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Bryan McAlister

"I Hope You Know"

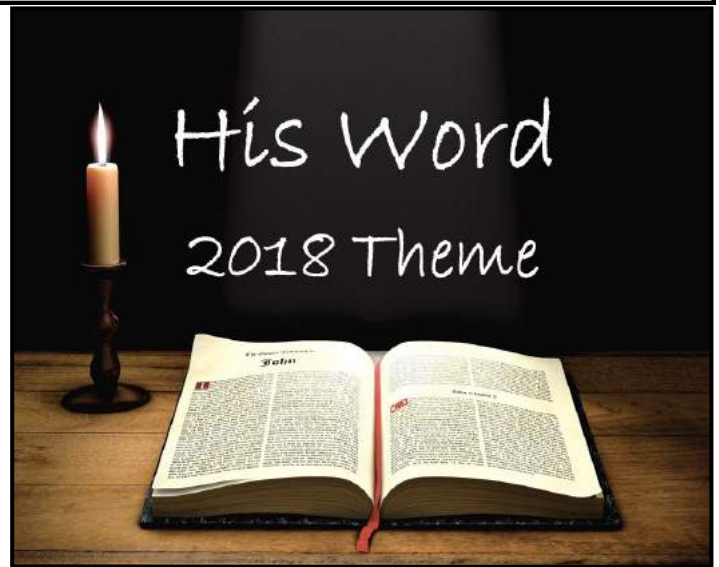
An open letter to the Centerville Church of Christ,

While driving through Cape Girardeau, MO on an early Thursday morning, May 15, 2008, my cellphone rang, with a call from a man I had never met. He was from Centerville, TN and was part of the "Minister Search Committee" for the Centerville church of Christ. That morning Brian Qualls and I visited about a need of this church family. From that point on, the next eight months would be filled with conversations, visits here and in Missouri, offers, acceptance, a move, and a new chapter to begin before the year 2008 would end.

Across the last nearly ten years, our family has grown with your family to become one family. You have allowed us to welcome new life into your hearts, bid farewell to your mothers, your fathers, your sons and daughters, baptize your loved ones, share in your triumphs and sorrow in your tragedies. You have shared in the same with our family. Above all things, you have encouraged, and invited the gospel to be preached.

In 2014, my Mendy's persistent encouragement to pursue a terminal degree was finally heeded. Four months later, an invitation came to be a part of the adjunct faculty of the newly expanded work of Freed-Hardeman in Dickson at The Renaissance Center. The following year another offer came, this time, to become a full-time faculty member for FHU. The last four years have been tremendously full, professionally, publicly in our ministry, and privately for our family. My Mendy and I believe we are compelled to embrace a moment before us now, just as we did in 2008. Our days and nights have been spent in prayer, meditation, and counsel with our elders on how to best serve the kingdom with our family.

Ten years ago as you searched for a minister, you prayed for us before you knew our names. We ask that you once more pray, lifting our names as we prepare to embark on



another chapter in our Lord's kingdom. As our work with Freed-Hardeman | Dickson continues, we have been invited and accepted the full-time pulpit ministry with the Walnut St. congregation in Dickson. Our transition here will be complete at the end of June. Our beloved Matthew, will remain as our Associate, and fulfill capably as he already does, the interim responsibility of preaching.

We wish to honor this church family through our time of transition. My conversations regarding the future with our eldership have evolved over the last many months. Just as we envisioned a meaningful future through our ministry in Missouri, so too can we echo the same for our beloved Centerville. We also know we are to live by faith and be an instrument in the hand of our Lord. Part of our role as parents includes providing opportunities for our children to learn that very lesson. By embracing this moment we believe this allows us to show our children how to serve faithfully, love fully, and embrace change in life courageously.

Of all that we hold dear in our hearts from the last decade, we cherish most the fact that without you, our family would not be who we are today, equipped to serve our Lord, enriched by your fellowship and encircled by your love. I hope you know, we love you.



Senior Class of 2018



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten
Craig Shelton

MAY 9
FINAL
LIGHTHOUSE
5-7

MAY 13
FIRESIDE FINALE
7-10 Jr & Sr High

JUNE 10
CARTER HOOVER
BEGINS WORK AS
YOUTH MINISTER

SOME THINGS MISSED FROM LAST WEEK... Thank you to Eric & Amanda Mayberry and their family for hosting the last lighthouse. We had a great time and a good crowd... The young men did an excellent job leading services at the Coble Church of Christ last Sunday. Connor McAlister delivered a superb lesson, John Jacobs, Alex Seagraves and Weston Elkins did wonderful in their roles as well. Thank you to all the parents and girls who joined us for the day too!



WHAT A SPECIAL DAY FOR A SPECIAL CLASS. Senior Sunday was everything we had hoped it would be. We began with worship and some messages geared towards our graduates. Following worship we had a time to present a gift of a Bible from the congregation to each Senior. Next, each Senior had a table decorated with their accomplishments, pictures and miscellaneous items they chose to tell their stories. Following worship, everyone was given a chance to visit with the Seniors and congratulate them around their tables. We ended the morning with a luncheon for the Seniors and their families hosted by the Elders, Ministers and Staff. Once we had finished eating, each Elder and Minister took time to give advice and encouragement to all the Seniors. With over 300 years of wisdom, there was a lot of good thoughts shared as the Seniors prepare for their next chapter in life. My thanks to Misty, Susan Dotson and Johnnie Ruth Elrod for their help with decorating and set up. Thank you to Tammy Willis, Betty Breece, Susan Dotson and Linda Shelton for their help with serving and clean up. Thank you to Shane & Tammy and Bryan for all their help putting the day together too! Seniors, Don't forget the Moments, the Messages and your Mission! We are proud of you!



Craig & Misty Shelton honored by the Centerville Church of Christ for their outstanding job in Youth Ministry. Thank You for a job well done!

YOUNG MEN CONDUCTING SERVICES AT COBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST



A SURPRISE INSTEAD OF BREAKFAST... What I thought was going to end out the day with a breakfast for the Seniors hosted by Danny & Melody Skelton, turned into a finger food fellowship in my and Misty's honor. Misty and I, along with Colby and Harper, are so humbled and so grateful for gifts, money, cards and the delicious food in our honor. We were also thankful for so many past youth group members who came to celebrate too. We are so blessed by each of you and the love and support of this congregation. It does not seem like 15 years of youth ministry, in 21 total years, have gone by so quickly. I will say much more in the coming weeks, but again Misty and I love this congregation and want to thank you again for your show of gratitude and love. follow His path –Craig

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Will & Dominique Chessor on the birth of a daughter April 23, 2018. Eleanor Elizabeth Chessor weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and is 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Mark & Shela Chessor and Joel & Arlette Postma. Great grandparents are Percy & Polly Lancaster and Neal & Patricia Gilbert.

Drop-Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for Brad & Kristen Garland on May 6th & 13th, 2018. You may "drop-off" your gift on the table in the new lobby. It's a girl!

Sympathy

...Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Barry McNabb who passed away after suffering a massive stroke. To his wife, Susan, daughter Lindsey (Scott) Bailey, son Nick (Amanda), grandchildren Knox, Sloan, Lilly and to Sue McNabb, Frank & Maxine Atkinson we express our deepest sympathy.



Work Day May 12th

On Saturday, May 12th, the Facilities/Grounds Ministry are planning a work day from 7am until noon. There will be several tasks scheduled to be addressed that day around our facility such as: pressure washing sidewalks and sections of building, replace ceiling tiles, fix a section of "ground washout" near the bus garage, clean outside windows, rake pea gravel and etc. All tasks can be completed that day with enough help. If you would be willing to help in some capacity contact a Deacon on the Facilities and Grounds Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION:

May 6, 2018:
\$ 14,464.18
Camp: \$ 24.75
BUDGET
\$12,987.00

Area Events

...*Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley Church of Christ* May 20-23, 2018. Speaker: Randy Kersey Song Leader: Kevin Beard Sunday School: 10 A.M. Worship: 10:45 Sunday Night: 7 P.M. Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M. *Fellowship meal following Sunday morning worship.*

...*Ladies Bring A Friend Day at the Fairview Church of Christ*, 2011 Fairview Blvd. Fairview, Tennessee 37062. Date: June 2, 2018 Speaker: Stella Nash 10 A.M. until Noon. Registration starts at 9:30 A.M. Lunch will be served following lesson.

...*Singing at the Totty's Bend Church of Christ* May 18, 2018 7 P.M. until 9 P.M. MC: William Tankersly Food & fellowship 5:30- 7:00 P.M.

Thank You

Gage Dotson writes: "Thanks to the elders, ministers and staff for a special Senior Sunday. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin the next chapter of my journey. Centerville Church of Christ will always be my home and hold a special place in my heart. God Bless..."

College Graduate



Congratulations to *Emma Nicholson* who graduated with an Associates Degree in Science from Hiwassee College on May 4, 2018. Emma is the daughter of Robert & Dana Nicholson. *Please inform the office of other graduates.*

Home: Mary Helen Barber, Seth Armstrong, Annette Barber, 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



...Eric Ghant is recovering from surgery at home.

...Sheryle Elkins, mother of Mike, has returned home.

...Robert Bowman had surgery Monday, May 7th for a broken ankle due to a motorcycle wreck.

...Robert Bryant had a heart procedure on May 8th at Vanderbilt. It went well.

...Carl Burton has returned home.

...Pearl Karraker, grandmother of Mendy McAlister, is critically ill in Metropolis, Illinois.

...Barbara Baker is in the Life Care Center.

...Marie Bates is having treatments for cancer.

...Hubert Tanner, uncle of Melissa Stoltz and Helen Simmons, has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Marie Boehms has returned home.

...Louise Leathers, mother of Debbie Bradley, is recovering from surgery for a broken hip at Williamson Medical Center.

Nursing Home:

Life Care Center: Barbara Baker, Betty Claud, Jim Dark, Opal Roder, Georgia Moss, Pearl Mayberry, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Sammye Elrod, Bobby Breece, Jim & Jean Wright

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

Dickson Health & Rehab.:

Jane Berryman



*"Behold, Children are a heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is His reward." Psalm 127:3*

Place Stamp
Here



Sutherlyn Grace Cude
June 26, 2017
Gaylon & Tabitha Cude



Waverly Grace Cannon
July 1, 2017
Eric & Sylina Cannon



Gunner Lane Batts
July 6, 2017
Nick & Alicia Batts



Ezra Jack Harrington
September 20, 2017
Skyler & Kimberly Harrington



Emelia Leath Odom
September 29, 2017
Caleb & Stevy Odom



Callie Marie Woods
December 11, 2017
Cody & Katie Woods



Eva Marie Fakes
January 7, 2018
Matthew & Jenny Fakes



Bennett James Schmid
February 25, 2018
Tyler & Rebecca Schmid



William Cade Hoover
March 17, 2018
Carter & Shelby Hoover



John David Allen Williams
April 4, 2018
Cody & Jessica Williams



Eleanor Elizabeth Chessor
April 23, 2018
Will & Dominique Chessor



Day School Graduation...

Thursday, May 10th
at 7 P.M. in the
Centerville Church of
Christ auditorium.

Prayer Week Of May 13

S.M.W.
Matthew Kincade
S.E.W.
Ward Mayberry
W.E.B.S.
Dr. Jerry Nash

S.M.D.
Randy James
S.E.D.
Philip Jacobs
W.E.D.
Mike Plunkett

Read Scripture

May 13: Ethan Skelton
May 20: Ken Dickerson

Elder's Prayer
May 13: Mike Elkins