

CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
2:00-4:00 PM • CAMP MERIBAH

THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED!

TRUNK OR TREAT • FACE PAINTING
PETTING ZOO • PONY RIDES • HAY RIDE • PLAYGROUND

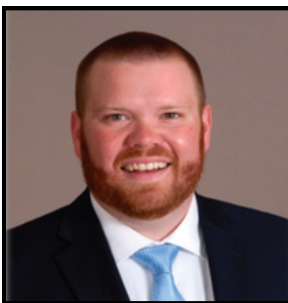
HOT DOGS • GUMBO • POPCORN • DRINKS • SWEET TREATS
COLLEGE FOOTBALL ON THE BIG SCREEN

WE STILL NEED TRUNKS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

The
**SHEPHERD'S
—PEN—**

Paul writes in Romans 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." We sing "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness." The world offers many uncertain hopes, but Jesus offers a hope that is secure, eternal, and unfailing. We live in a world with disappointments. People place their hope in money, careers, relationships, government, and even other people. Many discover these hopes can fail, but biblical hope is different. It is a confident expectation based on the promises of God. The world's hope is often uncertain. The Christian's hope is founded upon the finished work of Jesus. The Christian has a hope that will never disappoint. Hebrew writer writes in Hebrews 6:19, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." This hope does not disappoint because it serves as an anchor to hold the soul firm and steadfast with God. It takes hold of the blessings reserved in heaven and enabled us to be bold for God and his truth. God's love is the foundation of our hope. Paul does not say we hope because we love God, but rather we hope because God loves us. Paul continued to write in Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were sinners, Christ died for us." The cross is the greatest proof of God's love giving us hope. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders



ALONG THE WAY

CARTER HOOVER

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 28
**THE HAUNTED
LIGHTHOUSE**
YAM'S

OCTOBER 30
**5th QUARTER:
GLOW VOLLEYBALL**

OCTOBER 31
**HALLOWEEN
ON THE HILL**

NOVEMBER 8
**JR & SR HIGH
FIRESIDE**
MERFY & MACRAY
QUALLS

NOVEMBER 11
**LIGHTHOUSE
BINGO NIGHT**
JAGGER LAWSON

NOVEMBER 12
PRAYER BREAKFAST
7AM, LIGHTHOUSE

ANOTHER GREAT WEEK IS IN THE BOOKS for our youth group! We enjoyed a wonderful evening at the Lighthouse last week with Jase Jenkins and family serving as our host. We appreciate Jase and everyone who continues to make our Wednesday evenings together so enjoyable!

WHAT A NIGHT AT CAMP MERIBAH! We had over 40 students and adults join us for our Jr. & Sr. High Movie Night! The weather was absolutely perfect, and the McCauley family were wonderful hosts. A special thank you to Jeremy Qualls and his crew for providing a little scary fun after our bus mysteriously "got stuck" and students had to walk the road from the ballfield back to camp! It was a night full of laughter, fellowship, and memories that will last a long time.

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL IS ALMOST HERE, and we are looking forward to another wonderful opportunity to welcome our community! We still need more vehicles for trunk-or-treat, and if you are available, we would love to have your help! I have always said that Halloween on the Hill is just as much fun for adults as it is for children. Just ask those who participate year after year--you will not regret being part of it! More importantly, this event gives us an opportunity to reach beyond the walls of our building and connect with families throughout our community. I encourage everyone to invite friends, neighbors, classmates, and families to join us.

SOMETIMES THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE CHRIST begin with something as simple as making someone feel welcome. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus reminds us to let our light shine before others so that God might be glorified. Whether we are hosting students at camp, gathering at the Lighthouse, or welcoming families to Halloween on the Hill, our purpose remains the same. We want people to see Christ in the way we love, serve, and welcome them. Never underestimate what God can accomplish through a simple act of kindness or a personal invitation. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



SYMPATHY

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lovada Burklow who passed away. She was the mother of Garth (Haley) Richardson.

THANK YOU

Kathy Baxter writes: "Thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. In Christian Love..."

Priscilla Barber writes: "I want to thank you all for the beautiful birthday cards. It is so nice to be remembered when you are so old. In Christian Love..."

Aden Weber writes: "Dear Church family, Thank you so much for all of your encouraging comments throughout the last couple of weeks. They mean so much and I am eternally thankful for the church family here at Centerville. Thank you for allowing me to share a portion of God's word with you and may God bless you all."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Contribution
October 11, 2026

\$ 15, 246.02

Camp: \$182.00

October 18, 2026

\$ 13,568.02

Camp: \$ 182.25

Budget:

\$15,075.00

MEMORIAL

...a Memorial has been given to Bennett's Blessings in memory of Bobby Copley by Douglas Baker, Kimberly Baker, and Mary Patton.



...Faye Dotson is recovering at home.

...David McMeen is recovering at home after having heart surgery. His address is: 2505 Mobley Ridge Road Duck River, TN. 38454

...John Bradley had a heart cath on Monday morning at Centennial Hospital. He got a good report and no stents were needed.

Recovering From Surgery Or Other

Illness: Sandra Barber, Alden Chilton, Sharon Rogers, Judy Gordon, Chris Scott, Allen Walker, Chris Scott, Bobby McCoy, Cathie Copley, David Nash

Dealing With Cancer:

Frances McMeen, Woody Woodruff, Matt Howell, Lynda Walton, Rufus Woodard, Linda Thomasson, Nick McNabb, Dale Thomas, Ed Sullivan

Home: Ann Johnston, Billie Sue True, Janet Barber, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Wanda Givens

Nursing Home: Life Care Center:

John Thomas Givens, Joanna Campbell, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Larry Talley

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Gospel Meeting at the Sylvia Church of Christ
November 6-8, 2026 Speaker: Steve Baggett
Friday & Saturday, November 6 & 7 7 P.M.
Sunday, November 8 10 A.M., 11:00 A.M. & 2:00 P.M.
Pot Luck Lunch after Sunday morning worship!
1002 Church Road, Dickson, TN 37055

Fall Gospel Meeting at the Columbia Avenue Church of Christ
November 8, 2026 Bible Study at 10:00 A.M.
Worship: 11 A.M. Followed by lunch 2p Afternoon Worship
Speaker: Kenneth Fleming Jr.



The Senior Group's next outing will be November 13, 2026. We will go to Paula Deen's restaurant in Opry Mills. We will leave the parking lot at 4p. Please sign the list in the lobby so that reservations can be made. If you have questions, contact George Bragg at 931-994-1714.

CCOC KIDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Rehearsals begin Sunday nights in November during Bible Hour

≡ All Church Night • December 6 ≡

Ages 2 years-5th Grade



CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEED PRAYER?

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

If you have a prayer request, we would be honored to pray for you.



CONTACT THE OFFICE

Call or stop by during office hours to share your request.



REACH OUT TO AN ELDER OR MINISTER

You are always welcome to speak with one of our elders or ministers.

Those To Serve In October

PRESIDE

October 25
Cecil Qualls

*Please Be Assembled
Up Front By 8:55*

LEFT SIDE

Philip Jacobs
John Jacobs
Bryce Hughes
Sam Brown

RIGHT SIDE:

Chris Buchanan
Heath Buchanan
Shaun Lawson
Jagger Lawson

PM CHAPEL

Jase Jenkins
Johnathan Jenkins

COMMUNION PREP. **October 25**

Andy & Jenny Weber

READ SCRIPTURE **October 25, 2026**

Jonathan Longworth

ELDER'S PRAYER Gary Gatewood

PRAYER WEEK OF **OCTOBER 25**

S.M.W
Derek Newsom

S.M.D
Michael Bryant

S.E.W
James Aydelott

S.E.D
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Marshall Spencer

W.E.D
George Bragg



Tennessee
Children's Home

October Items:

**Bar Soap
Plastic Wrap
Men's Deodorant**

BENEFIT FOR WOODY WOODRUFF

There will be a benefit for Woody Woodruff on October 24 from 10a-4p at the Fairfield Church of Christ. If you can help with set-up, clean-up, or help serve food during the day, please sign the list in the foyer. We also need canned drinks, bottled water and baskets for the silent auction. All help will greatly be appreciated!! You can deliver all items to the Fairfield Church on Friday, October 23rd. The fellowship hall will be open at 1:00pm.