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A message from Pastor Deborah:

JOHN 12:17-19 "Many in the crowd had seen Jesus call Lazarus from the tomb raising him from the dead, and they had heard about this miraculous sign. Then the Pharisees said to each other, there's nothing we can do. Look, everyone has gone after Him!"



**Pastors Mike &
Deborah Clingenpeel**

These Pharisees didn't care about all the good Jesus was doing. The Word of God says in Acts 10:38, "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." Jesus went about doing GOOD, He healed all who came to Him. He fed the thousands, He caused the hearts of the sinners to turn and repent, but the religious leaders of His day, who claimed to have the true word of God, who claimed to be the authority in all things pertaining to God, hated Jesus because He came on the scene and revealed the true heart of the Father God, with miraculous signs and wonders that confirmed Jesus's ministry. If these Pharisees really

loved God and were really sincere they would have backed their very own, they would have believed Jesus was who He said He was for the miraculous works He did, but all they cared about was losing their own notoriety. These religious leaders didn't love God or people, they loved themselves. If they had admitted Jesus was God and followed Him, they then would have had to humble themselves and lay down their own self-righteous agendas. All they cared about was numbers of followers. How many people are following Jesus rather than following us!

Sad to say, it is still like this in church today. There are still those who don't even believe in the miraculous power and anointing of God to flow through His people. Jesus told Martha and Mary that they would witness the glory of God when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The Word of God states we are now the BODY of Christ, God's hands and feet and are to go into all the world and preach and teach the message of God's unconditional love and grace and it is CHRIST IN US, HIS church who is now carrying the GLORY OF JESUS, for all the world to see. The way we reveal the glory of God is with signs, wonders, and miracles.

The glory of God which Jesus performed when He raised Lazarus from the dead is still alive and well in the world today, and the good news is, it is growing. As the deep darkness invades the earth, God's glory, His miraculous power to reveal His love and His grace is arising in His people like never before. There will still be those like the religious leaders in Jesus' day who will not be partakers of His glory, but it will not stop God from His plan to heal the sick, raise the dead, set the emotional and downcast free, and bring them into His Kingdom. There will be nothing or no one who can stop the glory of God which is going to invade the earth, just like they could not stop Jesus. Jesus was only crucified because He chose to be. He willingly laid down His life so many could come into His family, His kingdom and live eternally with Him, and be His crowning jewels in this earth to reveal the beauty of the fragrance of His grace and His glory! God loves for His people to believe in His grace, His ability within them, this is how the Father is glorified, when His glory is revealed through YOU!

"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you." Isaiah 60:1-2

In our Sunday Morning Class we are currently finishing Section III of Relationship University and we will be taking a break for the holidays beginning in November. The first Sunday of 2027, Jan. 3rd, we will begin a study on the Covenants of the Bible.

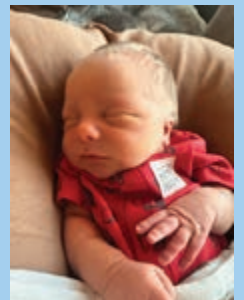


**Facilitator
Elizabeth Sharp**

**Mid-Week Bible Study
will be taking a break
on Oct. 14th for the
coming holidays,
it will resume again
in the spring.**



**Congratulations!!
To Mallory & Matt Garrett
on the birth of their son.**



**Max Thomas Garrett
Born: 8/18/26
7lbs 5oz / 19"**





BlissBliss-Lang & Renee Bliss

For more than 40 years, Lang and Renee Bliss have made music their life's work. They married in 1986, and in 1995 they began the journey as artists too, signing their first record deal with REX Records as BlissBliss. Renee's path to that deal ran through some of the biggest stages in Christian music, singing background vocals on Amy Grant's largest tours. Reunion Records, the label owned by Amy's management, then asked her to sign as a recording artist. Lang had moved from California to Nashville to become a professional drummer, and he ended up touring with a long list of CCM artists, including

Geoff Moore and the Distance, Michael W Smith and Rich Mullins. After decades of chasing success in the music business, everything, so to speak, crashed and burned. Out of the wreckage came some realizations.

"We came to the end of ourselves, which in the long run was a good thing. God intervened in our lives in such an amazing way and we found out about the finished work. It was the truth that we so desperately needed and it changed everything."

A door of opportunity came through a drum set. Longtime friend Joni Nichols, worship leader at Charis Christian Fellowship (CCF), asked Lang to help the church buy one. As he talked with Joni and co-pastor Michael Clingenpeel, he found them a very good set and began sitting in with the worship team.

"CCF was the first church we attended that taught the finished work of Jesus, and we had been so hungry to find a church like that. We were so excited to hear the good news of Jesus and His grace every week through Pastor Deborah, and knew that we had found THAT church!"

Lang said, "I guess you could say I found them a drum set and we found our home church!"

"We feel confident in our hearts that we're doing what God made us for. We continue to pursue the calling He put on our hearts way back when, and that includes an event God gave us the download on, called The Dream Restoration Show which we do a weekly podcast of on our YouTube channel. It's all morphed and grown to include encouraging others in their callings as well."

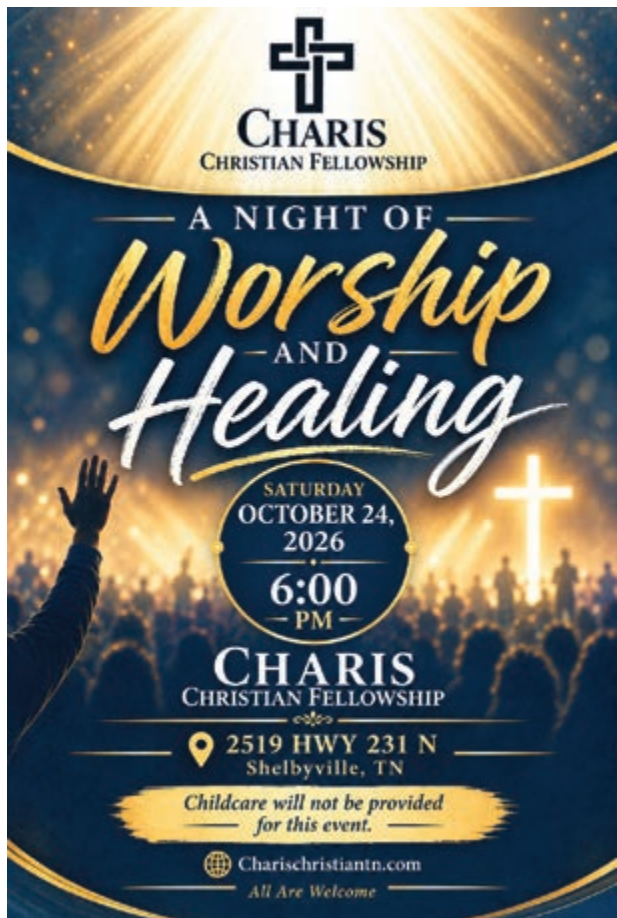
You can find BlissBliss and more about Lang and Renee online at:

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CHARIS KIDS

We have been discussing, How God is a God who refreshes us, when we are weary, tired, or feel defeated. We know no matter what comes against us in our lives, we are ready and refreshed to face it with the help of our Lord. Our memory verse for this study is

Psalms 34:8, 'Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.'



Our CCF Family WELCOMES YOU!

COME JOIN US ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

from 9:00 - 10:00 for our Sunday Morning Class
and then stay for morning worship at 10:30.

Come and join us! We look forward to meeting you!