



## Calvert City Church of Christ

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### ***"A Time to Embrace"***

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I had not heard of the "hug lady" until this past Saturday, January 2, 2016. Because of the political nature of most stories, I usually avoid the national news shows as much as possible. However, that day I happened to be watching the last segment. The news was that the hug lady had died (<http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/fort-hood-s--hug-lady--elizabeth-laird-dies-at-83-594879043885>).

Her name was Elizabeth Laird and her unique relationship with the service men and women of Fort Hood began in 2003. It started rather simply. After one young man hugged her, another wanted to do so, and then another, and so on. It was estimated at her death that she had given over 500,000 hugs. She wanted each soldier to feel loved and appreciated, so she made her way to the base to greet groups, whether large or small. For much of the time, she was in the midst of her own battle with breast cancer.

Elizabeth died Christmas Eve, 2015, at the age of 83. However, that did not occur before she had been visited and hugged by many of those whom she had helped previously. Glowing tributes were offered at her passing, and many people attended her funeral. All of this...because of one simple gesture which anyone can offer.

The hug lady's story reminds me of a couple of things which are so important in living for God. First, we are to appreciate one another. When we are told to love (John 13:34, 35; 1 Corinthians 13:13; 16:14; 1 John 4:11), we are not commanded to embrace. But, hugging is a very clear demonstration of love and appreciation (Acts 20:27).

Secondly, hugging is something any Christian can do. Public speaking ability, in-depth Bible knowledge, as well as many other traits some desire, are not necessary. It is a simple, universal gesture of acceptance and appreciation. You may not be as eloquent, or as wise, or as talented as you would want to be, but you can do something for a brother or sister in Christ that will affect them for many years—hug them. It is a gift that will be returned to you several times over. Truly, there is "a time to embrace" (Ecclesiastes 3:5).

**—Lance Cordle**

## Dates to Remember:

**January 10**—Youth Devotional  
**January 11**—MNftM  
**January 14**—Caring Cooks  
**January 15-17**—Evangelism University  
**January 31**—5th Sunday  
**February 7-11**—Freed-Hardeman University  
 Lectureship

## A Pause . . . And Reflection

Well, the new year is now into it's second week and things are settling down. Some of you have resolved to read the Bible through during this year. I am happy to see that several of the schedules have been taken from the table (apparently for that purpose). Also, it is possible that you have resolved to think more deeply and soundly about Scripture. You may have thought about studying one or two books of the Bible this year instead of just reading through, as described above. That would be a good practice also. Maybe you have looked at your life last year and noticed gaps in your attendance of worship and Bible study throughout the year, and you want to improve in those areas. That would be good for you as well. In whatever you may resolve that is good and right, that would help you to grow closer to God and his people, you can be assured that God himself will help you toward those goals. May God bless you in your pursuit of holiness (Romans 8:31; Hebrews 12:14).

Once again, Laura and I thank you for your kindness and generosity to us during the holidays. Your gifts to us are greatly appreciated.

I hope you have a great week!—Lance

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## Sympathy

Sincere sympathy to **Galen Riley** at the death of his sister, **Alveta Warren**. A graveside service was held Saturday, January 2, at Fooks Cemetery.

## Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCCK, FM—95.7

Sundays 9:00 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

## Birthdays, January 10-16

- ♦ January 13—Marley Goheen
- ♦ January 15—Mitzi Roberts
- ♦ January 16—Jennie Devine, Galon Riley

## Romans 6:15-23

## The Gift of God



### Remember in Prayer:

Margaret Redden—ICU, Baptist Health  
Karen Hicks—home from hospital

Andrea Atnip (Stephanie Atnip's daughter),  
Sandy Barlow, Nelda Beth, Kenneth Counce,  
Raymon & Joy Cordle, Billie Davis, Ruth Davis,  
Brent Fortner, Lloyd Glass, Norman Gulley,  
Ruth McDaniel, Rudell & Ernestine Noles,  
Jon Sievertson, Danny Sloan, Joann Will,  
Brenda Williams

### Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

CCC—Betty Clark, Eedra Dossett, Sue Owen  
Brookdale (Emeritus-Paducah)—John Main  
Lake Way Nursing & Rehab—Dora Davis  
Morningside (Paducah)—Bobbie Travis  
Stilley House—Ed Odell, Ralph Steury

**Military:** Cory O'Bryan left for South Korea  
January 4. Please keep him and the O'Bryan  
family in your prayers.



**Record:**  
**January 3, 2015**

Mid-Week (12/30)	139
Sunday Bible Study	177
Sunday Morning Worship	253
Sunday Evening Worship	132
Contribution	\$12,557

## Youth and Family News

With a new year and a new month come new activities! We will be having a youth devotional January 10th. All youth and families are invited to come. Also, in the Sunday morning teen class we will be finishing out our "How To" discipleship series by discussing topics such as "How To: Teach Others About Christ" and "How To: Face Persecution."

Finally, on January 31st, we will end the month with a youth-led evening service as is usual for a fifth Sunday of the month. The youth and family devotional dates for the upcoming quarter will be posted soon and a host sign-up sheet will be posted in the lobby as soon as possible!

As we continue into the new year let us always heed the teachings in Proverbs 3:3,4 which states, *"Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man."*

Have a wonderful week and God bless!  
—Jared

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### Deadliest Drugs Are Legal

The two deadliest drugs in America are tobacco and alcohol, and both are legal. Tobacco kills 500,000 Americans a year and alcohol is linked to 88,000 deaths a year. In addition more than 4.6 million emergency room visits are linked to alcohol. Source: Vox.com and *The Week*, June 26, 2015, page 14.

—from News & Notes section, *Does God Exist?*, November/December, 2015

**January 10, 2016**

**PEW PACKERS 5:45 p.m.**

## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

### **Bible Classes For All Ages**

#### **Those Who Are To Serve:**

**Sunday, January 10, 2016**

#### **10:00 A.M.**

*Song Leader:* Gayle Hall

*Opening Prayer:* William Hamilton

*Closing Prayer:* Dale Roberts

*Convalescent Ctr.* Dennis Driver

Gary Smith

#### **6:00 P.M.**

*Song Leader:* Jared Higginbotham

*Opening Prayer:* Don Thompson

*Closing Prayer:* Garrett Travis

#### **Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

*Announcements:* Nick Darnell

*Song Leader:* Kevin Hunt

*Opening Prayer:* Randy O'Bryan

*Closing Prayer:* Tommy Dawes