



Calvert City Church of Christ

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Facing Tragedy

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 will be remembered as the day that the “unthinkable” happened. Two of our community’s young people died due to gunfire and, just as tragically, the gunfire from a fellow student. The families of the dead and injured are now faced with the task of moving forward after this event. We, as a community, are also faced with that task. What shall we do?

Grieve. Loss has occurred. Loss of life; loss of love, loss of innocence. A significant loss causes, (even demands) grief. Allow yourself to mourn for the dead, and with their families, as well as with the young people who were injured. Anger, disbelief, fear, are all a part of our emotions and vocabulary. Express them in timely and appropriate ways.

Be Kind. All around us are hurting, grieving people. They need love and kindness. Tragedies are often brought about by human beings doing the most horrible things of which they are capable. Thankfully, human beings are also capable of some of the kindest things imaginable. Let us be those who imagine, bring forth and appreciate those wonderful acts of kindness.

Be Thankful. Amidst all the terrible things that did occur, all of us know that things could have been far worse. We are thankful to those who prepared our school officials, teachers and students for this kind of event. It was not prevented, but the impact had to have been less than what could have happened were those things not done. Be thankful to the first-responders who rushed to the scene and then rushed the young people to the hospitals and trauma centers.

Trust God. One question will continue to be expressed in this and other similar events: “Why did God allow this to happen?” It is the wrong question. We don’t know, nor can we know the depths of God’s knowledge and mind (Romans 11:33). However, we can know that God is good (Psalm 100:5). God does not always step in and stop tragedies. If so, the world would essentially stop. With the gift of free will comes responsibility and the knowledge that it will not only be used for good, but that evil choices will be made. We must trust God in all circumstances (Proverbs 3:5, 6) and believe that good will come forth from things that are tragic.

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

January 25—Caring Cooks
January 28—PM Service at 1, NO 6 p.m. Service
February 4-8—FHU Lectureship
February 4-Youth/KFC & Family Activity
February 8—Caring Cooks

A Pause . . . and Reflection

Our hearts are still reeling from the events of Tuesday. Our community has suffered a terrible turn of events. We continue to pray for the families involved and look for ways to help them as we move forward. Through the darkest of circumstances comes the opportunity for us to shine as lights, and to point others to the Light (Matthew 5:16).

It is so hard to believe that the first month of 2018 is basically past. Just a few more days, and February will be here. One of the good things of February is the Freed-Hardeman University Bible Lectureship. Even if you cannot attend, you will have the opportunity to listen to some of the lectures. You will need to register online and follow the instructions to stream the lectures available during the week. For more information, go to: www.fhu.edu/lectureship.

Remember that this coming Sunday is the last Sunday of the month, and as such will be the time in which our second Sunday worship service will be held at 1:00 p.m. instead of the usual 6:00 p.m. This will take place each month on the last Sunday, whether it be the fourth or fifth Sunday.

I hope you have a great week—Lance

*For the Lord is good; his
steadfast love endures
forever, and his faithfulness
to all generations.*
Psalm 100:5

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCKK, FM—95.7

Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to **Mary Smith** and **Nancy Mattingly and family** at the death of their mother, **Ruth McDaniel**. Mrs. McDaniel passed away Friday, January 19. A memorial service will held at a later date in Lexington, KY.

Our hearts are also saddened for the young lives lost and for those who were wounded during the school shooting at Marshall County High School Tuesday, January 23. We are praying for all Marshall County students, staff, their families and our entire community.

Birthdays: January 28-February 3

January 29-Aaron Cox, Gene Dunn,

Cody Freeman

January 31-Kerry Creason, Rheta Harman

February 1-Kelsey Higgins, Dawn Lisanby

February 2-Kevin Hunt



Mission Spotlight: Agape Children's Home and Missions T. Abraham Lincoln

On July 11, 2015 a \$40,400.00 donation by the Calvert City church of Christ was sent to the India church building fund. The donation amounted to about 40% of the cost to build a new much larger building for the Eluru congregation. Missionaries bill and Lola Margaret Hall has worked with this congregation for several years. In an October report T Abraham Lincoln said October was a great month for God's work. After months of waiting approval the new church building plan has been approved and construction is ready to begin. They also converted 3 Hindus, 2 denominational preachers and 9 others were baptized.

—Jackie Travis

Remember in Prayer:

Hazel Demery—back at Calvert Convalescent Center

Jennie Devine—recovering from surgery

Nelda Beth, Norman Bradford, Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis, Ralph & Billie Davis, Jimmy Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Jeff Hall, Imogene Hulsey, George Mabry, Gary Dale Roberts

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—**John Main,**

Jim & Barbara Story

CCC—**Betty Clark, Hazel Demery**

Jackson Oaks—**Betty Burkeen**

Stilley House—**Raymon Cordle, Ed O'Dell,**

Ralph Steury

Military: **Cory O'Bryan**—Ft. Campbell

Last Sunday of the Month

Worship Services

January 28, 2018

Morning Services Regular Schedule

Evening Service at 1 PM

No Potluck Meal

No 6 PM service

Record:

January 21, 2018

Mid-Week (January 17)	No service—snow
Sunday Morning Bible Study	165
Sunday Morning Worship	229
Sunday Evening Worship	139
Contribution	\$10,327

He Will Never Leave

Jack Casey worked for years as a paramedic, and one day he was called to the scene of a traffic accident. A man was trapped in a pick-up that was completely upside down. Making the rescue more dangerous and urgent was the reality that the gas tank was slowly leaking into the cab. One spark could ignite everything and kill both of them.

Jack remembered as a child fearfully facing surgery, and having a nurse promise to stay with him all the way through it. True to her word, she was the first person he saw as he came out of the anesthetic in the recovery room. At great risk, he stayed with the trapped man offering him both his rescue skill and his reassuring presence. Later Jack simply said, "I couldn't leave him."

Hebrews 13 offers these words of divine reassurance: "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you, so that we confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to me?'" The Lord has promised to be there for us in the toughest times of our lives. In our darkest and loneliest experiences, His presence will offer light and the promise of a better day.

We may choose to wander away from Him, but like a good shepherd, He seeks to rescue us. Even in our hour of rebellion, He continues to watch and whisper for us to come home. When the "poisonous fumes" of life come, let us trust in the presence of the Lord, Who will not leave us, but promises to continue to love us.

—Don Loftis

**NO Pew Packers
Sunday, January 28**

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.*

*On the last Sunday of each month, the evening service will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Morning

Song Leader: Ben Leonard

Opening Prayer: Ronnie Cox

Closing Prayer: Robert Hall

Convalescent Center: Robert Hall,
Gary Smith

Evening

Song Leader: Brent Fortner

Opening Prayer: Tommy Dawes

Closing Prayer: Jeff Hall

Wednesday January 31, 2018

Announcements: Lance Cordle

Song Leader: Kevin Hunt

Opening Prayer: Jimmy Smith

Closing Prayer: Dennis Driver