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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

I hope that you are having a great week so far! There is certainly a lot going on here at Centerville. We are in the middle of camp at Camp Meribah, It was good to have those kids with us for worship Sunday night. Thanks to Clay and Tara and their staff for all of the hard work they put in.

We just finished a very successful Vacation Bible School. Our numbers were up from previous years! A big thanks to Jean Qualls for all the hours of planning and organizing of our VBS. And certainly we thank all those who helped in any way to make VBS what it was. I already look forward to 2020!

The only way that Christianity can become truly meaningful is for us to incorporate it into our daily activities. The idea of a once-a-week, or once-a-month religion is unheard of in God's word. As the people of Israel gathered manna in the wilderness one day at a time, so also the Christian must live for Jesus one day at a time.

Jesus said, *"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me"* (Luke. 9:23). Each day presents new challenges for us to face for the cause of Christ. Before we can effectively face these challenges, we must resolve to give the Lord first place in everything. Taking up the cross of Christ means that we will take our stand with Jesus and live for the One who died on our behalf. It means that we will hold up the cross every day by showing the world what it means to live for Jesus. When this becomes a consistent part of our daily lives, faith in Jesus will have become a truly meaningful experience that will influence the lives of those around us.

Fuel for daily Christian living is supplied in the manna of God's word. Overcoming spiritual obstacles and hindrances is impossible for those who are spiritually malnourished. The Bible commends the Christians at Berea, saying that they *"were more noble-minded than those at Thessalonica, for they received the word of God with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so"* (Acts 17:11). May we be so noble minded as they in searching the Scriptures daily and relying on God's wisdom and strength for help in daily Christian living. As the words to a popular songs says: "Study your Bible and pray everyday...and grow, grow, grow!"

God Bless, Todd

...June 16-21 Camp Meribah Youth Week
 ...June 23-27 Camp Meribah Teen Week
 ...June 29 Jail Ministry Summer Sizzler



**June 30, 2019
 following 7 P.M.
 Worship Service**

**Fireworks, Hot Dogs, Popcorn,
 Drinks, Cookies, Snow Cones!!**

...July 3, 2019 **NO MESSENGER**
 PRINTING OFFICE CLOSED

...July 11-13, 2019 Cedar Point YAM
 ...July 15-22 Mission Trip Craig, Colorado
 ...July 28, 2019 Worship & Family Meeting in Fellowship
 Hall at 6 P.M. Bring Finger Foods-Drinks provided.



Carter's Corner



THE ARTICLE THIS WEEK IS COMING TO YOU from on the hill at Camp Meribah. The 50th year of Youth week is underway with almost 100 campers and staff. We have a great group of young people that are excited to spend the week going to devo, playing team games, searching the ground of Camp Meribah for Kaybo, and, of course, swimming in the City Pool

and the creek.

NEXT WEEK IS TEEN WEEK at Camp. I hope that all of our Jr. & Sr. High students are planning to attend one of the best weeks of the whole Summer. I asked Clay if there was any information about Teen Week that I could leak to the public this week in my article, to which he responded, "everything is too top secret to tell anyone." Take it from me, this year's Teen Week will be one that you do not want to miss.

THE SPIRITUAL THEME Youth Week has been entitled, "Minions," and the key verse has been taken from Joshua 24:15, "...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." I am sure that all of you younger readers or parents with young children have seen the Despicable Me movies, but for those of you who haven't, a Minion in this series of movies are the adorable creatures that faithfully serve the main character of the film. Isn't it our job as Christians to faithfully serve our Heavenly Father? I am thankful for the time this week to be able to study with our younger students about how we can all do a great job of serving our Savior.

In His Service, Carter



Lost:

Black bracelet with silver & gold discs. Please bring to the church office if found. Thanks

Thank You

Polly Chessor Lancaster writes: "Thank you for the beautiful candle lantern in memory of Percy. Your love and thoughtfulness is appreciated."

Paul Bryant writes:

"Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for all the calls, visits, food, cards and prayers during my recent illness. I'm doing better now. Thanks also, from Liz, too, for the sweet anniversary cards sent for our 59th. Its good to be a member of this wonderful church."

Betty Claud writes: "Thanks to everyone for the birthday cards, well wishes, prayers and love on my 86th birthday. It is so great to be loved by so many. In Christian Love..".

Area Events

...4th Annual Craft Festival at the East Hickman High School June 22, 2019 9 A.M.—3 P.M. 7700 Highway 7 Lyles, Tennessee 37098 Enjoy handmade and direct sales goods from across the state. For more info. contact Nikki at 9 3 1 - 9 9 6 - 1 5 0 2 o r nikkimreddon@yahoo.com. Presented by: East Hickman High School Basketball Program/Soar & Score Club.

...Vacation Bible School at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ June 23 @ 9:15 A.M., 5 P.M. June 24-26, 2019. 7 P.M.

....Gospel Meeting at the Aetna Church of Christ June 23-26, 2019. Speaker: Dennis Tidwell Bible Study: 9:45 A.M. Worship: 10:30 Lunch after A.M. services Sunday afternoon Worship: 1 P.M. Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M. Hwy 48 South, Centerville, TN. 37033

...VBS at Plainview Church of Christ, Hazel Green, Alabama Monday July 8-Thursday, July 11, 2019. 6:30-8:30 P.M. Email:office@plainviewcoc.com. Classes: Nursery-5th Grade Adult Class

...Young Preachers Gospel Meeting at the Bon Aqua Church of Christ June 23-24, 2019. Sunday & Monday 7 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

June 16: \$ 12,583.85

Summer Camp Scholarships: \$2,943.25

**BUDGET:
\$12,978.00**

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Jail Ministry in memory of Percy Lancaster by Doug & Maxine Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Helen Barber, Nellie Kalosis, Percy Lancaster and Eric Ghant by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Percy Lancaster and in honor of Polly Lancaster by Sally Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Raymond Truett and Wayne Harvill by Marvin & Lisa Truett.

Baby Shower



There will be a baby shower on June 30, 2019 for Justin & Emily Atkinson from 1:30-3:00 at the Outreach Center. It's a boy!

40 Reasons

People 🤔 You



1. Are You A Loner ? : Proverbs 18:1 " A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgement."

*Presented by: David Shannon
President of Free-Hardeman University
Henderson, TN.*



Recently read on a church sign,
"To Belittle
Is To Be Little"

Please Pray For:

...Tommy Yokely, brother-in-law of Cecil & Donna Qualls, is having serious health problems.

...Tom Latham, brother-in-law of Belinda (Mike) Potts, is recovering from neck surgery.

...Melvin Roberson is recovering at home from an infection.

...Dan Wallace is recovering from shoulder replacement surgery at home.

...Stephen Dotson spent time in the local hospital where he was treated for tick fever.

...Paul Bryant has returned home from the hospital.

...Ruth Alderson is in Maury Regional hospital for tests.

...Diane Hubbs, sister of Margie (Dorris) Claud, is undergoing tests.

...Ann Laura Plunkett, aunt of Charlene (Joey) Hunt, is recovering from surgery.

...John Orton, father of Mike (Dawn), had shoulder surgery Tuesday at Maury Regional Hospital.

Nursing Home: Life Care Center: Fronia Nash, Charles Horner, Donnie Primm, Seth Armstrong, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley, Bobby Breece, Jim Wright
St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Dot Thomas, Marie Boehms, Martha Bates, Jane Lockett, Francis McClanahan, Eltie Davis, Sybil Jenkins
Dickson Health & Rehab.:

Jane Berryman

Bobbie June Kittrell:

8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Recovering from surgery or other

illness: Dickie Wooten, Grace Pinkerton, Robert Bowman, Bradly Qualls, Tava Collingsworth, Barbara Parsley, Eric Pitts, Melvin Roberson, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ruth Reece, Ann Spencer, Dorris Claud, Allene Gordon, Bessie Shepard

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing

With Cancer: Jimmy Jenkins, Richard Breece, Barbara Beard, Susan Hardy, Ronny Pitman, Connie Grimes, Angie Odom, Jack Wood, Arica Hinson, Ricky Pittman, Susan Irick, Joe Claud, 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

Umstead's Update

Place Stamp
Here



Here we are in the thick of camp and it's such an uplifting time! The inspiration and motivation that I receive from listening to the kids sing praises to God is such a powerful experience for me and the other counselors as well. In week two (youth week), we counselors are able to have deeper talks with these children as they understand more as they get older. Personally, I was surprised to become head counselor of three boys. However, I already wouldn't trade the experience for anything. These boys are adamant about reading scripture and learning from the word of God. I thank God for these boys, for this camp, and for this church.
In Christian Love, Sam



CRAFT DAY...

Women of the Congregation: There will be a craft day at the Outreach Center on June 22, 2019. It starts at noon— come and go as you wish. Bring food/snacks to share. You can bring whatever hobby/item to work on; scrapbooking, card making, cross stitching, etc. Call or text *Lisa Dotson* at 478-484-3846 or 931-729-2786. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Week Of June 23

<u>S.M.W.</u> Wayne Chessor	<u>S.M.D.</u> Shaun Lawson
<u>S.E.W.</u> Jeremy Qualls	<u>S.E.D.</u> Calvin Hoover
<u>W.E.B.S.</u> Daniel Dressler	<u>W.E.D.</u> Ken Dickerson

CENTERED SISTERS SALAD SUPPER

All Centered Sisters are invited to the home of Tina Dickerson this coming Tuesday, June 25th at 6pm for a Salad Supper. Bring your favorite salad to share and plan on enjoying a great evening of fellowship. See *Tina* with any questions.

Preside:

June 23:
Marshall Spencer
June 30:
Philip Jacobs

Elder's Prayer
Shane Willis

Read Scripture
June 23:
Luke Worsham
June 30:
Jeremy Qualls