

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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“From Where I Sit”

## New Beginnings



Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19

Words cannot express just how appreciative Renee and I are for all your love and support during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, food, cards and the text messages of encouragement. A big thanks to Matthew for his ability and readiness to preach and teach at a moments notice. You already know this, but we are truly blessed to have Matthew and his wonderful family here at Centerville.

Thanks again for all you have done for Renee and I, our love for this congregation grows deeper each day!

Consider with me this thought; We live in a world of value. What I mean is, depending on the value we place on something will determine how important it will be to us. People today can hoard things of little value while throwing away many of life's most valued treasures. And that seems to have always been the case; Adam and Eve sacrificed paradise in the garden for a moment of recklessness to taste something that was forbidden by God. Esau sold his birthright for some stew. Judas betrayed his greatest friend for some silver.

One of the most amazing things about much of mankind, is that they place a very low value on virtue, morality and hope. There are few things in life that are exceedingly important. Surely a wise person would not think of throwing these things away for things that by comparison, are virtually trash. Jesus taught that His words and His way are like the pearl of great price, worth everything else that one may give up in order to have it.

Christianity is like the hidden treasure that a man found, and he sold all that he had so that he would be able to buy it. It is worth self-denial, suffering whatever is necessary, bearing whatever burden he must in order to have that which deserves to be first in one's life. The words of Jesus still resound: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."* (Matt. 6:33).

Satan is the most ruthless criminal of all. For mere pennies, he can buy off souls that Christ gave His life to save, all because many are poor traders; that never truly learned the value of Christianity and their own soul. Jesus asked, *"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8:36-37).

So to answer our question: What is Your Christianity Worth?- One word sums it up perfectly: EVERYTHING!  
God Bless-Todd

# Jr. High Retreat 2019



**6th Grade**



**7th Grade**



**8th Grade**

# Carter's Corner



I am writing to you today while trying to recover from the hectic schedule that our youth group has gone through over the last several weeks. Although the weather wasn't ideal, the Jr. High Retreat this past weekend was a resounding success! No one knows how to have fun regardless of the situation quite like Jr. High Students. I appreciate the excitement and enthusiasm our middle school age students have for serving the Lord and being part of the youth group. A big thanks goes to Jonathan & Misty Aydelott and Jonathan & Kim Jenkins for helping Shelby and I chaperone our retreat.

As Spring Break approaches, there are still several events planned in the coming weeks that you should be marking your calendars to attend. I am especially looking forward to the Sparks & Intermediates Fishing Rodeo coming up on March 30th at Lake Joy (Lehman's Lake). Clay Chessor will be helping me put on this event to have some fun enjoying beautiful weather (hopefully) and catching fish. More details will be announced about this event in the coming weeks.

Coming off of back-to-back retreat weekends has me reflecting on several thoughts concerning our youth group: First, I could not ask for a finer group of young students to be a part of our youth program. Over the last two weekends I have seen our students show the ability to be great servants, leaders, friends, encouragers, and most importantly, Christians. It will forever be an encouragement to me to be able to spend time with our students. Second, our youth program is anchored by so many great adult volunteers. This statement doesn't only apply to those who went on retreats with us the past weekends, but everyone who serves in so many ways to make the youth program work day in and day out. Third, there is no better way to spend your time than serving the Lord. The past two weeks have been hectic for the Hoover family and at times it can be frustrating balancing both work and personal life. That being said, Shelby

and I both remind each other that even on the busiest or most stressful days that a life lived serving the Lord is more fulfilling, gratifying, and encouraging than any other job on earth. It is an honor and privilege to serve as youth minister here in Centerville. In His Service, Carter

## Upcoming Events

March 18th  
**Sr. High Bible Study**  
6:00-8:00; Lighthouse

March 20th  
**The Lighthouse**  
(Willis, Weber, & Wright)  
5:00-7:00

March 25-29  
**Spring Break Week**

March 30th  
**Sparks & Intermediates Fishing Rodeo**  
(Time TBD)

March 31st  
**Young Men at Coble Church of Christ**

## Sympathy



### Maxine Atkinson

1935-2019

...We express our sympathy to the family of Maxine Atkinson who passed away. To her husband Frank, daughters Susan McNabb and Pam (Herby) Morgan, grandchildren Nick (Amanda) McNabb, Lindsay (Scott) Bailey, great grandchildren Lily, Knox, Sloan, all family and friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Libby Boone who passed away. She was the mother of Eddie Boone.

...We express our sympathy to the family of George Shaw who passed away. He was the brother-in-law of Sandy (Bobby) McFarlin & Reba (Charles) Horner and the husband of Jane Mobley Shaw.

## A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Louie & Rebecca Ruiz on the birth of a son March 8, 2019. Diesel Weikel Ruiz weighed 9 lbs. 11 oz. and is 21 1/2 inches long. Congratulations!

## Bridal Tea



You are invited to a bridal tea honoring Savannah Potts bride elect of Jud Smith, on March 24, 2019 at the Outreach Center from 1:30 -3:00. Savannah is the daughter of Alan & Suzette Potts. Savannah and Jud are registered at Town Crier, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Williams Sonoma, Ye Peddler.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**\$ 10,782.25**

### Camp

**\$149.00**

### BUDGET:

**\$12,978.00**

#### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Kitty Pharris, Barbara Wood, Joyce Mayberry, Joe Plunkett, Billy Garner, Jamie Stoltz, Judy Longworth, Melvin Roberson, Eric Ghant, Al Baltz, Betty Jean Graham, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ruth Reece, Ann Spencer, Dorris Claud, Allene & Thurman Gordon, Bessie Shepard

#### Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing

With Cancer: Jack Wood, Arica Hinson, Ricky Pittman, Susan Irick, Bettie Sparkman, Joe Claud, Debbie Lancaster, Jenny Yearwood, Alice Coble Hobert, Claire Loughrey, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, Kathy Brown, David Talley, Jenny Teet, Linda Mays, Beverly Grimes, Brian Olive, Lovada Burklow, Henrietta Rochelle, Susan Sullivan, Danny Bates, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis, Bonnie Runions, John Beard

Lyme Disease: Anna Ingram Ballou

## Thank You

Teresa Rowe writes: " Thank you all so much for all of the cards, calls, texts and more importantly, all of the prayers. I am grateful for everyone at Centerville Church of Christ! This has been a scary time but you have made it more bearable because I have not been alone. May God always bless you all! With love..."

Michelle Jenkins writes: "Thank you for the cards, food, and all kindness shown to me after my surgery and during my recovery."

Home: Bob McDonald, Bracey Campbell, Frank Atkinson, Guy Barber, Floy Gatewood, Glen Earl Johnson, Martha Leathers, Hattie Delk, Charles Horner, Fronia Nash, Floy Lyell, Alvitea Sunder, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

## THE POWER OF PRAYER



...Angie Odom, mother of Caleb (Stevy), is recovering from surgery. Her address: 179 Swiss Rd. Hohenwald, TN. 38462

...Jessie Seagraves is having a difficult time following back surgery. His address: 2841 Hillcrest Drive Centerville, TN. 37033

...Ruth Reece has been diagnosed with a stress fracture in her hip.

...Kelsey Tidwell, daughter of Karren Tidwell and sister of Cassidy Orton, has requested your prayers for her unborn baby. She has been diagnosed with an umbilical cord anomaly.

...Todd Parsley has returned home from the hospital after being treated for an infection.

...Greg McCord is in ICU at St. Thomas West due to having problems with his heart. *No Visitors Please*

...Claudine Morrison is recovering at home after spending some time in the local hospital.

...Eric Pitts (Kari), son-in-law of Sherry Galey, is in St. Thomas Mid-Town with pancreatitis.

...Joe Plunkett suffered a severe stroke and is in Horizon Medical Center.

### Have you checked out the tracts in the lobby?

Tracts can be used by all to help grow in the faith (II Peter 1:5) Use tracts along with diligent study (II Timothy 2:15) Read to help your understanding of specific topics in scripture and topics that relate to scripture (John 5:39; Acts 17:11; Proverbs 30:5) A few new tracts added this month include:

How to Stop Worrying

Now I'm a Christian, How Do I Grow?

Keeping Yourself Saved

Building Great Kids

The tracts change each month. Please take one or more for your spiritual growth in knowledge of the scriptures and related topics.

# Support the Bible Class Challenge!

The Food Truck Will Be Here Thursday,  
March 21, 2019 from the  
**Tennessee Children's Home**  
for the  
SPRING FOOD AND SUPPLY DRIVE



Age 4:  
Kool-Aid (Canisters)

Kindergarten:  
100 % Bottled Apple And Grape Juice

Grades 1 & 2:  
Pop Tarts

Grades 3 & 4:  
Hot Sauce

Grade 5:  
Velveeta Cheese

Jr. High:  
Rotel

Senior High:  
Ravioli

Auditorium Class:  
Toilet Paper

Matthew Dotson's Class  
Paper Towels

Bill McDonald's Class  
Bar Soap

Gary Gatewood's Class  
Kitchen Floor Cleaner

Ward Mayberry's Class  
Men's Deodorant

Wayne Qualls  
Laundry Detergent

Mike Elkins' Class  
13 and 39 Gallon Garbage Bags

Place Stamp  
Here

# SAVE THE DATE

## Vacation Bible School June 10, 11, 12

### Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Maxine Atkinson by Randy & Kim James.

### Area Events

...*Ladies Day* at the East Hill Church of Christ April 13, 2019. 9:30 A.M. East Hill Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Speaker: Denise Martin "*Stitched With Love*" 931-363-2777 [www.easthillchurch.org](http://www.easthillchurch.org) 509 East Madison Street, Pulaski, TN. 38478

...*Ladies Day* at the East Main Church of Christ April 13, 2019. *Sisters In Christ: Serving One Another For Eternity* Speaker: Pam Walker 9-11:30 A.M. Registration & Light Breakfast at 8:15 A.M. Lunch provided at 11:30 A.M. in the Annex. Please RSVP by Monday, April 8th or by phone 615-893-6180 Ext. 3

### Prayer Week Of March 17

S.M.W.  
Randy Wright  
S.E.W.  
Wayne Rediker  
W.E.B.S.  
Craig Shelton

S.M.D.  
Michael Bryant  
SE.D.  
Robert Bowman  
W.E.D.  
Jared Brown

#### Read Scripture

March 17: Ethan Skelton  
March 24: Joey Hunt

#### Elder's Prayer

March 17: Mike Elkins