

CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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“From Where I Sit”



To God be the glory, GREAT things He hath done! We had two great worship services this past Sunday! It is always my prayer that you look forward to and that you always plan to be at every service of worship to God. This Sunday will be no different, and Sunday evening will be our annual "All Church Night" get together. I hope you are planning now to be here on Sunday to worship and to fellowship.

The greatest blessing in life is to really know God. The God, who created you, provides for you and gave His Son to die for you wants to have a relationship with you. He longs to be known by you. And through the sacrifice of Jesus, we can truly know Him. And in fact, in some respects He is infinitely more knowable than any other person. Jeremiah 31:33-34 says, *"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."* From the least of them to the greatest, says the living God.

No matter who you are, no matter what you've done, you can know the living God of love. Knowing God is no longer reserved for those individually appointed as His leaders. Knowing God is no longer reserved for just those like David, Isaiah, Peter and Paul. All of us have equal access to the living God. And from the place of knowing God, we are granted the ability to experience His incredible attributes and be blessed by a greater awareness of our union with Him. When we seek to know God, the Bible is clear that we begin to experience His love (Romans 5:5), hear His voice (John 10:27), and know His peace (2 Thessalonians 3:16). When we center our lives on knowing God, we gain experience with Him like we do with any other personal relationship.

I don't just seek to hear Renee's voice, rather I seek to know her and have a conversation with her as a byproduct of that. I don't just seek the emotion of love from her; but rather, in getting to know her and walking in relationship with her, through the years I experience her affections for me and our relationship deepens and grows stronger. It is the same with God. When we simply seek to know Him we gain experience in return. I pray that as you look at the individual aspects of knowing God as revealed to us in scripture, that your heart is stirred to simply seek a deeper relationship with your heavenly Father. Our Father loved you enough to pay the ultimate price to have a relationship with you. Seek Him FIRST and find a greater depth of understanding of the love He has for you.

See ya Sunday!
God Bless -Todd

All Church Night

Sunday, December 8, 2019
5 P.M. Worship 6 P.M. Dinner

*“Have Yourself A
Merry Little Christmas”*

Recognition of New Members
Presentation of
Volunteer of the Year Award
Christmas Program
“Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest”

Menu:

Ham/Turkey/Dressing

Green Beans

Cranberry Salad

Corn Rolls

Tea/Coffee

Coconut Cake, Carrot Cake,

Chocolate Cake, Pecan Pies,

Christmas Cookies

December Celebrations



James & Tommie
Gadberry
Married 57 Years
December 27, 2019



A.J. & Willie B. Coates
Married 69 Years
December 25, 2019
Willie B. 87 Years Old
December 30, 2019



John T. & Wanda Givens
Married 58 Years
December 31, 2019

Carter's Corner



OUR FIRST EVER FRIENDSGIVING LIGHTHOUSE AT CAMP MERIBAH was a resounding success! Our biggest Lighthouse crowd of the year with over 70 students gathered at camp to share in a delicious Thanksgiving meal. We had one of our biggest Wednesday night bible classes following Friendsgiving, and we were able to write over 100 thank-you cards to some very worthy individuals. It was great to see all of our young people take leadership in our youth program, as they all worked hard inviting their friends to make this momentous night possible.

Upcoming Events

December 4th
The Lighthouse
(Tabitha & Gaylon Cude)

December 7th
**Jr. High
Christmas Party**

December 8th
**Angel Tree Gift
Shopping**

December 11th
**Sunshine Basket
Delivery**

December 15th
**The Progressive
Dinner**

December 18th
**A Lighthouse
Christmas**

December 19th
**Cookies With
Santa**

THE JR. HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY is coming up this Saturday evening from 5:00-7:00. We will enjoy a great holiday meal, attend the annual Centerville Christmas Parade, and play Dirty Christmas. Everyone is asked to bring a \$10-\$15 gift in order to participate in Dirty Christmas. This is always a great night full of food, fun, and a great time to be together. I hope you are making plans to attend!

THIS COMING SUNDAY our Jr. & Sr. High students are invited to go shopping at Cool Springs Galleria for Christmas toys for other needy students in our community. We will be leaving from the church building immediately following morning worship to head to Cool Springs. Students should bring money for lunch at the mall food court, as well as \$10-\$15 to spend on gifts for our Angel Tree gifts. Students are welcome to bring other money to spend on other gifts and shopping as well. We will be back around 4:30 in order to be on time for our evening worship service and All Church Night beginning at 5:00pm.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS FUN when you have a little one in the house. Shelby and I have enjoyed watching Cade soak up all the wonder and fun that this time of year has to offer. We have had our Christmas tree up for about three weeks now and the first thing Cade says when he walks in to our living room is "lights" or "pretty" or "HoHo" (Santa Claus). It is such a blessing to watch the world through the eyes of a child. The psalmist was correct when he wrote in Psalm 127:3 "children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." I hope that you are taking time this week to be thankful for your Children and enjoy spending time with your family during this special time of year also.

Carter Hoover
Youth Minister

Sympathy



Guy Barber 1935-2019

We express our sympathy to the family of Guy Barber who passed away November 18, 2019. Guy and Janet have been members of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. Guy served as a Deacon and they enjoyed Wednesday night devotionals at the Life Care Center and Monday night singings at Tulipwood for several years. To Janet, daughters Sherry Galey (late Danny Galey), Tammy (Shane) Willis, Tracy (Dale) Robinson, grandchildren Holly (Jeffrey) Stewart, Kari (Eric) Pitts, Jill (Kris) Akens, Jana (Randy) Wright, Jenny (Andrew) Weber, Andrew Robinson, Eli Robinson, McKayla DeRidder, great-grandchildren Kamden Akens, Scout Akens, Colton Akens, Abby Akens, Cameron Wright, Claire Wright, Cruze Wright, Aden Weber, and Ava Weber we express our deepest sympathy.



Glen Earl Johnson 1938-2019

...We express our sympathy to the family of Glen Earl Johnson who passed away. Glen Earl and Joyce were members of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. To Joyce, son Glen Earl Jr., daughters Lea Ann (Scott) Bowden, Susan (Tony) Todd, grandchildren Taylor and Emily Todd, Sarah Beth Johnson, Stephen, Julie Anna and Jake Bowden, all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Nov. 24: \$ 10,886.00
 Camp: \$ 181.00
 Dec. 1: \$ 14,806.00
 Camp: \$ 148.00
 Budget: \$12,978.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Jack Wood and Guy Barber by Don Luther and an anonymous donor.
 ...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Guy Barber by the following: Sally Chessor, Randy & Kim James.
 ...a Memorial has been given to the 55+ Senior Ministry in memory of Guy Barber by Jean Barber, Terry Barber Family, Chuck Barber Family, Allen & Fay Robinson.
 ...a Memorial has been given to the Turks & Caicos Building Fund in memory of Guy Barber, Jack Wood and Paul Bryant by John Plemmons, Jr.

Operation Santa Claus



If you are interested in providing a gift for a child please see Becky Coleman or call her at 931-729-3391 Ex. 2225.

Dates To Remember

...Gary Gatewood's Class Christmas Party December 6, 2019 at 6 P.M. at the Lodge. *Transportation can be provided.*
 ...December 11
 Sunshine bags assembled at 7:15 in the lobby. *Please bring candy and snacks to fill the bags.*
 ...December 14 Jail Ministry Holiday Meal
 ...December 14 Wayne Qualls' Class Christmas Party at Ken McDonald Hall 6 P.M.
 ...December 19 Cookies with Santa
 ...December 20 Students dismissed at 10 A.M. Christmas break December 23-January 3.
 ...December 25 No Messenger
 ...December 25 Christmas Day Devo at 7 P.M. in the auditorium

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Wayne Ragsdale who passed away. To his wife Tina and daughter Sidney and son Jonathan (Andrea) we express our deepest sympathy.
 ...We express our sympathy to the family of 102 year old Cleo Anderson who passed away. She was the half-sister of Bobby Roder.

Please Pray For:

...Lonnie Gilliam is in St. Thomas Mid-Town for a few days for therapy.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Laura & Keithen Harris on the birth of a son November 26, 2019. Camden James Harris weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19 inches long. Proud great grandparents are Leon & Elaine Gilbert.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Jose' & Beth Valdovinos on the birth of a daughter November 29, 2019. Caroline Elizabeth weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. And is 19 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are George & Cindy Garland.

Thank You

Ben & Brook Austin write: "We would like to personally thank each and every one of the elders for allowing us to use the church for our wedding. Everything turned out absolutely beautiful, and beyond what we hope and prayed for. There were so many people who helped along the way! For that, we are beyond grateful for such a loving church family. We love each of you! God Bless!"

Randall & Sandra Barber write: "Thank you for the calls, texts, gift cards to Fish Camp and prayers during my surgery and recovery."

The Family of Guy Barber writes:

"Words cannot express our sincere appreciation for all of the visits, prayers, concern and every act of kindness shown to us during Guy's sickness and death. He dearly loved the Centerville Church of Christ. Thank you for the beautiful lanterns and the lovely meal provided for us at the Outreach Center. Thank you to everyone who prepared food and for the ladies who so lovingly helped serve. Your kindness will always be remembered." Janet, Sherry, Tammy, Tracy & Families

Tina (Ken) Dickerson writes: "To be part of the family at Centerville Church of Christ is truly a blessing. All of the many acts of kindness (calls, texts, cards, visits, food, prayers) have truly lifted my spirits and helped speed my recovery. Thank you for your love and care for me and my family. We love you."

Mattie Ayers writes: "Thank you all for the birthday cards, phone calls, food and everything that has been done for me. I appreciate all the help."

Margie Copley writes: "Thank you for the lovely & thoughtful birthday cards. You made my day special."

Requesting Prayers

...Felicia Roberson has requested your prayers as she faces challenges in her life.
 ...George Simmons has requested your prayers. He has a desire to be better in his Christianity, a better husband, father, and example.

From the Jail Ministry.....Dana King has requested your prayers for strength to restore her faith. Samantha Dunn has requested your prayers.

"When The Holidays Aren't Happy" is a conversation about grief during the holiday season featuring speaker Bill McDonald. He will discuss the things to remember as we make our way through what was once was the happiest time of the year. The event will take place Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 1:30-4:00 P.M. at the Outreach Center across from the Centerville City Hall on East Swan Street. Refreshments will be provided. Please give the office a call to let us know you hope to be there and how many will be with you. 931-729-4597 or 931-729-3561.



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December Item:

Laundry Detergent & Ravioli

Update From The Mission Committee

We are happy to announce that the building for the church in the Turks and Caicos Islands has been completely paid off as of this month. We wish to extend our sincere gratitude to all of those who contributed to assist in making this possible. God is good, all the time.

Those To Serve In December ...

<p><u>Prayer Week of Dec. 8</u> S.M.W. David Brown S.M.D. Shaun Lawson S.E.W. Wayne Chessor S.E.D. Brett Martin W.E.B.S. Philip Jacobs W.E.D. Cameron Wright</p>	<p><u>Preside Dec. 8</u> Gary Gatewood Dec. 15: Wayne Rediker Dec. 22: Jeremy Qualls Dec. 29: Jim Hudgins Left Side Derek Newsom Michael Harrison Don Roder Hayden Harrison Right Side Joey Hunt Phillip Allen Mark Chessor Phil Griggs</p>	<p><u>Bible Hour:</u> Michael & Michelle Jenkins, Luke Brown, Cameron Peters, Adley Elkins, Dakota Hudgins, Carolyn Alderson Thankful "God Gave His Son" <u>Hungry Hound Pantry Item:</u> Soup</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>DEC.</th> <th colspan="2"><u>BUS DRIVERS</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Andy Weber George Garland</td> <td>A.M. P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td colspan="2">Mike Goodpasture</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>Phillip Allen Patrick Allen</td> <td>A.M. P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td colspan="2">Wayne Rediker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>15</td> <td>Michael Bryant Wayne Rediker</td> <td>A.M. P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18</td> <td colspan="2">Lonnie Mayberry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22</td> <td>John Bradley Phillip Allen</td> <td>A.M. P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25</td> <td colspan="2">Patrick Allen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>29</td> <td>John Bradley Phillip Allen</td> <td>A.M. P.M.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DEC.	<u>BUS DRIVERS</u>		1	Andy Weber George Garland	A.M. P.M.	4	Mike Goodpasture		8	Phillip Allen Patrick Allen	A.M. P.M.	11	Wayne Rediker		15	Michael Bryant Wayne Rediker	A.M. P.M.	18	Lonnie Mayberry		22	John Bradley Phillip Allen	A.M. P.M.	25	Patrick Allen		29	John Bradley Phillip Allen	A.M. P.M.
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<p><u>Elders' Prayer Dec. 8:</u> Mike Goodpasture Dec. 15: Wayne Qualls</p>	<p>USHERS: Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p>	<p><u>NURSERY:</u> Lee Ann Buchanan <u>BAPT. CLOTHING:</u> Betty Litton</p>	<p><u>Greeters For December</u> Wayne & Carolyn Chessor Mark & Shela Chessor Thomas & Cheryl Chessor Jimmy & Cathie Copley</p>																														
<p><u>Read Scripture Dec. 8</u> Brad Davis Dec. 15 Philip Jacobs</p>	<p><u>Prepare Communion Dec. 1 & 8:</u> Charles & Linda Shelton Dec. 15: Wayne & Jean Qualls Dec. 22: Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture Dec. 29: Jerry & Margaret Yates</p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN DEC.</u> Dec. 8: Walker Mayberry, Joseph McCauley, Jackson McDonald, Will McDonald, Major Qualls Dec. 15: Aden Weber, Cameron Wright, Thomas Alderson, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown Dec. 22: Heath Buchanan, Braydon Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson Dec. 29: Dane Gilbert, Eli Jacobs, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson Please be up front by 8:50</p>	<p><u>NURSING HOME SERVICES</u> <u>LIFE CARE CENTER</u> 12/1: Daniel Dressler 12/8 : Shane Willis 12/15: Matthew Dotson 12/22: Fairfield 12/29: Daniel Dressler <u>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</u> 12/1 : Robert Bowman 12/8 : Marshall Spencer 12/15 : John Alderson 12/22: Alan Potts 12/29: Marshall Spencer Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</p>																														
<p><u>Lord's Supper P.M.</u> Heath Buchanan Robert Bowman <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels</u> 12/ 4: Stephen & Lisa Dotson 12/11: Nancy Leathers 12/18: Corene Allen 12/25: Christmas Day PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p>	<p><u>RADIO ROOM DEC.</u> Gaylon Cude Patrick Allen Brian Qualls Bryce Hughes</p>																															