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"I Hope You Know"

Commitment may seem too strong of a word, too foreign of a concept in our world today. Unfortunately the concept of fading commitment is infiltrating the church, the people of God. Yet commitment has to be at the heart of who we are and why we do what we do, or else it will merely be an act, a dismal portrayal of what Christianity has been called to be and do in this world. Commitment has to be at the core of our lives for Christ. Commitment is understood by athletes, soldiers, civil servants, and most other conscientious hearts. However, commitment as a concept seems to be evolving and has evolved in some respects, in definition. Commitment seems to be better understood as something that one "possesses" in spirit and attitude, but perhaps not always in action. Our challenge as men and women of faith is to measure if this accurately communicates the commitment we claim.

Jesus knows something of preparing daily, for one moment in life that will make all the difference. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, tell us more about the moment of Jesus in the Garden, while John tells us more about the motive of Jesus in the Garden. Matthew, Mark, and Luke, tell us about the moment of Jesus crying out to the Father (Matthew 26:39, Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42). John tells us about the motive of Jesus confirming the will of the Father (John 18:11). Matthew, Mark, and Luke describe the moment with words like, "agony, sorrow, troubled, and deeply distressed." John describes the moment as deliberate (John 18:11).

Where do you find motivation? When we lose our way, when we lose our focus, and when we lose our understanding of what matters, we begin to worry and focus on those issues and matters which mean nothing to



the furtherance and protection of souls. We're motivated when it comes to the things which interest us, when those things are our concern, but when it comes to being motivated for interests which transcend ourselves, we waiver. We're motivated when it comes to red states and blue states, Democrat vs. Republican, policies and politics; but our voice wains when it comes to the oneness of the church (Matthew 16:18), the one baptism (Ephesians 4:5), and the One command above all others, to love one another (John 13:24).

Our Lord was motivated by a will, outside His will, but one He received with eagerness and willingness to accept and embrace. He knew it was a better will, a higher will, and a greater will, but He knew it was a challenged will. "Jesus answered, 'I have told you that I am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way, that the saying might be fulfilled which He spoke, 'Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none'" (John 18:8-9). Are we motivated by passion, the desire, the need to confirm the life of the Lord Jesus in the presence of others? Are we motivated to be deliberate in our attitudes and actions for the sake of the Lord? I hope you know the Lord is faithfully committed to us and we should surrender nothing less than faithful commitment to Him.



“CENTERED SISTERS”

The idea of making good Christian friends is often communicated to young people.

We stress to our children and grandchildren that it is imperative to wisely choose friends and to love their Christian family. While those are admirable things for the young, we often overlook the importance of Christian friends in our own lives.

When we obeyed Jesus in baptism we became family. There are times in our traditional families that life, time and space separate us; the same holds true in our Christian families. Becoming a Centered Sister allows us to form a new bond with someone that we may have known of for a long time, but have not really known. It may also allow us to become friends with someone that we have never shared much time with. Either way, participating in Centered Sisters is an opportunity to more deeply cherish those God has placed around us and to continue to stay focused on our goal to be Christ-centered. **Thoughts:**

Pray for her! "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much," James 5:6.

We all need prayer. Learn your sister's needs and the needs of those around her. This way you can better pray for her.

You don't have to purchase gifts for your sister, but feel free to if that's what you enjoy!

Some suggestions to help you let your sister know she's on your mind and in your heart.....

Shower her with cards, notes, and handmade items – or baked goods, or something from your garden.

Share a poem with her, or even a favorite Bible verse. This is about your sister getting to know you, too!

Remember, you may give gifts.....not a requirement, but certainly acceptable!!!

Recognize her special days. Anniversaries and birthdays are important!! If either falls outside of the time set for Centered Sisters, give her a card or gift when she least expects it!! HOWEVER, "slipping up", "missing dates", etc. should not be cause for worry! This is totally an opportunity to lift/build each other up and should be a joyful experience! Take advantage of this ministry to be the light and encouragement that someone needs!

NOTE: We'll all strive to keep our identity a secret – that's what "Centered Sisters" is all about – doing good without recognition!! Disguise your handwriting, have someone else place your cards/gifts on a table at the building for you, ask someone to deliver a baked good to her house for you, etc.

Fun, fun, fun!!!

Hopefully we'll have a large number of ladies to participate!!

However, no matter how many take part, the blessings for all involved will become evident over time.

*"A friend loves at all times"
Proverbs 17:17*

(See Tina Dickerson if you have questions.
More information coming soon!!!)



YOUTH ON HIS PATH

Praise Apply Teach Heighten
Craig Shelton

February 11
SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES
11:30-1:30
Lighthouse
Jeremy &
Meredith Qualls

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

THE FINAL 5TH QUARTER of basketball season and the school year was fantastic! We had a great crowd and a great time being together, eating and playing several games. Thanks to Misty for all her help and to all who joined us.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL PARTY DID NOT DISAPPOINT! The Junior High, Senior High and this year the 20 Somethings all enjoyed the night watching the big game. Each person attending brought their favorite appetizer and a can of soup. Thanks to Matthew & Cissy Dotson, Philip & Alice Anne Jacobs, and Chris & Tiffany Peters for helping Misty & me with the night!

JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT APPLICATIONS are due this coming Sunday! The retreat will be the next weekend, February 16-18 beginning 6pm 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 focus on our search for home. Be sure you get me your application by Sunday and tell your friends. It will be unforgettable!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT / SENIOR HIGH RETREAT APPLICATIONS will be available next week! The retreat is set for March 2-4 in Gatlinburg, TN. The application will give all the details for times leaving, cost, what to bring, and when we will return. I will need the applications back with payment no later than February 25. Make plans now to join us and not miss this always unforgettable weekend!

SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES... This Sunday after worship is just for you! Jeremy & Meredith Qualls have some time planned for you for lunch and activities

beginning in the Lighthouse! The event goes from 11:30 to 1:30. For more info and to be sure they know you are coming, please let Meredith know.

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE FEBRUARY is already here... The retreats are coming this month and the first of March. Before you know it, the end of the school year activities will be here as we honor our Seniors and have all our final events. Don't let this time pass you by and miss being a part of all that is going on. You are always stronger as a Christian when you are with other Christians focused on the same things. Whether that be youth activities, church events or worship services. The more we are together, the more we gain from encouragement, sharing goals and being one, the more we thrive in our relationships with God and one another! Ecclesiastes 4:12 and Proverbs 27:17 are verses I have always used throughout my almost 20 years as a youth minister that seem to always ring true no matter the group. May we realize the truth and the power those verses share to help us as we strive to always...follow his path, -Craig

Thank You...from the Children in Turks & Caicos

"Thank you for praying for us. I really appreciated the gifts. Love you Centerville Church of Christ." *Kaleece*
 " I love my clothes and shoes! Thank you!" *Jalisa*
 "Prayer works! Thank you for everything!" *Vanessa*
 "Thank you for your prayer during the hurricane and for the gift." *Ashanti*
 "To the family in Christ, Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for your kind work and love that you have shown to us the Church of Christ in Providenciales." *Tracy*
 "Thank you for my shoes, clothes, and toys. God bless you. *Rebecca*
 "Thank you for everything. May the lord bless you." *Christa*
 " I love my gifts. I love you all." *Jerry*
 "God Bless you." *Andrew*
 "Thank you for everything you have done. God Bless you." *Sukaina*
 "Thank you for everything you have done. God Bless you. " *Victoria*
 "Thank you for everything you give to me." *Samsan*
 "I like my clothes and shoes." *Keondrde*
 "Thank you for everything and the clothes. God love you." *Hndsonne*
 "God Bless you." *Ali*
 "Thank you for everything. May the Lord bless you." *Christa*
 "Thank you for everything you have done. May God bless you." *Christa*
 "Thank you for the things you have done. God Bless you." *Bianca*
 "I love my stuff. May god bless you." *Ceniah*
 "God Bless you." *Andrew*
 "Thank you very much. May God bless you all." *Camenan*

Come Worship With Us !
Sunday: 9 A.M./ 6 P.M.
Wednesday: 7 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 4:
\$ 19,263.00

Camp: \$ 159.21

BUDGET
\$ 12,987.00

Thank You

Matthew, Jenny & Eva Fakes write:

"Dear Church Family, We can't thank you enough for all your love, support and prayers, it has made all the difference! Your prayers and positive explanations have been heard! Our little blessing Eva Marie Fakes is healthy and strong! She is doing fantastic! We can't wait for the day she gets to meet all those who sent up prayers for her."

Bobby & Joyce Mayberry write: " We appreciate very much the "Lend A Hand" Ministry, namely Sam Chessor & Bobby McFarlin, who went out to place the mailbox in the ground for Louise Bates. Louise & J.T. were long time members of the church."

Baptism



We rejoice with Sharla Bush who was baptized February 2, 2018 by members of the Jail Ministry.

A Baby Shower!



There will be a baby shower for Tyler & Rebecca Schmidt on Sunday, February 11, 2018 at the Outreach Center from 1-2:30. It's a boy! They are registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby!

Competition



Anna Kate McDonald will be attending UCA Nationals cheer competition this weekend with her school cheer squad.



...Mike Brown is recovering from back surgery at St. Thomas Mid-Town.
 ...Doyle Rushton is recovering at the Life Care Center.
 ...Coleen Williams should return home on Tuesday.
 ...Eva Marie Fakes, infant baby girl of Matthew and Jenny, is at home and doing well.
 ...Louise Leathers, mother of Debbie Bradley, has requested your prayers for upcoming biopsy results.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Carl Burton, Roy Anderson, Brian Pence, Ann Spencer, Louise Leathers, Kathy & Bob McDonald, Jimmy Reece, John Bradley, 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, Jimmy Reece, Bethany Martin, 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

A Baby Boy!



It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Miles & Sydnie Newsom on the birth of a baby boy Friday, February 2, 2018. Benjamin Eli George weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and is 18 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tommie & Glenda Newsom.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ben Mayberry who passed away. To his wife Pearl, son Terry (Mary), brother Thomas Mayberry, all grandchildren, family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

Place Stamp
Here



Wednesday, February 14th

Valentine Day

Dinner and Worship

Fellowship Hall at 6pm

Speaker
Bryan McAlister

Love Is ...
The Appetizer

Love Is ...
The Main Course

Love Is ...
The Dessert



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the mission work in the Turks & Caicos Islands in memory of Johnnie Ruth Denton by The Jeff and Julia Denton Charitable Fund.
...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Texie Holladay by Milford School in Milford, New Jersey.

Sign-up in the foyer if you plan to attend!
Worship and Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
4th Grade and down in the Lighthouse with the Bible Hour Crew!

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

Elder's Prayer
February 11:
Wayne Qualls

Read Scripture
February 1: Ronald Coates

Prayer Week Of February 11

<u>S.M.W.</u> Daniel Dressler	<u>S.M.D.</u> Michael Bryant
<u>S.E.W.</u> Wayne Chessor	<u>S.E.D.</u> Sam Chessor
<u>W.E.B.S.</u> Ken Dickerson	<u>W.E.D.</u> Jake Martin