



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Using Our Talents"
(Matthew 25:14-15)

Sunday PM
The fool said, "There is no God."
(Psalm 53:1)

9AM and 5PM



This coming Sunday will be our Ministry Fair where we will display most of the ministry opportunities here at Centerville. It will be your opportunity to see if there is a place for you to use the talents that God has given to you to use for His glory.

We all have a talent. You have a talent. I have a talent. Your talent and my talent may not be the same, but yes, we all have a talent. For example, I preach and teach, but none of you have ever heard me lead singing in a worship setting, there is a reason for that! That is not my talent. While I am thankful for those men who can lead singing and use that talent. It helps bring our worship into focus, though I wish I could lead singing, it's not my talent.

Song leading, Prayer, Scripture Reading, Presiding, and Preaching are all very visual and not all of us have the talent to work in that capacity. But, in order for the church to function and to operate for God's glory, there are more roles that need to be fulfilled beyond the most visual roles we see each Sunday morning. **1 Peter 4:8-10** says; *"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in various forms."* The scripture says to "use whatever" talent you have received. This indicates that you have a talent, even if you think you do not. Take a moment and read the Parable of the Talents in **Matthew 25:14-28**. Notice that the master never grumbles about the number of talents each servant has. The master is upset that all were given a talent, but one did not use the talent at all, and that one was cast out.

For everyone to get to heaven and not be left behind we all have a job to do and a God given talent to use. Don't you love Him enough to use your talent! You never know how your talent might help push a person toward following God, so use it for God!

Be here Sunday and find a place, or two or three where you can use those talents. We sure could use you!

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



HELP US REACH OUR SUMER CAMP
SCHOLARSHIP GOAL

29

SCHOLARSHIPS REMAINING

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE \$225.
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE COMBINED.

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

good works MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

Walk through the church lobbies to see all of our "good works" on display. Stop by each table to learn more about our ministries and find ways to get involved..

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 17

LIGHTHOUSE
HEATH BUCHANAN

APRIL 21

GOOD WORKS
MINISTRY FAIR

APRIL 25

JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

APRIL 28

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
SAM BROWN

MAY 1

LIGHTHOUSE
CAMERON WRIGHT

MAY 5

FINAL FIRESIDE
(SHRIMP BOIL ON SWAN)

MAY 5

SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES

PARK DAY
(ENSLEY & EMBERLY
GARLAND)

THE MINISTRY FAIR will be a wonderful day for our church family this Sunday morning. This event started as an idea in December, and the office staff has been thinking, planning, and preparing for this day for several months. I hope you are planning to do your part by attending this Sunday morning and visiting each table prepared by our deacons. This will be a great day for us to display our "good works" while also allowing our members to find ways to get involved.

OUR JR HIGH FIRESIDE this past Sunday night was a great success. We had a wonderful group of young people and a great host in Aden Weber and his family. We enjoyed a delicious meal, a thoughtful devotional, and a fun night of dodgeball in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Weber's for hosting!

CAMP MERIBAH SCHOLARSHIPS are beginning to pour in, which is such a tremendous blessing for the young people in our congregation and community. You can see above my article that we are counting down our scholarship donations each week, and while we have certainly made a dent in our total, there are still plenty of scholarships unspoken for. Consider helping to sponsor a child to attend Camp Meribah today!

Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

April 21, 2024 5 P.M.

DEVOTIONAL Finger Foods



FAMILY MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Bring Your Favorite Finger Foods!



CENTERED SISTERS

Any ladies interested in the Centered Sisters Ministry for 2024-25, There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. A date will be announced soon for drawing of names.



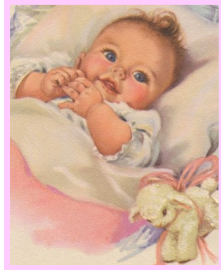
REVEAL MEAL

CSI: CENTERVILLE
(College Secret Involvement Ministry)

Sunday, April 28th
Fellowship Hall

Immediately following morning services & classes
(See Tina or Ken Dickerson for more information)

Mother's Day Request



We would like to honor all Mothers on Sunday, May 12, 2024 following our A.M. worship service by recognizing all babies born since Mother's Day 2023. Please email a picture to: tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

April 14, 2024

\$ 12,438.61

Camp: \$ 200.25

Budget: \$14,186.00



...Ken Dickerson is doing well following outpatient surgery.
...Joanne Bragg, daughter-in-law of George & Mary Sue, is recovering from surgery at home.
...Ann Spencer is in ICU at Jackson

Madison County General Hospital. She has had blood pressure problems and will be getting more intense wound care.

...The results from Becky Gatewood's CAT SCAN and PET SCAN were not as positive as she and Gary had prayed for. The chemo treatments had not been effective in treating her cancer, so a new and different treatment will begin within the next few days. *Please continue your prayers.*

...Melinda Snider, friend of Hannah Longworth, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will be having treatments.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Gift in memory of Loudean Qualls by John Plemmons, Jr.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Joel Knapp who passed away. He was the grandfather of Michelle (Michael) Jenkins.

Baptisms



We rejoice with Michelle Edwards, Samantha Powell, Lauren Coole, Cyric Osburn, David Sawyer, Jeremiah Hinson, and Dwayne Lyle who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Floy Shipp, Jerry Bates, Ruth Staggs, Richard Clayton, Martha Scaife, Trevor Buchanan, Randy Hammer, Al Parsley, Ann Spencer, Wayne Chessor, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Jimmy Mullens, Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Gerald McFarlin, Jessie Seagraves, Tim Blackwell, Frances McCleanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley



The Shepherd's Pen

This coming Sunday will be a good day for this congregation. Following the morning worship service will be the Ministry Fair, as the *good works* of this congregation are displayed. What *good works* are you involved with? If there is none, this is an opportunity to seek out one. Being involved in *good works* is essential to spiritual growth. Paul wrote in Colossians 1:10, "*walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*" Do we have a passion and conviction when it comes to the *good works* for the Lord? As individuals, we can have a passion for things that are not going to last beyond this life. How much more should we as Christians have a passion for what we do to serve God, when what we are doing last for eternity. "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*" (1 Corinthians 15:57) If we say God is important in our lives and we have no passion for serving Him and seeing His kingdom increase here on earth, is He as important to us as we say He is? Our passion and attitude go hand and hand. If we have a positive attitude about something, our passion for it revolves from our attitude. If you have a positive attitude, you should do everything in your power to hold on to it. If you don't have a positive attitude, then don't worry! Attitude is a choice, and you have the power to change it. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Blood Drive **Centerville Church of Christ** **Outreach Center**

Front Room
138 North Central Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

Monday, April 29, 2024
2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CentervilleCoC to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Scan to be directed to RapidPass



Download the Blood Donor App today. Get your digital donor card, schedule your next appointment, track your lifetime donations, view your blood pressure, and follow your donation on its way to a hospital.



Scan to schedule an appointment.

[B]-Owner ID: 1082277 - Mail ID: 7017281 - Qty: 1, U.F.S.: 1,00022 - APLOCID: 0402418 - ARTID: 241142

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Preside

April 21

Garth Richardson

April 28

Bill McDonald

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)

Left Side

Jeremy Barber
Jeremy Qualls
Cory Martin
Major Qualls

Right Side

Ben Austin
Thomas Chessor
Patrick Allen
Barry Shelton

Read Scripture
April 21

George Bragg

Elder's Prayer:
April 21

Craig Shelton

Communion Prep.

April 21

George & Cindy
Garland

April 28

Patricia Skelton

P.M. Communion
In Chapel

Marvin Dorton

Prayer Week of
April 21

S.M.W.
Sam Chessor

S.M.D.
Calvin Hoover

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Jeremy Qualls

W.E.B.S
Edgar Beard

W.E.D.
Jim Prince



Friends & Family Day Meeting
At The Columbia Avenue Church of Christ
Speaker: Jerrick Booker
Pleasant Union Church of Christ
Sunday School 10 A.M. Worship 11 A.M
Followed by lunch Evening Service 2:30

Centerville Church Of Christ

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wednesday: 7 P.M. Classes For All Ages!