Spring is finally here and we can see the trees and flowers coming to life again! Sunday was a gorgeous day weather wise and even a better day inside worshipping our God! We have many who are on Spring break this week and are traveling to different places to enjoy a period of spring break rest. We pray that they have a safe and peaceful time and that they return to us rested and rejuvenated.

It has been over 150 years since the following words were written:
"If you can induce a community to doubt the genuineness and authenticity of the scriptures, to question the reality and obligations of religion; to hesitate, undeciding. Whether there be any such thing as virtue or vice; whether there be an eternal state of retribution beyond the grave; or whether there be any such being as God. You have broken down the barriers of virtue, and hoisted the flood gates of immorality and crime."

These thoughts are from the McGuffey's Reader of 1854, the book from which most of our great-great-grandparents learned to read. Yes, they are quite clear, very specific and extremely critical of a mindset that now has taken over our own nation’s thinking process. Some may think these words are so ancient that they can have no relevance to our modern way of life. However, reading the remainder of the comments from this honored source, it is obvious that we are experiencing today just what McGuffey warned about then:
"I need not say that when a people have once done this they can no longer exist as a tranquil and happy people. Every bond that holds society together would be ruptured: fraud and treachery would take place of confidence between man and man; the tribunals would be scenes of bribery and injustice, perjury, ambition and revenge would walk through the land, and render it more the dwelling place of savage beasts than the tranquil abode of civilized, Christianized men and women."

It can be a bit eerie that a book used as a primary reader 150 years ago could so accurately portray what a society can become when its foundations are abandoned. I think McGuffey's term "savage beasts" describes much of human behavior today. Was he not right in stating that giving up the principles of the BIBLE would result in chaos and immorality? Surely we can see that if abandoning Bible principles results in immorality, then going back to the Bible is the way back to civilized behavior. The scriptures remind us of this throughout the word as well. "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Do we trust God? Do we trust His words, the Bible, as His complete and absolute truth to guide our lives today? Remember Paul the inspired writer's words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3:16-17:
"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteous, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work".

See you Sunday! God Bless -Todd
Please Join Us For
Ladies’ Day
At the Centerville Church of Christ
Saturday April 13, 2019
Speaker: Janie Jones
Registration: 9:00-9:20 A.M.

Light Breakfast
Presentation by Janie Jones
Door Prizes
Program concludes with lunch at 11 A.M.
Sign-Up In the lobby or email tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org or call the church office at 931-729-4201 by April 1, 2019

Carter’s Corner

By the time you are reading this, Spring Break Week will be well underway! As much as I hate to admit it, Shelby and I have allowed ourselves to be spread too thin over the last few weeks so it is wonderful to be able to take a week to relax and get caught up on some much needed time with our family.

If you have a child that is in the Sparks & Intermediates age, I hope you are making plans to attend the Fishing Rodeo this Saturday afternoon from 4:00-6:00. We will have food for the whole family, as well as some fishing supplies for those of you who don’t have a fishing pole. At the time of this writing, there is a 90% chance of thunderstorms on Saturday. If the weather doesn’t cooperate with us for our event, we will postpone the fishing rodeo and try to reschedule for a later date. Keep an eye on the youth group Facebook or Instagram account, or subscribe to the “Remind” youth group text messages to state in-the-know for this event.

There is one change to the Spring Calendar that I want to make everyone aware of. The Golden Age Banquet scheduled for Thursday evening, April 11th has been postponed due to several scheduling conflicts with the baseball, softball, soccer, and tennis teams.

There are a lot of great youth group events planned for the remainder of the school year and into the summer. We will begin working on the Summer Calendar in the next few weeks and I hope that you all are excited to return from Spring Break renewed and ready to be involved in our youth program. If you haven’t been involved in our youth group, there is no better time than now to make the decision to become active.

In His Service, Carter

Spring Break
March 25-29
Spring Break Week
March 30th
Sparks & Intermediates Fishing Rodeo (4:00-6:00)
March 31st
Young Men at Coble Church of Christ
April 3rd
Lighthouse (Parsley)
April 14th
Jr. High Fireside (Totty)

March 25-29
Spring Break Schools Closed
Devotional in auditorium on Wednesday, March 27, 2019

...April 7th Family Meeting Following 6 P.M. Worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone bring finger foods
We will enjoy a time of worship, fellowship, and an update on our Website, Youth, Budget and Benevolence Programs

...April 13th Ladies’ Day at the Centerville Church of Christ Sign-Up Today
...April 19th Good Friday-Schools Closed
...April 20th Sparks & Intermediates Egg Hunt & Kite Flight at Camp Meribah
...April 21 Easter Sunday
...April 28 Worship At Camp Meribah 6 P.M. Dinner Served
**CONTRIBUTION**

$10,544.50

Camp

$112.00

**BUDGET:**

$12,978.00

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Compassionate Homecare: Opal Roder, Margaret Smithson, Donnie Primm, Seth Armstrong, Pearl Gordon, Mary Helen Barber, Betty Claud, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley, Nellie Kalosis, Bobby Breece, Jim & Jean Wright

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**Come Worship With Us!**

Centerville Church of Christ  
138 North Central Avenue  
Centerville, TN  37033  
Sunday: 9 A.M./ 6 P.M.  
Wednesday: 7 P.M.

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**Thank You**

Ruth McFarlin writes: “I would like to thank everyone for the cards I received on my birthday. They really made my birthday more special. In Christian love…”

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**Area Events**

**Special 5th Sunday Worship Service** at the Brushy Church of Christ Sunday, March 31, 2019. 774 Hwy. 48 South Centerville, Tennessee 37033 Speaker: Cole Wade 9 A.M. Bible Class 10 A.M. Worship followed by a fellowship meal and 1 P.M. Worship service

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**A Baby Boy!**

Congratulations to Michael & Caitlin Forsythe on the birth of a son November 15, 2018. Samuel David Chaffin weighed 9 lbs. 12 ozs. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Samuel has twin sisters Madeline & Eleanor age 5 1/2 years. Grandparents are Andy & Abbie Forsythe and Paul & Wanda Corvin. Great grandparents are Ann Johnston and Mike & Debbie Sherman.
Thanks to everyone who donated to the Spring Hill Children’s Home. Also thanks to the 1st and 2nd grade Wednesday night classes who helped gather all of the supplies and take them downstairs. Special thanks to Meredith Qualls for organizing the classroom challenge!

Prayer Week Of March 31

S.M.W.
Robert Bowman
S.E.W.
Alan Potts
W.E.B.S.
Ryan McDonald

S.M.D.
David Brown
S.E.D.
Mike Brown
W.E.D.
Brett Martin

Read Scripture
March 31: Ken Dickerson
April 7: Shaun Lawson

Elder’s Prayer
March 31:
Mike Goodpasture