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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

The last month of Sundays have been a pleasant reminder of part of what God intended for the church. The growing numbers have been a blessing and an encouragement. The writer of Hebrews wrote in Hebrews 10:25; *"...exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching"*. I think we may forget the impact and influence that we have on others just by being here for worship. And let's not forget the impact it has on our life as well.

Verse 24 of Hebrews 10 tells us: *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works"*.

Our schedule of activities are once again starting to come back after the last thirteen months of shutdown because of the pandemic. Camp will be just around the corner and with that our annual Vacation Bible School is scheduled the week of June 14-16 as well. The Sunday evening of June 13th we will have our first fellowship since February of 2020, when we will kick off VBS with a Bible times foods fellowship outside after evening service. Then on Sunday, June 27th we will have our 4th of July fellowship with food and fireworks. And the remainder of the year will be busy with other activities. We will this September celebrate the 150-year heritage of the Centerville Church of Christ. I have more information about that a little later. It sure feels good to be putting things on my calendar once again.

We have been made to rejoice the last two-weeks with the baptisms of Dwayne Allen and Mckenna Allen, may God help these new Christians in their new life of following Him.

Things are good here at Centerville, we have a lot to be thankful for! God has continued to bless this church during these difficult times and will always bless us if we are but faithful to Him. Each of you are a vital part of this congregation and I am thankful for your faithfulness and your encouragement. As the words to an old song says, 'Press on! Press on! it won't be very long, Press on!'

See ya Sunday!
God Bless -Todd



Make Plans To Join Us For An
Outdoor Gospel Singing
April 25, 2021
The Rock Quarry
Camp Meribah
 Time: 4 P.M.

Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

We will be running the van and small bus from the church parking lot to the Rock Quarry.

We will start transporting at 3:30.

In Honor Mother's Day!



We would like to honor all Mothers on Sunday, May 9, 2021 during our worship service by recognizing all babies born since Mother's Day 2020.

Please email a picture to:

tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org



Matthew Dotson

Moments That Matter

Exciting times are here! As we head toward summertime, it is a great time to be a part of the work here at Centerville! In recent weeks we have been blessed with baptisms, new members, and impressive levels of attendance. Our congregation has a full schedule of events coming up over the next several months. I encourage each of you to not only be involved in what we have going on, but to also *invite* a friend or neighbor to come partake in the many "happenings" taking place in our church family. The future is very bright!

Speaking of the future, our YAMs (Young Adult Ministry) went "*Back to the Future*" this past weekend, as we enjoyed a spring retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park. We spent time in study from Paul's words in Philippians 3:13-14, "*But one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" We discussed the importance of all Christians learning from their past, living for the present, and focusing on the future which lies ahead. Our retreat consisted of sharing devotional time together, hiking, playing board games, eating good food, and just enjoying one another's company. I'm so thankful for those who chose to spend their weekend with us; especially for Cissy and all her help in making the weekend a success. What an encouragement it was to spend some time "away from it all" with these young people whom we greatly admire!

Paul goes on to tell the Philippians in 4:8, "*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*" All people seem to struggle with living in the moment, yet Paul reminds us that if we will focus on "*these things*," then the present will be more of a gift to each of us. May we, in all moments, live for the *now* while keeping in mind that there is a glorious home that awaits us on the other side of eternity.

God bless,
 Matthew



She speaks

with

WISDOM

and

faithful instruction

is on her TONGUE.

Proverbs 31:26



Financial State Planning

Anyone interested in participating in a *Financial State Planning Workshop* sponsored by Freed Hardeman University please sign the sheet in the foyer. If there is enough interest a date will be scheduled in the future for a Sunday afternoon 2pm to 4pm. The workshop will include *updating latest laws on estate planning (wills / tax laws, etc.) and discussing cases to show the possible impact.* Anyone from the group, who chooses to sign up for a one-hour private session on a later date may do so following the presentation. The private session will allow you to discuss further *situations and needs, draw up a will or change one, or ask more questions. If someone decides to create a will or a trust etc. there will be no charge.* All will be done in privacy at a designated place in the church building. There is no catch! Freed Hardeman is doing this for several congregations who have always been such a blessing to FHU. It is their way of reciprocating those blessings to the church.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Mission Fund for the purchase of Bibles in memory of Floy Gatewood, Melinda DeVore, and Earline Warren.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Roslyn Highfill who passed away. She was the sister of Pam Tooker.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Earline Warren who passed away. She was the sister of Gary (Becky) Gatewood.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Betty Mossow who passed away in Alabama. She was the sister of Marge (Doyle) Rushton.

...We express our sympathy to the family of David Sanders who passed away.



NEW TRACTS...

Check out the new tracts and study sheets on **FAITHFULNESS** in the tract rack located in the front lobby behind the auditorium.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

April 18:
\$ 11,694.65
Camp:
\$ 230.25
Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

Pam Tooker writes: " I would like to thank everyone for all of the sympathy cards I received when my sister died."

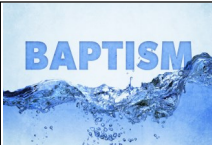
The family of Sue McNabb writes:

"Thanks for the care and love shown to our Granny Sue. The chimes are special. Tulipwood was a huge blessing to her." Love, The McNabb's

Rocky Valley Church of Christ writes:

"Thank you for your financial support during our flooding crisis at the church. We appreciate it and the congregation at Centerville very much."

Baptism



...We rejoice with McKenna Allen who was baptized Sunday, April 18, 2021 by Todd Parsley. McKenna

is the daughter of Dwayne Allen and the granddaughter of Phillip & Letitita Allen.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Cody & Katie Woods on the birth of a son April 17, 2021. Owen Bennett Woods weighed 7 lbs. 11 Ozs. and is 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Cecil & Donna Qualls and

Bryan & Lori Woods. Great grandparents are Martha Leath and Lonnie & Francis Qualls.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Carter & Shelby Hoover on the birth of a daughter April 19, 2021. Ansley Kay Hoover weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and 19.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Todd & Leigh Anne Sanderson and Calvin & Dee Hoover.



...Jerry Yates is recovering from back surgery at Maury Regional and doing well.

...Kathy McDonald is doing well following surgery.

...David Dansby will be undergoing treatments for cancer.

...Katherine Claud Chestnut, (Orval) great niece of Dorris & Margie Claud, has improved and is in a regular room.

...Tony Duncan is recovering at home.

...Please pray for 13 year old Caleb Barker who attends the Taylor Town Church of Christ. He has a severe case of muscular dystrophy.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
 Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Kenneth Dotson, John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Lauran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Wendy Pace, Roy Anderson, Ruth Staggs, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401

YAM Spring Retreat

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Volunteers Needed! Can You Help?



We are needing volunteers to adopt one of these areas to maintain this year. It can be an individual, individuals, or a bible class. If you are interested, please contact James Aydelott. Any needed supplies will be provided.

Prayer Week
Of April 25

S.M.W.
Robert Bowman

S.M.D.
Jonathon Aydelott

S.E.W.
Outdoor Singing

S.E.D.
Outdoor Singing

W.E.B.S.
George Bragg

W.E.D.
John Jacobs

Read Scripture
April 25

Dr. Jerry Nash

Preside
April 25

Brian Qualls

Elder's Prayer
April 25

Mike Elkins