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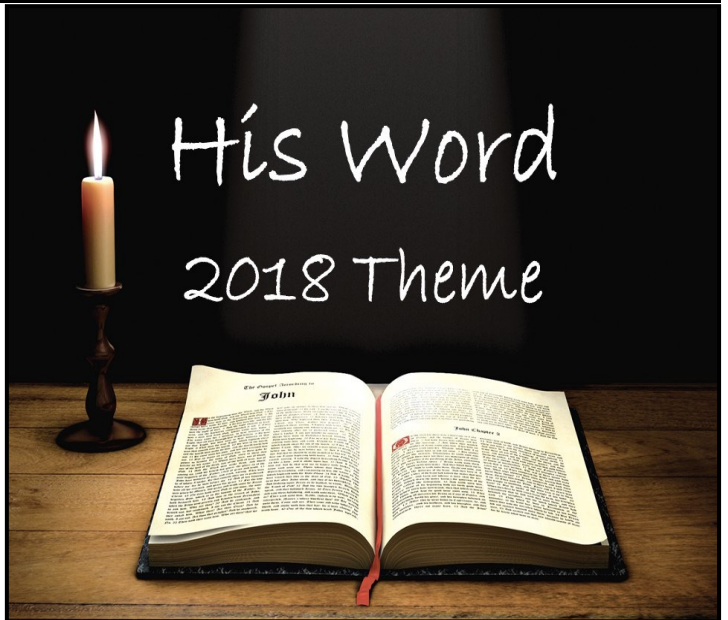


Bryan McAlister

“I Hope You Know”

How often have you heard the Lord’s invitation to obey the gospel extended? We are assured, as the Scriptures teach, the Lord’s church had its beginning upon the day of Pentecost, as prophesied by our Lord just prior to His ascension back to His place at the Father’s right hand (Luke 24:44-49; Acts 2:5, 41). The Centerville Church of Christ has been meeting regularly since 1870. That’s 148 years. If one were to assume the Lord’s invitation was extended a minimum of three times per week (Sunday morning and evening worship, and Wednesday evening), over a 52 week period, with the exception of gospel meetings, special events, and leap years, then the total number of times of the invitation having been extended would be approximately 23,088! Over 23,000 is the number of times the Lord’s invitation has been extended through this one congregation’s history of the Lord’s church.

As you think of that number, in all likelihood it would likely exceed 23,000 times when souls have been invited and encouraged to obey the gospel. How many times have you personally heard the invitation and responded in your heart to commit and follow more closely your walk with the Lord? How many times have you heard the invitation, and out of fear or nerves remained idle in your decision to change? Ever since the preaching of John the Baptizer, there have been various responses to the invitation. Some respond with zeal (Mark 1:5). Others respond with half-heartedness (Matthew 3:7-8). Our time and age is no different. There are precious souls right now, perhaps even reading this article, who have heard the Lord’s invitation, and might even be able to explain it better than some preachers, but because of a hindrance (guilt, fear, or little self-confidence) remain neutral. When it comes to our soul’s well-being, neutral is another word for lost.



Our Savior encountered a range of responses to His invitation. Jesus was asked by the rich young ruler concerning the way to inherit eternal life (Luke 18:18). In His answer, Jesus called for the young man to sell all he had, and “Come, follow Me” (Luke 18:22). The young man rejected the invitation, and in doing so, sorrow filled his heart. On another occasion it was Jesus who extended the invitation to Paul, to whom He said, “it is hard for you to kick against the goads” (Acts 9:5). In other words, “Paul, why do you resist the invitation?” Philip invited the eunuch to respond to the gospel, when the eunuch was reassured the only thing standing between him and the cleansing of water baptism, was his own belief (Acts 8:37).

What do you hear when the Lord’s invitation is extended? Do you believe the Lord invites you to make change? Do you believe you need to change or even can change? Are you afraid of changing? The Lord understands, thus is why when He invites us to change, He does so with the knowledge that He will be with us, offering safety, providing direction, and supplying understanding for our failures (Hebrews 4:15). He sympathizes, for our Lord understands fear, He has experienced change (Philippians 2:5-11), all for the sake of inviting us to, “Come, follow Me” (Luke 18:22). I hope you know, the message of the gospel still invites you today.

March Celebrations!



Polly Chessor Lancaster
88 Years Old
March 14, 2018



Ruth McFarlin
82 Years Old
March 14, 2018



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten
Craig Shelton

February 28

LIGHTHOUSE
5-7

Madelyn & Sara True /
Jake & Case Martin

MARCH 2-4

SENIOR
SPOTLIGHT /
SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT
Gatlinburg

MARCH 11

NEW YOUTH
MINISTER
ANNOUNCED

MARCH 11

JUNIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE
7-9 Host Needed

MARCH 14

LIGHTHOUSE
5-7 McAlisters

MARCH 18

SENIOR HIGH
FIRESIDE
7-9 Dakota Hudgins

MARCH 31

SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATE
EGG HUNT
@ Camp Meribah

THE SENIOR SPOTLIGHT / SENIOR HIGH RETREAT is this weekend! We are excited with a full capacity planned to leave out at 9am Friday morning! Don't forget to bring money for 3 fast food meals on your own and any spending money for shopping, go-carts, etc. The theme for the weekend will be "Magnify" as we look at our daily lives in Christ. Mixed in will be some great devotionals, some special times for our Seniors, lots of food and fun, and memories we will talk about for years to come. We plan to return around 5pm Sunday! Pray for a safe trip and that we will be more focused and dedicated to magnifying our Lord when we return!

MARCH 11th WILL BE THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the new Youth Minister. Our Youth Deacons will say more at that time. Thank you for all your prayers during this process. Please continue to pray for the new Youth Minister, his family, the transition and our young people over the next few months.

THE MORRISON /NICKS SCHOLARSHIP will be available Monday, March 5. If you have applied in the past and still wanting to be eligible for the scholarship, you will need to apply again this year. If you are a current Senior, you too can apply. In conjunction with this, there will be a scholarship committee meeting at 5pm in the Library this next Sunday.

BE SURE YOU ARE KEEPING UP with the list to the left. A lot is planned for the coming month and soon as we wind down this school year even more. Don't miss a thing.

ON SUNDAY MORNINGS we are working through a study of Romans. It has been an in depth look at what Paul had to say in this letter and how it is applicable to us today. As the letter begins, we see Paul addressing a world not much different than the one today. Constant rebellion against God and his laws were being challenged and tested as to see if God is still faithful to His people. Our God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow no matter how we twist His Word, adjust our "understanding" or stretch the true meaning of His guidance. Let us quit thinking as Paul addressed; the more we sin, the more forgiveness God shows. Rather, let us encourage one another in seeking righteousness instead of rituals that always lead us further from the Lord. Be an example and look to Him as we...

follow His path, -Craig

Coming In March.....

March 2-4: Senior High Retreat
March 11: Care Team 1 Meets at the Outreach Center following P.M. worship
March 26-30: Spring Break School System
March 31: Egg Hunt @ Camp Meribah
April 1: Easter Sunday
April 7: Ladies Day @ Centerville Church of Christ
April 29: Camp Meribah Worship 6 P.M.

**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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 25:

\$ 11,515.01

Camp: \$ 196.51

BUDGET

\$ 12,987.00

Drop-Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for Cody & Jessica Williams on March 4 & 11, 2018. You may leave your gift on the table in the new lobby. It's a boy!

A Baby Boy!



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Tyler & Rebecca Schmid on the birth of a baby boy February 25, 2018. Bennett James Schmid weighed 6lbs. 3 oz. and is 17 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jimmy & Cathie Copley and Marc & Sonja Schmid. Great grandparents are Percy & Polly Lancaster and Elizabeth Schmid.

Come Worship With Us !

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

Wednesday: 7 P.M.



Please Pray For:

...Carl Burton has been struggling with health problems and spent some time in the hospital in recent days.

...Brenda Cotton, a resident of Tulipwood, is undergoing tests for kidney problems.

...Terry Johnston, son of Ann, is in Health South in Franklin for therapy.

...Amanda Bowman is recovering from knee surgery.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Greg McCord, Letitia Allen, Mike Brown, Coleen Williams, Carl Burton, Roy Anderson, Brian Pence, Ann Spencer, Bob McDonald, Karen Tarkington Rogers, Jeff Lynn, 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:

Brenda Harrington, 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

Lyme Disease: Anna Ingram Ballou

Scholarship Committee Meeting



There will be a *Scholarship Committee* Meeting at 5 P.M. Sunday, March 4, 2018 in the library.

Scholarship Applications...

THE MORRISON /NICKS SCHOLARSHIP applications will be available Monday, March 5. You can pick up an application in the office or at the youth news board. Remember, this is a scholarship that must be applied for every year.



CENTERED SISTERS

Due to the positive response to the Centered Sisters ministry, we are making it possible for any ladies who still wish to be a part of this to join right in! Please pick up a form in the container on the desk in the foyer, fill it out, and either return it to the place provided there, or give it directly to Tina Dickerson.

For those still on the fence, please know that this is not a time or money consuming ministry....rather it's a love and heart consuming one. All participants will be blessed by their endeavors to become more Christ-centered while encouraging and uplifting someone else.

The Food & Supply Truck Will be here

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Tennessee Children's Home Spring Food And Supply Drive Bible Class Challenge

Place Stamp Here

Items Due By March 18

- 20 Somethings':** 100 % Bottled Apple and Grape Juice
Jr. High: Chunky Soups
Ward Mayberry's Class: Salsa
Mike Elkins' Class: Velveeta Cheese
Age 2, 3, 4: Pop Tarts
Grades 3,4,5: Kool-Aid (Canisters)
Grades 1 & 2: Paper Towels
Kindergarten: Bar Soap
Bill McDonald's Class: Kitchen Floor Cleaner
Wayne Qualls' Class: Men's Deodorant
Gary Gatewood's Class: Laundry Detergent
Mike Goodpasture's Class: 13 and 39 gallon garbage bags

Those To Serve In March...

<p>Wait on Table <u>1st Sunday</u> Robert Bowman</p> <p><u>2nd Sunday</u> Alan Potts</p> <p><u>3rd Sunday</u> Scott Bailey</p> <p><u>4th Sunday</u> Craig Shelton</p> <p><u>Left Side</u> Joey Hunt Andy Weber Eric Coleman Phil Griggs</p> <p><u>Right Side</u> Derek Newsom Mark Chessor Ethan Horner Brett Martin</p>	<p>Prayer Week of <u>March 4</u></p> <p><u>S.M.W.</u> Randy Wright</p> <p><u>S.M.D.</u> Scott Bailey</p> <p><u>S.E.W.</u> Jeremy Qualls</p> <p><u>S.E.D</u> Ken Dickerson</p> <p><u>W.E.B.S.</u> Eddie Boone</p> <p><u>W.E.D.</u> Houston Hudgins</p>	<p>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MARCH 3/4: Zane Nash, Major Qualls, Aden Weber, Cameron Wright, Thomas Alderson 3/11: Knox Bailey, Sam Brown, Heath Buchanan, Braydon Chessor, 3/18: Bruin Dotson, Dane Gilbert, Riley Haithcoat, Eli Jacobs, Landon Jenkins 3/25: Jagger Lawson, Finn Martin, Jackson Mayberry, Walker Mayberry, Joseph McCauley</p> <p><u>Please be up front by 8:50</u></p> <p>Bible Hour: Clay & Tara Chessor, Alex Seagraves, Luke Brown, Chayten Casaus, Reagan Qualls, Madelyn True, Adley Elkins, Dakota Hudgins "I'm Special" "Joseph" Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans</p>	<p>To Drive Bus in March</p> <p>3/4: Andy Weber A.M. George Garland P.M.</p> <p>3/7: Mike Goodpasture</p> <p>3/11: Josh Bradley A.M. Brandon McCauley P.M.</p> <p>3/14: Phillip Allen</p> <p>3/18: Michael Bryant A.M. Patrick Allen P.M.</p> <p>3/21: Wayne Rediker</p> <p>3/25: John Bradley A.M. Mark Chessor P.M.</p> <p>3/28: Lonnie Mayberry</p>												
<p>USHERS: Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p>	<p>Prepare Communion <u>March 4 & 11:</u> Monty & Amy Dunn <u>March 18 & 25:</u> Randall & Kristy Wells</p>	<p>Meals On Wheels March 7: Need Volunteer March 14: Corene Allen March 21: Shirley DeVore March 28: Regina Elkins</p> <p>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p>	<p>Read Scripture: <u>March 4:</u> Jonathon Longworth <u>March 11:</u> Dr. Jerry Nash</p>												
<p>Lord's Supper P.M. Wyatt Aydelott Jonathan Aydelott <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p>	<p>NURSERY Suzette Potts BAPTISMAL CLOTHING Betty Litton</p>	<p>RADIO ROOM Gaylon Cude Cody Woods Patrick Allen Bryce Hughes</p>	<p>Greeters For March Betty Claud Ronald Coates Jimmy & Cathie Copley Ken & Tina Dickerson</p>												
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