

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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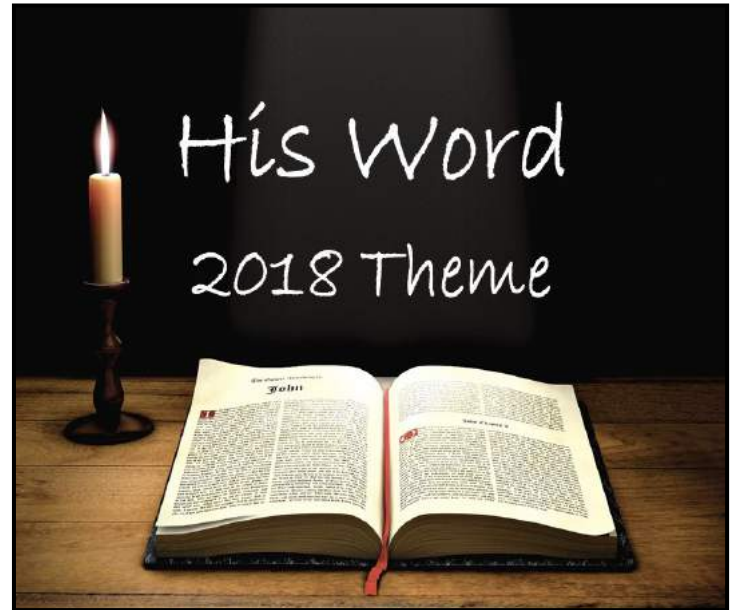
*Bryan McAllister*

"I Hope You Know"

"Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; but how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

Finding a companion is a blessing, one to be cherished. If that companion stumbles or is hurt, there is one who is ready to help in time of trouble and need. It is a fitting theme for marriage, but that is a theme fit for another day. For now, with the hearts of many of our brethren hurting and wearied for various reasons, we look to scripture, the source of God's words to us, for a companion who is eternal and untouched by the troubles of our hearts. We look for a companion stronger than us, wiser than us, and holier than us. We look for a companion who is not burdened by our weakness or our worry. We look for a companion who is able to conquer what we encounter. Scripture reveals Who that companion is for us.

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help" (Psalm 121:1)? A person's eyes can tell the whole story. In one look you can see pain or pleasure, sorrow or surprise. With one look you can know if a person is distracted, disappointed, or even despondent. The eyes are the window to the soul. "My heart pants, my strength fails me; as for the light of my eyes, it also has gone from me" (Psalm 38:10). "I am weary with my crying; my throat is dry; my eyes fail while I wait for my God" (Psalm 69:3).



Did you see that? The light of life had been taken from the eyes of the one hurting. The eyes of the hurting had cried so much, their throat had gone dry and the eyes failed, they had no more tears to give. When the heart has reached its breaking point, when it has had all that it can take; when the eyes have cried all the tears they can cry and when there is an emptiness beyond description of words, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills." Disease, divorce, death, discouragement, debt, disaster; if you stare long enough and intently enough at any one of these, your eyes will be filled with the pain of these moments. "From whence comes my help?" It was rhetorical, because deep down inside, cutting through the pain, was the reminder of truth, "My help comes from the Lord."

The transitions our soul will encounter are too numerous to name here. Suffice it to say, whether it is a course of life, a change in season of living, a new year of work, school, or general alteration of any thing, we are a people who, by the virtue of our relationship with the Lord, turn to His Word for the help and comfort our lives long to receive. His Word is our source for the strength of every day and the supply of every step in our sometimes difficult way. I hope you know, "I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord."

**Coming Wednesday Night  
February 14th....**

**Love Is....**  
*The Appetizer*

**Love Is...**  
*The Main Course*

**Love Is...**  
*Dessert*

*Worship & Dinner at 6 P.M.  
in the Fellowship hall*

*More Details To Come....*

**JUNIOR HIGH FIRESIDE  
@ ASHLEY SHELTON'S**



**YOUTH ON HIS PATH**  
*Praise Apply Teach Heighten*  
Craig Shelton

January 24  
LIGHTHOUSE  
5-7 Dakota &  
Houston Hudgins /  
Alex Seagraves

January 28  
SENIOR HIGH  
FIRESIDE  
7-9 Mike & Belinda  
Potts

February 2  
5TH QUARTER  
After game – 11:30  
Fellowship Hall

February 11  
JUNIOR HIGH  
FIRESIDE  
7-9 Elkins & Jacobs

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  
Gatlinburg

**WE HAD A GOOD CROWD AND A GREAT TIME** at the Junior High Fireside Sunday night! Thank you to Barry, Melissa & Ashley Shelton for opening up their home and hosting and to Anita Allen for her help too! The food was as wonderful as the setting. We enjoyed a theme for the night of "Love." We played a few games and ended the night with a devo from I John 4.

**THE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT** is February 16-18 at Camp Meribah. Our theme is "Home Hunters" as we look at Hebrews 13:14. We will have a lot of fun, make a lot of memories and better focus on our search for home. Applications are available at the Youth News Board. Pick one up for yourself and one for your friends. Return with payment by Feb 12.

**"WHEN I PRAY, COINCIDENCES HAPPEN** and when I don't, they don't." -William Temple. When you pray, do you have any doubt? Doubt that God is listening, that you are being heard or that you just don't know how to say what you need to? Mark 11:24-25 says, *"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."* God is listening and He understands the heart as well. Pray the difficult, the questionable, even the indescribable. I love Romans 8:26 that tells us, *"Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."* Keep praying, Keep talking, keep groaning. God hears and He answers. Just don't think it coincidence when He does...

**Follow His path, -Craig**

## February Celebrations



Fronia Nash  
101 years old  
February 6, 2018.  
602 Nash Road,  
Nunnally, TN 37137



Coleen Williams  
82 Years Old  
February 6, 2018



Doug & Maxine Shepherd  
301 Walrose Circle  
Searcy, Arkansas 72143  
Married 61 Years  
February 9, 2018

## A Drop Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for *Eva Marie Fakes*, infant daughter of Matthew & Jenny Fakes, on Sunday, January 21st & 28th. You may drop-off your gift on the table in the big lobby.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

*January 21st:*  
\$ 11,082.40

*Camp:* \$ 151.10

**BUDGET**  
\$ 12,987.00

## Thank You

### The Family of Texie Holladay writes:

"What a beautiful gift of wind chimes you have given each and everyone of us in the memory of our mother-Texie Holladay! As the gentle breezes set off the resonance of the wind chimes, we will be reminded of our mother's gentle spirit and the giving hearts of those at Centerville Church of Christ. For that we are forever thankful. God Bless you all."

*The Holladays - Joe, Jan, Judy, Jay*

Ann Hooten writes: " I appreciate so much the cards, texts, calls, and food everyone sent while I was recovering. Still cannot use my right hand for much but I am fine. John Ed has to use his good hand so we have a set. It has worked out well. Again, I am so appreciative every day for my church family."

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in honor of Texie Holladay by Robert & Carolyn King.

...a donation has been given to the Bobby Morrison Scholarship Fund in honor of Bill McDonald by the family of Robert Owen Prince.

Home: Floy Gatewood, 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

"I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side."

- Abraham Lincoln

Please Pray for



...Doyle Rushton is in Critical Care at St. Thomas West following surgery for a gastric bleed.

...Coleen Williams will have knee replacement surgery on January 24th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Eva Marie Fakes, infant baby girl of Matthew and Jenny, is in the NICU at Centennial Women's Center.

...Kathy McDonald will be undergoing tests and will be having a biopsy in the coming days.

...Bob McDonald has been diagnosed with Wilson's Disease and will be going to Vanderbilt for treatment.

...Louise Leathers, mother of Debbie Bradley, is undergoing tests.

### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Jimmy Reece, John Bradley, Karen Tarkington Rogers, Jeff Lynn, Ann Hooten, 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: Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, Cale Baggett, Kathy Brown, Wayne Harvill, David Talley, Linda Truett, 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

### Nursing Home:

Life Care Center: Opal Roder, Seth Armstrong, 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

Place Stamp  
Here

## Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



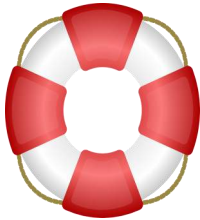
Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis



## Life-Line

Daily Updates & Devotional Message  
931-729-5055

## Prayer Week Of January 28

S.M.W.  
Luke Worsham  
S.E.W.  
Robert Bowman  
W.E.B.S.  
Ward Mayberry

S.M.D.  
Scott Bailey  
S.E.D.  
Brett Martin  
W.E.D.  
Houston Hudgins

## Read Scripture

*January 28:*  
*Cody Woods*

*February 4:*  
*Don Roder*

## Elder's Prayer

*January 28: Lonnie Gilliam*



**"His Word"**  
Books available  
in main lobby  
Sunday  
following  
worship service.

**\$7.00**