



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



Sunday was a good day! The weather was beautiful, and we had a good crowd assembled to worship. Renee and I are so very thankful and blessed to part of this congregation. There are a lot of things happening here at Centerville and we hope that you will find some area to get involved with. Being involved helps keep us focused and accountable in our goal of eternity with God.

The world's attention this week will be on the pagan holiday of Easter, a man-made day to celebration the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian faith. If there was no resurrection, Christianity is just a hoax, and we are wasting our time in this life worshipping something that isn't real. But the truth is, the event of Jesus resurrection is undeniable. What is the significance of Jesus resurrection? The Bible tells us these facts because of the resurrection of Christ.

**First**, the resurrection is one of the major pieces of evidence that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God. Paul affirmed that Christ is *"declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead"* (Romans 1:4).

**Second**, Jesus resurrection represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. Paul said: *"And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!"* (1 Corinthians 15:17). Jesus was raised from the grave, and our sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel.

**Third**, the resurrection proclaims to the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a supreme ruler. The founders of all man-made religions are dead, and their bodies lie in the ground. But the founder of Christianity, Jesus Christ appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: *"I am the first and the last, I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen."* (Revelation 1:17-18).

**Fourth**, Jesus resurrection proves that physical death is not the end of one's existence. Christ's triumph over death is Heaven's pledge to us that we too will be raised from the grave. This is why Paul said, *"But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"* (1 Corinthians 15:20).

**Fifth**, the Lord's resurrection provides for Christians the ultimate victory over all enemies. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain but was standing again. This same Jesus was *"the lion of the tribe of Judah"* that had overcome his foes. We as Christians too will overcome as a result of His sacrifice and victory over death.

The resurrection of Jesus should be a constant reminder to us of these biblical truths. The resurrection is something that we remember every first day of the week, and not just once a year. Every Lord's Day we honor our Savior's victory over death!

Hope to see you Sunday! -Todd

## Update From The Camp Board

Last month, Derek Newsom informed the camp board that he would be stepping away from the position of Superintendent at Camp Meribah. His last day as superintendent was April 1. The camp board and the elders wish to thank Derek and Rachel for their many years of service to Camp Meribah. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

## Update From Romania

On Monday, April 4, there was a steady flow of guests getting food. We went to the store Sunday evening and purchased \$400 worth of food and then Dragos, our preacher went back and picked up another carload Monday morning yet, by noon the pantry was beginning to look bare again and by the end of the day 350 people had visited!



The picture above shows a tireless (and tired) servant of the Lord. This is Dragos who makes seemingly endless trips to the market to keep the food pantry stocked! Here he is at Metro - a European version of Sam's Club - at 9 PM in the evening getting ready for the next day's visitors.



Despite everything that has happened to them, the ladies who are staying with us are such a blessing! They pitch-in and immediately begin to help with everything from unloading and stocking the pantry to helping our visitors. May God

bless each one of them!

Here is a most precious visitor to our pantry! We have ministered to approximately 1000 people this week! I also continue to be amazed with the kindness of the Romanian people! Even when we approach the checkout buggies filled to overflowing, the cashiers still smile!



## Carter's Corner



WE WERE THANKFUL TO GET OUT OF THE LIGHTHOUSE this past Sunday night, and Sarah and Joseph Isenberg and their family were excellent hosts for our Jr. High Fireside. We were able to take advantage of the beautiful Spring weather and enjoy a wonderful meal from the grill. Thank you to the Isenbergs for hosting us!

WHICH CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG? That answer doesn't matter this Sunday, as we enjoy the Sparks & Intermediates Easter Egg Hunt. We will be hunting eggs rain or shine on Sunday. We will meet in what I call the "New Lobby" following Sunday School to organize our students. We will also offer a smaller area for children age 3 and younger to hunt eggs on their own. Easter Eggs can be dropped off at the church office this week, or placed in the basket in the lobby. We are expecting a big group of egg-hunters this year, so help us provide plenty of eggs!

WHAT'S BETTER THAN A BONUS LIGHTHOUSE? Our youth group has been contacted by Freed-Hardeman's Office of Admissions about hosting a Lighthouse for our students on Wednesday, April 27th. They will provide a meal for us that night as well as answer any questions our students may have about FHU. Note this change to our calendar!

A YOUNG MAN WAS WALKING ALONG A BEACH COVERED with starfish that had washed ashore during a storm. Thousands of starfish lay on the land, slowly dying from being out of water. While taking in this scene, the young man noticed an older gentleman who was slowly but surely throwing the starfish back into the ocean one at a time.

Puzzled, the young man told the old man, "You know you can't save all of them." The old man turned and nodded in agreement. "You're right," said the old man, "but I can save this one." And he continued with his task... How many times in life do we find ourselves looking at overwhelming problems like the young man in this story? Do we choose to give up on the big problems in life instead of focusing on the little things that we can do to slowly make a difference? Let us always remember that no matter the circumstance, we can always find an activity that can help us make a difference. Matthew 5:13-16

In Him, Carter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 17  
CHURCH EGG HUNT

APRIL 20  
LIGHTHOUSE  
GRACIE & SAM  
BROWN

APRIL 24  
CAMP MERIBAH  
SINGING

APRIL 24  
SPARKS &  
INTERMEDIATES  
FISHING RODEO

APRIL 27  
LIGHTHOUSE  
FREED-HARDEMAN  
UNIVERSITY

SIGN UP FOR  
SUMMER CAMP!!!



## Sympathy



**Mary Henrietta Jones  
Murphree  
1925-2022**

We express our sympathy to the family of Mary Henrietta Jones Murphree who passed away. Marietta, as she was known by her friends, was a well known Hickman County Educator. She was a member of the Centerville Church Of Christ until 2008 when a tornado destroyed the house on the family farm and she was forced to move. She loved the Grays Bend community and the people there. We express our sympathy to her daughters Barbara Murphree Bates, Betty Murphree Allen, and daughter-in-law Jan James Murphree, all grandchildren, family and friends.

## Thank You

The Family of Brownie Mayberry writes: "Thank you for the lovely lantern. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and kind words of our Mom. Thank you for the visits to the nursing home. She loved the church."

Priscilla Barber writes: "Thank you for your prayers and beautiful cards."

Linda Smith writes: "Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers, gifts, and food you gave following my recent surgery. It is a blessing to be part of a church family that shows care and concern to it's brothers and sisters. I appreciate all of you."

Bobby McCoy writes: "Thanks to all my friends and members of the Centerville Church of Christ for the prayers, get well cards, phone calls, and church gift cards while I was dealing with pneumonia. Everyone needs a church family like the one on the hill."

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**April 10:  
\$ 11,185.06**

**Camp:  
\$ 200.00**

**Budget:  
\$ 13,532.00**

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Cora Ward by Beam Wealth Advisors.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of Steve and Wanda Turner by the family of Cora Ward.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Virginia Scroggins by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Brownie Mayberry by Doug & Billie Sue True.

## Prayer Request



*Kailey Cannon* asked for prayers and forgiveness as she moves forward into a new chapter in her life. Keep her and

infant son *Hudson* in your prayers and love.

## REVEAL MEAL

CSI: CENTERVILLE



**(College Secret  
Involvement  
Ministry)**

**Sunday, April 24th  
Fellowship Hall  
Immediately following  
morning worship  
(See Tina or Ken Dickerson for more  
information)**

## LET US PRAY

...Marilyn Nash is recovering from back surgery.

...Doug True is in St. Thomas West with pneumonia.

...Cruze Wright, son of Randy & Jana, has been sick for several days and will be undergoing tests.

...George Simmons spent some time in Maury Reginal Hospital for tests on his heart. He has returned home.

...J.B. Brown will be in the local hospital in the coming days for physical therapy.

...Alex Chambers has returned home.

...Kevin Lawson, brother-in-law of Chris & Cyndi Hughes, will be moved to Vanderbilt Stallworth for rehab.

...Daniel Dressler will have knee replacement surgery Monday, April 18th.

## Scholarship Applications...



Scholarship Applications were sent out online. If you did not receive one please contact the church office at 931-729-4201 or email

tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org.

## Save The Date!

*Did You Know?...*

Vacation Bible School

is June 13-15...

Make plans to attend!

## Happy Belated Birthday!



We want to wish Mr. Ernest Griffin a Happy Belated Birthday! His birthday was April 6, 2022. He was 89 Years Old!



Here's a picture of the medicines that Sorina, Dragos' wife, purchases for our guests.

Boys everywhere have a universal love for vehicles! Here's some of our friends with their new toys!



PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

This is my new friend Julien. He and his mom, Alena, stopped by and asked if they could use the microwave at church to heat up Julien's breakfast. He suffers from epilepsy and has problems with his speech. He and his family - he has two older sisters who are studying in school here in Cluj - are from Odessa. They ran a flower shop before having to leave. His dad of course had to stay behind.



The Charis Foundation donated three boxes of toys for the children who visit. Here is Elena, giving Julien some of the toys which were provided. We have also been asked to conduct an English class for children this Friday. I will attempt to help with this - again, with the help of some wonderful Ukrainian ladies who speak English.



### **Prayer Week of April 17**

**S.M.W.**  
Daniel Dressler

**S.M.D.**  
Shaun Lawson

**S.E.W.**  
Kevin Isenberg

**S.E.D.**  
Brad Garland

**W.E.B.S**  
Edgar Beard

**W.E.D.**  
Will McDonald

### **Preside April 17**

Clay Chessor

### **Read Scripture April 17**

*Randy James*

**Elders' Prayer**

Gary Gatewood