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Bryan McAllister

“I Hope You Know”

This past Sunday, our elders, our shepherds, as part of their appointed role and in fulfillment of their responsibility (Hebrews 13:17) issued a challenge and call to our church family. The motive is pure and the message is plain, for our families within our church family, to consider our place in the family and how we embrace the active walk of our faith. It's expression comes in many forms, but one of the clearest and most easily measured is the priority we place upon our gathering as the church. To this end, we are striving to answer our shepherd's call.

Standing outside the promised Land, the night before Moses would deliver his farewell address to the nation of Israel, the text of the scripture is clear, Moses is standing on "this side of the Jordan" having yet to cross into the promised land, knowing Moses would not be permitted to go into the promised land because of his disobedience at Kadesh, Moses still knows his task of leadership is not done. Yet where would he begin, what would he say to his people, his kinsman? His words begin with a word of reflection, and he begins with a word calling each heart and each life to reflection, not on everyone else around, but upon themselves. Answering the question, "How did we wind up here in the first place" is perhaps the single most important thing we could ask, yet the answer stares us in the face if only we look in the mirror. Moses believes a bit of history is in order. So he tells of Israel when they were captives in Egypt, and God delivered them from Pharaoh and his enslavement. Moses tells of their doubt of God in being able to deliver them from Pharaoh and into the promised land. This was the beginning of Israel's divided loyalty. It did not improve. Moses tells how this divided loyalty kept them from the promised land. How it lead to 40 years of wilderness wandering. How they were a discontent and dispassionate people when it came to seeking the goodness of the Lord. Thus Moses cries out, "Hear, O



Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

Did you hear it? The Lord is ONE! There is no division with God and there is no distraction with God. He is not swayed to look away or chase after matters that do not bear or warrant greater importance over meeting the needs of His children. God is ONE, singular in purpose and in provision. Thus, we must all encounter this same kind of crossroads, and in every circumstance, we must seek to choose the Father and be ONE with His will, just as He is ONE in His own will.

Joshua (Joshua 24:14-15), Josiah (II Kings 23:25), Daniel (Daniel 1:8), Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, (Daniel 3:17-18), John the baptizer, (Luke 3:7-8) all called for their audiences to consider their own lives and the choice they needed to make between seeking their will or seeking the Lord. The choice is plain, no matter the alternative, be it profession, preference, or play, we must see the necessity and pursuit of our Lord as of the greatest importance, requiring nothing less than our all: heart, soul, mind, and strength. I hope you know, this is possible to achieve, but only together with one another can we better learn to embrace the Lord our God as ONE!



Wednesday, February 14th

Valentine's Day

Dinner and Worship

Fellowship Hall at 6pm

Speaker

Bryan McAlister

Love Is ...
The Appetizer

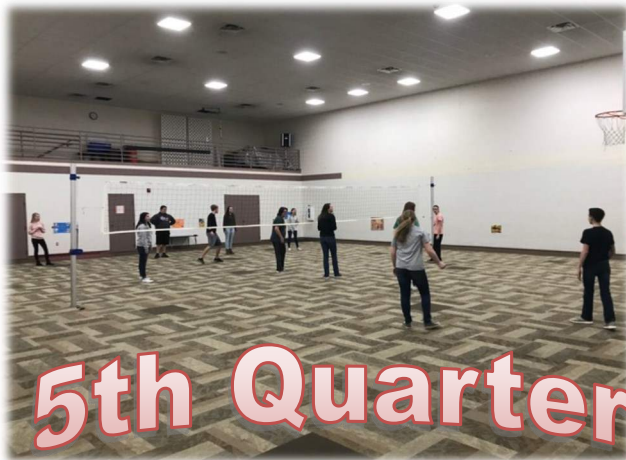
Love Is ...
The Main Course

Love Is ...
The Dessert



Worship and Dinner
in the Fellowship Hall

4th Grade and down in the
Lighthouse with the Bible Hour Crew!



5th Quarter



Super Bowl Party



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten
Craig Shelton

February 14 LOVE IS

6p Fellowship Hall
Valentines Dinner

February 16-18 JUNIOR HIGH

RETREAT
Camp Meribah

February 18 SENIOR HIGH

FIRESIDE
7-9 Elkins & Jacobs

February 28 LIGHTHOUSE

5-7
Madelyn & Sara
True /
Jake & Case
Martin

MARCH 2-4 SENIOR

SPOTLIGHT /
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT

A BUSY SUNDAY FOR SEVERAL!

Following Bible Class, the Sparks & Intermediates gathered in the Lighthouse for the afternoon. Jeremy & Meredith Qualls led the group as they enjoyed lunch and then got right to work fixing some Valentine cards. After a lot of work, the group jumped on the bus and headed to the nursing home to distribute their creations. Thanks to all who came, Jeremy & Meredith for putting it together, Clay & Tara Chessor and the many others who helped!

SUNDAY NIGHT WE WERE BACK IN THE LIGHTHOUSE as the Junior High had a Fireside. We enjoyed a delicious meal, some games and a devotional that centered on the book of James. We discussed our attitudes and prepared for this coming weekend by talking about our focus. Thank you to Philip & Alice Anne Jacobs and Mike & Regina Elkins for hosting the night!

SPEAKING OF THIS WEEKEND... The Junior High Retreat begins Friday afternoon at 6pm at Camp Meribah. Our theme is "Home Hunters" as we look for ways to keep our focus and seek our goal

of heaven. So far we will have about 35 that will be on the hill for all the fun and excitement. Pray for a great and safe weekend. You can pick up your child between 11-12 on Sunday!

THE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT applications are available now! It is just a few weeks away and you do not want to miss it This weekend is a highlight of the year with lifetime memories always made and a special time for our Seniors. Cost is \$80 which takes care of everything except 3 fast food meals on your own and you will also need some spending money. The theme is "Magnify" as we look at our daily lives in Christ. All the rest of the info is in the applications that need to be turned back in, with payment, by February 25 without a late fee. Make plans now to join us and be prepared for an unforgettable weekend in the mountains!

JUST A REMINDER FOR THOSE HELPING WEDNESDAY... We have several of the Youth Group that will be assisting in the Fellowship Hall or with Bible Hour this Wednesday. Please be sure to be here before 6 at your spot to help!

HAVE A GREAT WEEK in preparation for a busy next few weeks. Don't miss the retreats and the time to spend growing closer to each other, making memories, and rededicating our lives to the One who held nothing back in demonstrating His love for us. follow His path, -Craig

A Baby Girl!

It's a Girl

Congratulations to Trevor and Megan Fields on the birth of a baby girl February 7, 2018.

Isabella Grace weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and is 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Melissa Stoltz and Mike & Becky Fields, Ricky & Sheri Keeling and great grandparents are James and Carolyn Stoltz.

"Centered Sisters"

ALL ladies are encouraged to participate in the Centered Sisters Ministry this year! You will be blessed!

Sheets regarding the ministry and information sheets for participants are on the table in the foyer. ALL ladies are asked to pick up a copy, go over it, and decide if you will be able to be a part of this encouraging program. Hopefully, MANY will want to! Please fill in the blanks on the information sheets and either place them in the box provided or give them to Tina Dickerson by Sunday, February 25th.

"We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3.

Widows/Widowers Luncheon

There will be a Widows/Widowers Luncheon February 25th at the Outreach Center following Sunday School. Please sign-up in the lobby.

Youth News



....Congratulations to *Aden Weber* for receiving 1st place in Patterns and 2nd Place in 1 Step in the Battle of the Dojangs III in a recent Taekwondo competition.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 11:

\$ 12,063.00

Camp: \$ 171.00

BUDGET

\$ 12,987.00

Thank You

Kathy McDonald writes: " Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and words of encouragement as Bob and I deal with these health issues. While we are still waiting for more tests and results, please continue to keep us in your prayers. How blessed we are to be a part of such a loving and caring family. In Christian love...."

Area Events...

...All Are Invited To Attend....An *Area Wide Gospel Singing...*at the Brushy Church of Christ, 774 Hwy. 48 South, Centerville, TN 37033 On Friday, February 16, 2018. 7-9 P.M. MC: William Tankersley Refreshments served at 9 P.M.

...*Ladies' Day at the East Hill Church of Christ* March 3, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. Lunch served at noon (931)363-2777-www.easthillchurch.org 509 East Madison Street, Pulaski, TN 38478

..."*He Gave Me A Song*" Walnut Street Church of Christ Ladies' Day Saturday, March 3,2018 with Robin Nelson. 8:30 A.M. Registration 9:00 A.M. Program begins. A salad luncheon will be provided immediately after the program. Please email or call the church office wscocladies@gmail.com or 615-446-2909.



We appreciate very much the support from the

Churches of Christ Disaster Relief during the water crisis.

They delivered bottled water to the Fairfield Church of Christ and Centerville Church of Christ for distribution. Thank You for caring.



...Louise Leathers, mother of Debbie Bradley, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing further tests.

...Sheryle Elkins, mother of Mike, started more treatments last week and will be undergoing tests in

the coming days. New Address: 870 Oak Meadow Drive Apt. 3405 Franklin, TN 37064

...Amanda Bowman will be having hip surgery in the coming days.

...Letitia Allen is recovering from surgery on her hand.

...Brenda Harrington, sister of Betty Banks, has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer.

...Jimmy Reece is having treatments for cancer.

...Bruce Bowen (Karen) is having a difficult time struggling with cancer.

...Kathy McDonald is waiting for tests results.

...Greg McCord will be having open heart surgery on March 15th at St. Thomas West.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Mike Brown, Coleen Williams, Carl Burton, Roy Anderson, Brian Pence, Ann Spencer, Kathy & Bob McDonald, Karen Tarkington Rogers, Jeff Lynn, Melissa Shelton, Mendy McAlister, Mary Helen Barber, Ketiva Lynch, Bettie Sparkman, Dorris Claud, Allene & Thurman Gordon, Bessie Shepard, John Ed Hooten

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Linda Truett, Louise Leathers, Jimmy Reece, Bethany Martin, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, Cale Baggett, Kathy Brown, Wayne Harvill, David Talley, Jenny Teet, Linda Mays, Eric Fuller, Terry Bradley, Beverly Grimes, Brian Olive, Jack Lowery, 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

Parkinsons' Disease: Guy Barber, Floy Gatewood, Reba Horner, Martha Leathers, Glen Earl Johnson

Donation

...a Donation has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of Judy Rogers by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY DICKSON

American Values Forum with the *Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales*. Thank you for helping students complete college degrees in Dickson! We look forward to hosting you Thursday, March 1, 2018, as we welcome the *Honorable Alberto R. Gonzales* to FHU/Dickson at *The Renaissance Center*. Appointed by President George W. Bush as 80th Attorney General of the United States, Gonzales also served as general counsel to Bush when he was governor of Texas and as a justice of the Texas Supreme Court. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he attended the Air Force Academy, graduated from Rice University and received his law degree from Harvard Law School. Currently he is the dean and Doyle Rogers Distinguished Professor of the College of Law at Belmont University. The program begins at 6:30 in the Renaissance Center Performance Hall with entertainment provided by Erabellas. Sponsorships (which include a meal and meet-and-greet) and program tickets are available. Call 615-740-5503 to be a sponsor or reserve tickets.

2018 Scholarship Fundraiser
March 1, 2018 FHU Dickson
FHU.EDU/DICKSON

Place Stamp
Here

Camp Meribah 2018 Dates & Changes

Summer camp is just around the corner! I hope you are as excited as the Chessor family. This year, we have made some changes to our dates, sessions, and age offerings in an effort to better accommodate the busy summer schedules of our campers. For more details, please visit our summer camp website at www.centervillechurchofchrist.org/ministries/summer-camp/.

Day Camp will be *June 11-13 for ages 4-8*. Campers will attend VBS, play at the creek, and also participate in various activities at Camp Meribah during this session. Following Day Camp will be a new session called *Mini-Meribah*, a shorter version of our residence camp. *Mini-Meribah* will be *June 13-15* for campers who finished K-4th grades this school year. Check-in will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday and check-out at 5:00 pm on Friday. We started *Mini-Meribah* for campers who may not be able to stay a full week away from home, or for those who may not be able to work a full week into their busy summer schedules. We hope this will be a popular addition to our camping sessions.

Youth Week will be *June 17-22* for campers who finished 2nd-6th grades this school year. This session is what was previously called "Week 1" and "Week 2," or "regular weeks." We combined the two weeks into one and narrowed the age offerings, so all campers would be closer together in age. Finally, *Teen Week* will be *June 24-28* for campers who finished 6th-12th grades this school year. This is always our most popular session and will be unforgettable once again this summer!

As you begin to make your summer vacation plans, I hope you can find time to attend one of our summer camp sessions. Applications will be mailed out in April to those who attended last summer. At that time, they will also be made available online and in the church office. For those interested in working at camp, staff applications will be available in the coming weeks as well. You can also stay up-to-date on all summer camp happenings by following us on Instagram and Twitter. Thanks for your continued support of our ministry at Camp Meribah.

Sincerely, Clay Chessor and family



Paul Devonish, one of the leaders of the *Providenciales Church of Christ* in Turks and Caicos Islands, serves as youth minister, song leader, teacher, treasurer, etc. Paul had an opportunity to visit with us and wanted to personally thank everyone for their support and for the Christmas boxes sent to children on the island.

Elder's Prayer

February 18:
Shane Willis

Read Scripture

February 18: *John Jacobs*
February 25: *Connor McAlister*

Prayer Week Of February 18

S.M.W.
Mark Chessor
S.E.W.
Wayne Rediker
W.E.B.S.
Brian Qualls

S.M.D.
Clay Chessor
S.E.D.
Joey Hunt
W.E.D.
Jared Brown