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“From Where I Sit”



What a privilege to be able to gather on the first day of the week to worship God with folks who love the Lord with all their heart and soul. You are an encouragement to me each time we come together. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Over the years I have been accused of over emphasizing the part baptism plays in the salvation of sinners. In view of what the Bible teaches, I do not see how this could be possible.

There are five passages in the New Testament that mention both baptism and salvation in the same verse. (Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Romans 6:4, Acts 22:16, 1 Peter 3:21) In all of these passages, water baptism precedes the remission of sins. Do you know of a passage where the order is reversed?

Mark 16:16 contains two conditions for salvation: faith and baptism. It also contains the conditions for damnation: a lack of faith. If you want to know what you must do to be lost, it will tell you — all that is necessary is a lack of faith. If you want to know what to do to be saved from your past sins — it commands you to believe and be baptized.

In Acts 2:38, Peter told a group of believers to "repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." Our religious friends often focus on the word "for" in this passage and insist it means "because of," even though it is never translated that way in any reputable translation of the Bible. We have to remind them that if baptism is "because of" the remission of sins, then so is repentance. Baptism and repentance are joined by the little word "and." Whatever one is "for" the other is "for."

After we are buried with Christ in baptism, we are raised to walk in a newness of life. This new life comes after baptism in water. Many preachers want to "bury" the "new man," since they claim the newness of life comes before our "burial."

Three days after the Lord appeared to Saul of Tarsus, Ananias told Saul to "arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins" Acts 22:16. Many preachers today claim Saul was saved three days before Ananias met him. Ananias must not have known it, for he told Saul how to "wash away" his sins. If Saul had been saved on the road as some preachers claim, he must have been the most miserable saved man in the Bible. Saul was blind and spent three days praying and fasting until Ananias arrived.

1 Peter 3:21 states "baptism doth also now save us." However, baptism is not the only condition for the salvation of the alien sinner. Other requirements must be met, like faith, repentance, and love. I do not know of anything "alone" that will save a sinner, not even faith (James 2:24).

Have a great week, See ya Sunday! God Bless -Todd

Please Join Us For

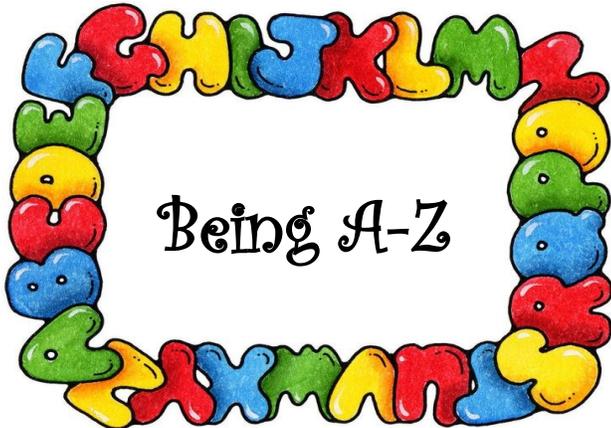
Ladies' Day

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

PLACING MEMBERSHIP



We want to welcome Stephanie & Macie Garrett to our church family! Stephanie is the Assistant Director of Day School and Macie is a student at Austin Peay. Their address is: 5916 Baker Loop Lyles, TN. 37098 Welcome!

Carter's Corner



It is a great blessing to enjoy a week of time off with my family. I hope that your Spring Break week was fantastic, and that you are looking forward to finishing this school year with the youth group.

Senior information packets are being sent to the Class of 2019 this week. If you do not receive an information packet from me in the next several days, make sure to let me know. Senior Sunday is set for Sunday, May 19th.

We are in the process of planning the calendar of events for the summer quarter of youth activities. There are lots of great programs for our youth to be involved in. Be on the lookout for calendars for the new quarter coming out very soon. This is going to be another great summer in Centerville!

Applications are now available for anyone that wishes to apply for the Morrison Nicks Scholarship. Applications can be picked up in the church lobby, or on our church website by clicking on the "about us" page, and then clicking "members." Applications for incoming freshmen in the fall of 2019 or anyone who has never applied for the scholarship are due by Sunday, April 21st. Students who have received the scholarship in the past and would like to reapply should submit their applications by Sunday, April 28th.

In His Service, Carter



The
Shepherd's
Pen

It is hard to believe we are in the month of April and the first quarter of the year is behind us. We have, in last three months, had Todd Parsley and

his wife Renee begin working with us. There has been 4 baptisms, 1 restoration, and 2 families placing membership plus many visitors in worship service. Our hearts were saddened by 2 deaths in our church family, but comfort is found knowing they have gone home to be with the Lord. There are exciting days ahead, so plan on being involved.

As we jump into the month of April, it will be a busy time. This coming Sunday evening we will have our first *Family Meeting* of the year. The worship service will be in the fellowship hall at 6pm. Following a time of worship, we will have a finger food fellowship and a family meeting. Plan on being in attendance and bring your favorite finger food. The month of April will bring the *Annual Ladies' Day, Egg Hunt and Kite Flight, Easter Sunday*, and we will conclude the month with an evening *worship service at Camp Meribah*.

It seems time has a way of passing quickly. In the year 1959, this church began a radio program on the local station each Sunday morning at 7:30am entitled "*The Gospel in Word and Song*". Sixty years later this program continues to be on the air each Sunday morning, as many continue to listen and benefit from its broadcast. We appreciate the time that Matthew Dotson gives each week to continue this ministry. Please mark your calendar for *Sunday, May 5th*. David Shannon, President of Freed Hardeman University, will be speaking at the AM service.

These words were printed in the Messenger, March 15, 1959. "*Some Christians are like wheelbarrows, they have to be pushed. Some Christians are like balloons, all ready to blow up. Some Christians are like kittens, contented only when petted. Some Christians are like trailers, they have to be pulled.*" Let us all be a Christian that is an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged! Your Elders

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to John & Brandi Plemmons, III on the birth of a daughter March 27, 2019. Madalyn Olivia Plemmons weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandfather is John Plemmons, Jr.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bob Garner who passed away. He was the nephew of Doyle & Marge Rushton.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Darlene Jack who passed away. She was the cousin of George & Nanette Simmons.

Requesting Prayers

Malinda Bogle has requested your prayers as she rededicates her life to Christ and strives to live a Christian life. Her address: 1802 Thompson Lane Centerville, TN 37033

Scholarship Applications

Morrison Nicks Scholarship Applications... are available on-line or in the church lobby. For on-line applications: *About Us* tab-click on *members*. First time applicants: Deadline is April 21, 2019. Those currently receiving scholarships, applications are due April 28, 2019.

RESIGNATION



Dorris Claud has stated that due to his health he is no longer able to serve as a deacon. We appreciate

Dorris and Marjorie for the years of service to the Centerville Church of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

\$ 13,059.00

Camp

\$196.22

BUDGET:

\$12,978.00

Thank You

The family of Maxine Atkinson writes: "To the Centerville Church of Christ, Our family is blessed to be a part of this church family. We can't say enough, the wonderful visits, the food, the gifts, the cards, and most of all the love shown to each one of us. God is good, and each of you make a very hard loss more acceptable. May God bless each one of you." *With love, Frank Atkinson, Susan McNabb, Pam Morgan*

Dorris Claud writes: "Thank you for the beautiful cards that were sent to me on my 80th birthday. It is so hard to not be able to attend the church services after all the years I have been there. Please keep me in your prayers."

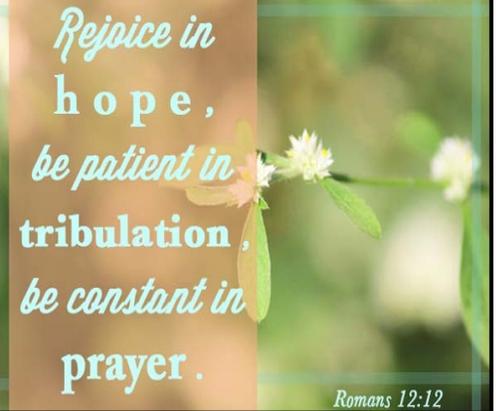
Lonnie Horner writes: "I would like to thank everyone who came to see me, sent cards, or ask about me during my time in the hospital. With your help and support and the Lords help, this has made my recovery easier. May God bless you and keep you."

In Christian love, Lonnie D. Horner
The Family of Alyssa Aydelott writes: "Thank you for all the calls, visits, and prayers the past few days. We meet with the doctors on Thursday to discuss our surgery options in the coming weeks. Please continue to pray for Alyssa. We love you all!"

Eric & Kari Pitts write: " Thank you all for the cards, prayers, and concern on Eric's behalf. He still has a way to go. Please continue to remember him in your prayers."

Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE



...David Talley is in Horizon Medical Center in Dickson. He has pneumonia.

...Willie B. Coates will be having physical therapy for several weeks. She would love cards! Her address is: 5010 Trotwood Avenue Columbia, Tennessee 38401

...Eric Ghant will have surgery Thursday, April 11th at St. Thomas West.

...Greg McCord continues to improve and hopes to be moved to a regular room this week.

...Randall Ward will have surgery April 9th for a ruptured disc in his neck at Centennial Hospital.

Home: Frank Atkinson, Guy Barber, Bracey Campbell, 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

SAVE THE DATE...

David Shannon

President of Freed-Hardeman University will speak at The Centerville Church of Christ May 5, 2019
DETAILS TO COME!



APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Place Stamp
Here



Charles & Linda Shelton
Married 52 Years
April 14, 2019



Seth Armstrong
86 Years Old
April 5, 2019

Those To Serve In April

<p>Wait on Table 1st Sunday Wayne Rediker</p> <p>2nd Sunday David Brown</p> <p>3rd Sunday Michael Bryant</p> <p>4th Sunday Clay Chessor</p> <p>Left Side Jared Brown Brett Martin Chris Hughes Joey Hunt</p> <p>Right Side Randy James Chris Buchanan Michael Horner Trevor Buchanan</p>	<p>Prayer Week of April 7 S.M.W. Ken Dickerson</p> <p>S.M.D. Randy James</p> <p>S.E.W. James Aydelott</p> <p>S.E.D. Wyatt Aydelott</p> <p>W.E.B.S. Ward Mayberry</p> <p>W.E.D. Eddie Boone</p>	<p>Read Scripture April 7: Shaun Lawson April 14: Craig Shelton</p>	<p>USHERS: Ronald Coates</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>APRIL</th> <th colspan="2">BUS DRIVERS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/3</td> <td colspan="2">Mike Goodpasture</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/7</td> <td>Andy Weber</td> <td>A.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>George Garland</td> <td>P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/10</td> <td colspan="2">Wayne Rediker</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/14</td> <td>John Bradley</td> <td>A.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Wayne Rediker</td> <td>P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/17</td> <td colspan="2">Phillip Allen</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/21</td> <td>Michael Bryant</td> <td>A.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>George Garland</td> <td>P.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/24</td> <td colspan="2">Lonnie Mayberry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/28</td> <td>John Bradley</td> <td>A.M.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mark Chessor</td> <td>P.M.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	APRIL	BUS DRIVERS		4/3	Mike Goodpasture		4/7	Andy Weber	A.M.		George Garland	P.M.	4/10	Wayne Rediker		4/14	John Bradley	A.M.		Wayne Rediker	P.M.	4/17	Phillip Allen		4/21	Michael Bryant	A.M.		George Garland	P.M.	4/24	Lonnie Mayberry		4/28	John Bradley	A.M.		Mark Chessor	P.M.
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<p>RADIO ROOM: Andy Weber Cody Woods Patrick Allen Weston Elkins</p>	<p>Meals On Wheels 4/3: Wayne & Carolyn Chessor 4/10: Barbara Wood 4/17: Jack Wood 4/24: Jane Talley PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p>	<p>NURSERY Michelle Gilbert BAPTISMAL CLOTHING Cathie Copley</p>	<p>Greeters For April Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture Michael & Mandy Harrison Calvin & Dee Hoover</p>	<p>Elders' Prayer April 7: Wayne Qualls</p>																																							
<p>Lord's Supper P.M. Heath Buchanan Robert Bowman <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p>	<p>Prepare Communion April 7 & 14: George & Cindy Garland April 21 & 28: Gary & Becky Gatewood</p>	<p>NURSING HOME SERVICES</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>LIFE CARE CENTER</th> <th>HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4/7: Daniel Dressler</td> <td>4/7: Robert Bowman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/14: Shane Willis</td> <td>4/14: Marshall Spencer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/21: Matthew Dotson</td> <td>4/21: Mike Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/28: Fairfield</td> <td>4/28: Alan Potts</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			LIFE CARE CENTER	HICKMAN CO. NURSING HOME	4/7: Daniel Dressler	4/7: Robert Bowman	4/14: Shane Willis	4/14: Marshall Spencer	4/21: Matthew Dotson	4/21: Mike Brown	4/28: Fairfield	4/28: Alan Potts	Tulipwood Service: John Bradley																												
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