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Moments That Matter

Matthew Dotson

-While it's quite difficult to believe, summer is beginning to draw to a close. As usual it has been a full and busy summer here at Centerville, with multiple events being held and people being helped. I want to offer a tremendous THANK YOU to all of you who helped in any way with our 60th Annual Vacation Bible School, Camp Meribah, potluck meals, Camp Kerusso/Daughters of the King, 4th of July celebration, bereavement meals, cleanups, school supply drives, and so much more! What a blessed and rich people we are to have so many great events going on and so many good people to make these things happen! You are appreciated and admired by many—never forget it.

-And the summer is not quite over just yet: on Sunday night we will have our "Back-to-School Watermelon Feast!" Our elders will lead a prayer service on behalf of our school system and we will have a short devotional message before going outside to enjoy some *extremely large* watermelons together (I've heard they are being flown in via helicopter, though that could be a bit of an over-exaggeration). I hope you're planning to join us for this enjoyable evening and will bring a friend (or two) along.

-The exciting summer for our Young Adult Ministry (YAM) continues! Through our first three weeks of summer volleyball we have had great crowds of more than 35 young men and women to join us, many of whom are visitors. It has been so wonderful to share together in evening worship, food, games, and fellowship! Our final summer volleyball night will be July 29 following the watermelon "feast." Also, on Saturday, August 4 we'll be holding our Summer Sendoff Cookout at the home of Mike and Belinda Potts in Totty's Bend. We would *love* for all of our "YAMs" to join us for this event as we bid farewell to summer and prepare for many in our group to return to college.



-Mark your calendars now: SUNDAY, AUGUST 26 will be our annual Friends Day! We will be sharing more information with you about this special day in the weeks ahead, but needless to say we are praying that it will be another momentous day in the life of this congregation. It is our hope that *every family* will be here and bring another family with them. Additionally, if you are reading this and are somewhere outside the County of Hickman, we pray you can make travel arrangements to be a part of our worship on that Lord's Day. August 26—we'll see you then!

-I hope you were as encouraged as I was on the evening of July 15. It was on that night that several of our young men led our worship services, and what a tremendous job they did! Griffin Elkins' lesson was well-thought-out and timely. Luke Worsham's singing was inspired. Jake Martin, Weston Elkins, and Jared Brown did an outstanding job in their roles as well. They are an encouragement to us all, and I appreciate the work Carter is doing with them. I'm already looking forward to the next time these young men—and others—will stand before us and lead.

-James 4:14 asks the question, "For what is your life?" It's a great question to consider and even discuss. The question may even cause us to question ourselves and how we are living. (Continued pg. 2)

(Continued pg.1) However, James doesn't leave us there, as we are quickly given the answer: "It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." We understand our lives are busy and trying to deny that fact is futile. But we come back to the question, "What is your life?" In the "little time" we have, will we be involved in the Lord's work: worshipping Him, serving others, studying His Word, fellowshipping with our brethren and seeking to save the lost? Or will we get caught up in wasting our time, energy, and money on things which will one day expire? Jesus would say in...

- Matthew 6:19-21, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

-May we come to know the difference between the moments that matter and the ones that don't, and may we fill our days storing up "treasures in Heaven" before the days "vanish away."

God bless, Matthew



Baptism

...We rejoice with Joseph McCauley who was baptized July 15, 2018 by his grandfather Daniel Dressler.

...We rejoice with Lee Gay who was baptized on July 16, 2018. She is a friend of Joe & Carol Bates.

Prayer Requests

...Bob McDonald has requested your prayers. He is dealing with some health problems. Let us give Bob our support and encouragement.

... Glen Weelmas, Eddie Adams, and Bryan Fann have requested prayers to be more spiritual. They are students of the jail ministry.

Carter's Corner



The summer is beginning to wind down, and looking back over the last few weeks it has been an incredible and unforgettable first few months back home in Centerville. Shelby and I are finally beginning to settle in to our new home, new town (Centerville has changed more than you think in the 9 years that I have been gone), and new jobs. The people in Centerville have been so good to our family over the last several weeks, and I am excited to begin a new chapter of our lives serving and working alongside the congregation here in Centerville.

Camp Kerusso and Daughters of the King was a tremendous success this past week. 16 young people spent 3 days together learning how to serve, lead, teach, and preach as part of the Lord's Church. It was great to be able to spend time getting to know the youth group, as well as seeing all of the many talents that our speakers presented to the teens. A big thanks goes to Shelby, Griffin Elkins, and Kinzie Lynch for all the help they did cooking and chaperoning during camp.

Don't forget about our Jackson-ati Blast that is planned for Thursday, July 26. We are leaving from the Bus Garage at 8:00am for a fun-filled day at Lamberts Cafe in Sikeston, MO, a tour of the West TN Safari Park in Alamo, TN, and ending the day with a Jackson Generals game that evening. Everyone should sign the list on the youth board and turn in their \$20 by Wednesday night, July 25th.

We have a busy Sunday coming up this week. Sunday morning following services the young men are heading to Coble to conduct morning services. Chayten Casaus will be preaching, and I hope that many of you are making plans to attend to support our young people. Following evening worship services Sunday night, we will be having our Back-to-School Watermelon Feast on the church lawn. I hope that everyone will join us for a night of prayer for the upcoming school year as well as a time of fun and fellowship to follow.

In His Service,

Carter



Brighten Someone's Day With A Card Or Note....

Sympathy



Carl Burton 1930-2018

We express our sympathy to the family of Carl Burton who passed away. Mr. Burton had been a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years where he and his wife Faye were faithful members. To his sons Carl Burton Jr., Robert Burton, Richard Burton, his daughter Angie Pickard (Devin), step sons Jeff (Debbie) and Joel (Tabby) Breece, all grandchildren family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Sue England who passed away in Dickson. She was the sister of Faye Dotson.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Oma Garland who passed away. She was the mother of George (Cindy) Garland and the grandmother of Beth (Jose) Valdovinos and Brad (Kristen) Garland.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lonnie Qualls who passed away. To his wife Marie, children Ray (Shelda), Mark (Tammie) Louis (Erin), daughter Priscilla (Randy) Dillard, all grandchildren family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Hubert Tanner who passed away. He was the grandfather of Justin (Emily) Atkinson and the uncle of Melissa Stoltz and Helen Simmons.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Elsie Lancaster who passed away at the age of 104. She was the aunt of Bobby (Sandy) McFarlin.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION:

July 15, 2018: 10,810.49 Camp: \$186.00 July 22, 2018: \$12,511.80 Camp: \$110.05 BUDGET

Thank You

\$12,987.00

<u>Charles Horner writes</u>: "I would like to thank everyone who sent me a card for my birthday. It was so nice to be remembered."

Ruth Reece writes: " I would like to thank everyone that remembered me on my birthday with cards and good wishes. I am still receiving care and encouragement since the loss of Jimmy. This helps me through some lonesome days. Love and appreciate my wonderful church family."

Fay Burton writes: "Words cannot express the good works of our church in honor of Carl Burton. Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, gift and the food that was sent to the funeral home. Your expression of love was overwhelming. Love, Fay."

Guy & Janet Barber write: "Wow, what a youth group! It was great having them to visit in our home and the lovely dinner was so good! We appreciate Carter, Shelby, and all of those who participated."

Mattie Ayers writes: "Thank you so much for all of the food, cards, calls, visits, and every expression of kindness shown to me during my recent illness and recovery."



FOR SALE!

1998 Blue Bird 35 Passenger plus Driver Diesel Cumming Engine Mileage 67,272 \$10,000 or Best Offer Contact Church Office 931-729-4201



...W.J. Page, father of Cindy Chessor, is in ICU at St. Thomas West. He is improving.

...Sheryl Elkins, mother of Mike, is in rehab. and hopes to go home later this week.

...Hugh David & Gloria Love, aunt & uncle of Letitia Allen, have been dealing with health problems.

...Jerry Yates is recovering from back surgery and doing well.

...Wyatt Aydelott is recovering from eye surgery.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Barbara Baker by the following: George & Mary Sue Bragg and Steve, Joanne & Colton Bragg, Martha & Everett Mayberry.

....a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Barbara Baker, Annette Barber, Marie Bates and Sammye Elrod by Martha Harvill.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Sammye Elrod by Lucy Elrod Tyson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Wayne Harvill by the following: Old Republic National Title Insurance Company, Tom & Carolyn Alderson, Pamela Zimmerman.

...a Memorial has been given to the School Supply Drive in memory of Raymond Truett, Pearl Mayberry, and Carl Burton by Don Luther.

AREA EVENTS...

...Back-To-School Special at the Brushy Church of Christ Sunday, July 29, 2018 Speaker: Mike Kelley "It Takes A Family" 9a Bible Class; 10a Worship followed by fellowship meal & 1p worship.

...Gospel Meeting at the Parham's Chapel Church of Christ August 12-15, 2018. Speaker: Michael Crowder Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sunday-Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Pot-luck lunch following Sunday A.M. Worship.





CONCERNING SCHOLARSHIPS...

Note to new scholarship recipients: Please furnish your Student Identification Number for the academic year 2018-2019 to Carter Hoover, Ward Mayberry, or the church office not later than 1 Aug 18.

Read Scripture

July 29: Matthew Kincade August 5: Mike Brown

Elder's Prayer

July 29: Míke Goodpasture

Prayer Week Of July 29

S.M.W.
Cody Woods
S.E.W.
Mark Chessor
W.E.B.S.
Robert Bowman

S.M.D.
Colby Shelton
S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover
W.E.D.
Jake Martin