannah), is doing well following surgery.

...Jo Atkinson has returned home.

...Bracey Campbell, (Jan-Hopkins) is at NHC in Columbia for therapy. His room number is 2307.

...Margaret McCord is in the Life Care Center due to injuries from falling.

...Jenny Teet will have surgery for breast cancer November 29th at the Cancer Center in Columbia.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Ketiva Lynch, Warren Potts, Bettie Sparkman, June Roder, Dorris Claud, Claud Teet, Anne Totty, Nancy Price, Allene & Thurman Gordon, Bessie Shepard, John Ed Hooten

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Gwen Rogers, Cale Baggett, Kathy Brown, Wayne Harvill, Welch Whitesell, David Talley, Linda Truett, Jenny Teet, Polly Lancaster, Linda Mays, Eric Fuller, Terry Bradley, Beverly Grimes, Brian Olive, Jack Lowery, Johnnie Ruth Denton, Lovada Burklow, Jennifer Kelley, Marie Bates, Henrietta Rochelle, Bruce Bowen, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Jimmy Mathis, Susan Campbell, Bonnie Runions, Sheryle Elkins, John Beard, Melissa Barber Bryant

Parkinson's Disease:

Guy Barber, Reba Horner, Martha Leathers

Lyme Disease: Anna Ingram Ballou

Home: Mary Helen Barber, Annette Barber, Floye Lyell, Hattie Delk, Louise Bates, Charles Horner, Charles Minick, Fronia Nash, Alvitea Sunder, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks, Raymond Truett

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

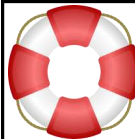
Fall/Winter Activities

November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break School System
November 22: *No Messenger*
November 22: *Devotional in Auditorium*
November 23: Thanksgiving Day
November 26: Thanksinging
December 2: Jr. High Big Fun Christmas
December 3: *Church For The Holidays 11 A.M. Christmas Lunch*
December 8: Lonnie Gilliam's Sunday Class 52nd Annual Christmas Party 6 P.M.
December 9: Breakfast With Santa
December 9: Jail Ministry Holiday Meal
December 9: Wayne Qualls' Sunday School Class Christmas Party 6:30 @ Lodge
December 10: Progressive Dinner
December 13: Sunshine Baskets Assemble at Wed. 7p worship
December 14: 20/30's Regifted Christmas
December 20-January 2: School System Christmas Break
December 24: Christmas Eve
December 25: *Christmas Day*
December 27: *No Messenger*
December 27: *Devotional in Auditorium*

Place Stamp
Here



Worship, Meal,
Family Meeting
Well Attended &
Enjoyed!!



Life-Line

Daily Updates & Devotional Message
931-729-5055

Prayer Week Of November 19

S.M.W.
David Hudgins
S.E.W.
Mark Chessor
W.E.B.S.
Daniel Dressler

S.M.D.
Randy James
S.E.D.
Jim Hudgins
W.E.D.
Riley Qualls

Elder's Prayer

November 19: Wayne Qualls

Read Scripture

November 19: Clay Chessor
November 26: Caleb Odom