



# CENTERVILLE

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



We were blessed again with another beautiful Lord's Day. It was good to have so many visitors here with us. The opportunity to assemble and worship together is a blessing in every sense to me. The spiritual benefits cannot be measured.

This coming Sunday we look forward to our annual singing at Camp Meribah. Hope that you will bring a lawn chair and join us in a time of fellowship and singing.

In Ephesians 5, the apostle Paul mentions three "walks" that the Christian should be aware of. Each one of these is very important for us to make daily application of in our lives as we strive to follow Jesus and walk as He walked.

The first "walk" is mentioned in verse 2, *"and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us..."* Christians are to express the same kind of love as Christ displayed toward us by His sacrifice on the cross. A burning desire that everyone be saved and work toward that end.

The second "walk" mentioned is in verse 8, *"walk as children of light."* Since God's word is representative of light, and Christ embodies light, God's children are to walk in the light or the teachings of the gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4-6).

The third "walk" is mentioned in verse 15, *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise."* The word "circumspectly" is translated as "carefully." The teaching here is to walk carefully and wisely in strict adherence to God's word, guarding ourselves from the world's influences (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:14-18).

The briefest but most praiseworthy epitaph of a man's life is recorded in Genesis 5:22, *"And Enoch walked with God..."* When we come to the end of our life and we cross the river of death, all we really want to hear is "He walked with God." Nothing else really matters.

In our Christian walk, are we walking in love, are we walking as children of the light, are we walking carefully? And is our walk really pleasing to God? What a beautiful thing to be said at the end of our life here on earth "They walked with God".

God Bless -Todd

## Update from Romania - April 17, 2022



Lord willing, this will be my last update from Romania as I plan to travel to Bucharest Monday, make sure my COVID-procedures are in order and the fly back to the USA, Tuesday morning.

This has been another wonderful but difficult week. We learned on Monday that Vitaly, the

man with cancer who needed crutches, passed away. His last wishes were to be returned to Ukraine to be buried. Thanks to your generosity, we are making this happen, working with his wife Oxana (pictured between myself and Sorina) to get him back home.

It was also difficult to say good-bye to friends that I have grown so close to over the past four weeks.

Thankfully, two men from Jonesboro - Randy Simpkins and Mike Manning - arrived on Tuesday and I have "trained" them to assume my responsibilities. Actually, Mike was immediately "thrown into the fray!"

He arrived Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning they had him on the Ukraine Express - the 9+ hour journey to Chernivtsi with Adi and Dragos, an overnight stay at the church there and, then the return trip. I am happy to say they had a successful trip and Mike survived.

I spoke last Sunday in Cluj and taught English classes and have now turned these duties over to Randy. Randy was a little "anxious" about teaching English especially since they also scheduled a children's class for him to teach on Friday.



Thursday, I traveled to Pitesti which is 75 miles north of Bucharest where I was able to reunite with my friends that rode with us from Chernivtsi. I wanted to spend a couple of days with the congregation here. They have a very active English ministry which I was interested in seeing in hopes of

maybe helping with someday.

I also got to mark another item off my bucket list - a trip to Bran Castle. Only 70 miles from Pitesti, the drive is through some of the most idyllic country I have ever seen and the castle exceeded my expectations.

On Friday evening, I got to speak to the High School class at church here. It is always wonderful to make new friends with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

*John*



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## Carter's Corner



IT SEEMS THAT WINTER AND SPRING are fighting it out over which weather will stick around. This was certainly the case this past Sunday, as our late-April Easter Egg Hunt was cloudy, damp, and cool. The weather didn't slow our kids down, however, as hundreds of eggs were collected in what seemed like a few seconds. A special thanks goes to all those who contributed eggs for our hunt, and to our Sr. High students for helping to fill and hide all of the eggs!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 20  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
GRACIE & SAM  
BROWN

APRIL 24  
**CAMP MERIBAH**  
**SINGING**

APRIL 24  
**SPARKS &**  
**INTERMEDIATES**  
**FISHING RODEO**

APRIL 27  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
FREED-HARDEMAN  
UNIVERSITY

MAY 1  
**SPRING SKEET**  
**SHOOT**  
MERIBAH ROCK  
QUARRY

**SIGN UP FOR**  
**SUMMER CAMP!!!**

**GRAB YOUR ROD & REEL** this Sunday afternoon as Todd & Renee host our first-ever Sparks & Intermediates Fishing Rodeo at their pond. We will meet at Todd & Renee's home this Sunday beginning at 2:00 for a fun afternoon of catching Todd's pet 14 lb bass. They have the perfect location for little ones and their parents to practice fishing! Snacks and bait will be provided! Make sure to bring your fishing pole and something to sit on. We will finish at 4:00 with plenty of time to make it up to Camp Meribah for evening worship!

**SENIOR SUNDAY PACKETS** were emailed out to the Class of 2022 last week. If you did not receive an info packet, make sure to let me know. All of the info is due back to me by May 1st. Senior Sunday is set for Sunday, May 15th.

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT** our bonus Lighthouse next Wednesday night, as the Office of Admissions of Freed-Hardeman University will be hosting. They will be available to answer any questions that you have about FHU.

**I HOPE YOU ARE MAKING PLANS** to attend our first (and hopefully annual) Spring Skeet Shoot at the Rock Quarry at Camp Meribah on Sunday, May 1st. This activity is open to all members and visitors of our congregation. We will meet at the quarry for a fun afternoon of skeet shooting. Make plans to bring your own firearm, shells, and a chair. There is a sign-up list in the lobby if you are planning to attend. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



**LIFE-LINE**

Daily Updates & Devotional Message

931-729-5055



**You Are Invited To A  
Bridal Shower For  
Reagan Qualls,  
Bride Elect of  
Slater Springman,  
On Sunday May 1, 2022  
from 1-2:30  
at the Outreach Center.  
Reagan and Slater Are  
Registered at  
Bed, Bath & Beyond  
and Amazon.**

## Area Events.....

...*Spring Sing* at the White Bluff Church of Christ April 24, 2022. 6 P.M. Refreshments and fellowship following. 4416 Hwy. 70E. White Bluff, TN. 37137

...*Shady Grove Stand Cemetery Perpetual Care...* Members cordially invite you to the 32nd annual Spring Meeting at the Shady Grove United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 11a. A Potluck lunch will be shared.

...*Columbia Avenue Church of Christ* invites you to Friends & Family Day April 24, 2022. Guest Speaker: Marricus Ellis Sunday School at 10a; Worship 11a Boxed lunch provided Sunday Evening Worship 2:30p

...*2nd Annual Gateway Celebration* In Song Friday, April 29, 2022 7:00 P.M. to Midnight Hildale Church of Christ 501 Highway 76, Clarksville, TN. 37043

...*Bubbles, Suds, Wheels, And Hope* Car Wash To Benefit Ukraine Fairview Parking Lot May 14, 2022 11:00-3:00 Reserve a slot at [www.reallygreatsite.com](http://www.reallygreatsite.com)

...*Ladies Day at the McEwen Church of Christ* May 14, 2022. Registration @ 8:30 Program: 9-11 A.M. Lunch to follow. 9704 Hwy. 70 East McEwen, TN. 37101

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**April 17:  
\$ 12,835.25**

**Camp:  
\$ 237.00**

**Budget:  
\$ 13,532.00**

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Brownie Mayberry by the following: Doug Shepherd, George & Mary Sue Bragg.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Marietta Murphree and James Lewis by Doug & Billie Sue True.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Brownie Mayberry and Cora Ward by Sally Chessor.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Gary Richard King who passed away. He was the brother of Teresa Carroll.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bill Warren who passed away. He was the brother-in-law of Gary & Becky Gatewood and the uncle of Christy (Randall) Wells.

## Baptism

We rejoice with Robin Matthew who was baptized Saturday, April 16th by Bill McDonald. Robin is the daughter of Debra Brown.



## 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)**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Doug True is recovering at home.  
...J.B. Brown is in the local hospital for therapy.

...Daniel Dressler is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

...Scott Smith is recovering from heart bypass surgery. He and his wife Brenda are friends of Letitia Allen.

...Greg McCord is in ICU at St. Thomas West due to heart problems.

...Sellers Crain is recovering from surgery at home.

...Buster Peters, father of Chris, has been diagnosed with cancer on his brain stem and will be having a procedure done this week.

...Cruze Wright was diagnosed with severe gastritis, an inflammation of the lining of the stomach. He has improved the last few days.

...Wyatt Aydelott will have corrective eye surgery Wednesday, April 20th at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Ann Staggs, sister-in-law of Ruth Staggs, had 2 massive strokes and is very sick.

...Beverly Grimes, sister-in-law of Janet Barber, is in rehab. after falling and breaking her leg. She lives in Battle Creek, Michigan.

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital:  
J.B. Brown

Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehab. Center:  
Kevin Lawson



**SINGING AT THE  
OUTDOOR THEATER AT  
CAMP MERIBAH**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022  
at 4:30 P.M.**

**Bring Your Lawn Chairs!**

## 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](mailto:tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org)



***(Update from John continued)*** Below are some additional pictures of my friends and English students and the trip from Pitesti to Bran and the Castle. There are also a couple of photos from the Sunday church services at Pitesti where I spoke this morning along with "three little angels" that went to the park with me Saturday!



## The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! Great crowd for worship, 544 in attendance. An uplifting service! There were several visitors in the audience and many youngsters participated in the egg hunt following bible classes. This Sunday evening will be our Annual Outdoor Singing at Camp Meribah. It will begin at 4:30pm. Several men will be leading. Song books will be available. The weather looks to be beautiful. Last week the world slowed down for a moment to focus on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The focus should not be an annual remembrance, but a daily assurance of God's promise. *"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."* (John 5:11-13) What difference does that event make? It makes all the difference in the world to us. The resurrection proved beyond all doubt that Jesus was who He claimed to be, the Son of God sent from Heaven to save us from our sins. Because He rose from the dead, we have assurance our salvation is secure. Jesus has opened the way to Heaven for us. *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through. *Your Elders*

### **Prayer Week of April 24**

**S.M.W.**  
Jeremy Qualls

**S.M.D.**  
Derek Newsom

**S.E.W.**  
Sam Chessor

**S.E.D.**  
Brandon McCauley

**W.E.B.S**  
Chris Teet

**W.E.D.**  
Gethlyn Gardner

### **Preside April 24**

Alan Potts

### **Read Scripture**

April 24  
Phil Griggs

### **Elders' Prayer**

Mike Goodpasture