



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

**Worship With Us Sunday**

Sunday AM  
*Peace Beyond Belief*  
(Philippians 4:6-7)  
Sunday PM  
*Annual Outdoor Singing*  
*Lodge at Camp Meribah*

**9AM and 5PM**

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Sunday was another great day of praise and worship to the One who is control of everything. God is truly an awesome God! He has been so good to mankind by giving Jesus Christ His son to die for our sins. He paid the debt that we could never pay and only asks us to love Him and to be faithful and obedient to Him. When one comes to know that, they can begin to experience true happiness in this temporary world.

The big question today is: *Are you happy? What would make you happy?* The appearance is that a great deal of people are unhappy with their lives. While many tell us that we need to be happy, that we need to go out and find happiness, they seem rather shallow in their analysis of what happiness really is and how to be happy.

Why is happiness so elusive for so many, and where can it be found? It is not where most people are looking for it! Our society focuses on externals as the source for happiness. Clothes with the right brand names, a new car, a bigger flat screen television, or a nicer home are supposed to make us happy. Those are just superficial things. Real happiness is not found in the things we have.

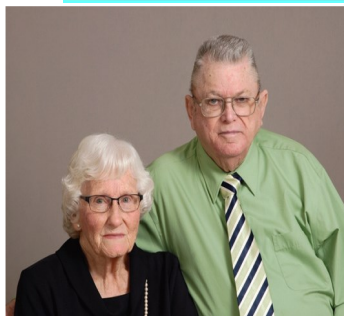
Relationships are another external that are supposed to make one happy. Countless families have been destroyed due to a husband or wife feeling unhappy in their marriage. They believe that a new relationship will make them happy. They walk away usually in an unscriptural manner and their home and family are broken up in the process. Untold repercussions are experienced by the children forced to live without one of their parents. But the unhappy parent justifies their action because of their "need" to be happy. Depending on someone else to make you happy only leads to more unhappiness.

Real happiness is found within. It's been said that happiness is a choice. It's a mindset, a determination to be happy. Happiness should not be primarily dependent upon things or relationships. A person can be fundamentally happy in the face of disappointing, trying, even tragic circumstances. They may not be happy about those circumstances, but those circumstances do not rob them of their happiness.

True happiness is inseparably connected to contentment which also begins with a mindset. The apostle Paul said, "... *I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:*" ( Phil. 4:11 ). Once again, contentment is not dependent upon externals. At the same time, being content does not mean that a person will not try to improve his lot in life. It simply means that his emotional well-being is not determined by externals. A person can be content in difficult times and under difficult situations. He knows how to be content in that he understands even though some situations in his life may be unpleasant he can remain content.

Being content and finding true contentment produces peace within. A person who is content is typically at peace with himself. A faithful Christian has the best opportunity to be happy, Why? Because he has found the peace that results from knowing who he is and what he is about. He is a child of God. He knows that God is there with him as he walks through life every day. He is assured that no matter what this life throws at him, he has that eternal home awaiting him in Heaven. Nothing external related to this world can take that from him. He understands, because he experiences daily, *"the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding"* ( Phil. 4:7 ). Contentment, peace, and true happiness are all related. This coming Sunday we will look at the peace that will bring about true happiness that we can have only in the Lord. I hope you will join us! God Bless -Todd

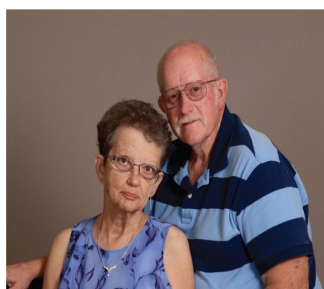
# BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



**Dorris & Marjorie Claud**  
Married 64 Years  
May 2, 2023



**Margaret McCord**  
88 Years Old  
May 6, 2023



**Charles & Reba Horner**  
Married 50 Years  
May 11, 2023



**Ann Johnston**  
90 Years Old  
May 15, 2023



**Ralph Shelton**  
90 Years Old  
May 22, 2023



**Doug Shepherd**  
93 Years Old  
May 30, 2023

## Carter's Corner

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 29**  
**SPARKS &**  
**INTERMEDIATES**  
**FISHING RODEO**  
**TODD'S POND 4-6PM**  
**WEATHER PERMITTING**

**APRIL 30**  
**YOUNG MEN @**  
**COBLE**  
**WYATT AYDELOTT**  
**SPEAKS**

**MAY 3**  
**LIGHTHOUSE DE**  
**MAYO**  
**(ELI JACOBS)**

**MAY 7**  
**SENIOR SUNDAY**

**MAY 17**  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
**"GRILL & CHILL"**  
**(DOTSON & YAMS)**

**DON'T BLINK...**those are exactly my thoughts as the end of the school year draws closer. The last several weeks have been busy for our young people, as the youth group has been very active, Spring sports have been in full swing, and daily life continues to ebb and flow. I often try to remind the youth group (and myself) to be thankful for a busy schedule. So many people would love to have a life filled with purpose and activity, and we should never take for granted the opportunities that being young and active provide.

**WE HAVE ENJOYED TWO GREAT FIRESIDES** the previous two Sunday nights, as Hailee Halliburton and Lillian Jenkins hosted Firesides for their respective groups. Our church family is blessed with so many great families who are willing to set aside their time, effort, and money to help provide for our youth group. A big "thank you" goes to the Halliburton and Jenkins families.

**RAIN, RAIN, STAY AWAY...**that's the tune we should all be singing as we prepare for the Sparks & Intermediates Fishing Rodeo this Saturday from 4-6 pm at Mr. Todd's pond. We have a fun afternoon planned for our young students to enjoy fishing, snacks, and dunking Mr. Todd in the pond! We are monitoring the forecasts to make sure that rain stays away and it isn't too muddy to get together. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram on Friday for the final call regarding this event.

**SENIOR SUNDAY IS ALMOST HERE**, and we hope you are marking your calendars to join us in honoring the Class of 2023. Senior Sunday will take place a week early this year on Sunday, May 7th, due to Mother's Day falling on our usual date. There are **FIFTEEN** graduates that we will recognize that day, and I will have the lesson that morning. I hope you join us!

**HELP WANTED...**Summer Camp is right around the corner, and Shelby and I are on the hunt for several young couples interested in helping with a single week of Camp Meribah. We have an incredible staff of counselors signed up to work this summer, but we still need a few grown-ups to join us on "The Hill" to help ensure that a week of camp runs smoothly. If you would be interested in helping this summer or have any questions, please see me.

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

HELP US PROVIDE

# SUMMER CAMP

## •SCHOLARSHIPS•

**GIVE TODAY!**

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE \$225. PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE COMBINED TO HELP CAMPERS ATTEND CAMP MERIBAH.

# SUMMER CAMP

• Coming Soon •



## Sympathy



**Betty Claud**  
1933-2023

We express our sympathy to the family of Betty Claud who passed away. Betty was a faithful member of the Centerville Church of Christ where she enjoyed working at the Outreach Center and preparing food for those in need. To her daughter Lori (Bill), son Brian, grandchildren Christine, Alex (Rhiana), Katie, Will, Abby, Josie, Brandon, sister Shirley Devore and sister-in-law of Faye Claud we express our deepest sympathy. There will be a graveside service Friday, April 28th at 11a at Nichols Cemetery.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Guy Ward Davidson who passed away. He was the brother of Corene Allen.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Glenn Talley who passed away in Taylor, Michigan. He was the brother of David (Jane) Talley.



We would like to honor all Mothers on Sunday, May 14, 2023 following our A.M. worship service by recognizing all babies born since Mother's Day 2022.

Please email a picture to:  
tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org  
no later than Monday, May 1st.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

April 23, 2023

\$ 12,053.80

Camp: \$ 142.50

Budget: \$13,989.00

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Betty Claud by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Fund in memory of Betty Jo Truett by Don & Vicki Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ruth McFarlin, Winnie Aydelott, and Juanita Garner by Don Luther.

## Thank You

The Family of Juanita Garner writes:

"During a time like this we learn how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered."

The Family of Wayne Gilbert writes:

"A special note of thanks straight from our hearts. Thank you for all the cards, visits, food and calls received for the death of my brother. It was very comforting to know that several of you remembered my brother. We are so blessed to have a wonderful church family."

Tennessee Children's Home writes:

"Dear Friends at Centerville Church of Christ, Each spring and fall we send out a request for help to fill the pantries at our four Tennessee Children's Home Campuses. Thank you for your loyal support. The children in care have basic needs and your caring behind the gift is truly a blessing. Your contribution of food and supplies to the Food and Supply Drive will provide healthy meals to the children in our care. We need more people like you to help make a difference."

Sincerely,  
Glenn Richardson  
Coordinator of Annual Campaigns

**Worship With Us At The  
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!  
Please Join Us!**

But my God shall  
supply all your needs...  
PHILIPPIANS 4:19

Spring  
BLESSINGS

## Please Pray For:

...Judy Rogers is in Richland Place for rehab. (No Visitors At This Time Please)

...Kenny Loveless is recovering well from his heart procedure and preparing for a liver transplant. He deeply appreciates all the prayers.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Kate Peters, Junior Baker, Cori Parks, Karren Tidwell, Martha Ann Scaife, Faye Daniels, Randy Hammer, Kay Shaw, Dottie Cavendar, Mark Vaughn, David Nash, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Joe Van Dyke, Kenny Loveless, Mary Nell Mayberry, Juanita Bowman, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Home: Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

## Baptism



We rejoice with Rob Mitchell (*husband of Hope Parsley Mitchell*) who was baptized April 22, 2023.

His address is:  
103 Jonathan Path  
Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

## Prayer Request



Michael Ford has requested your prayers for an upcoming court date. Michael participates in our Jail Ministry program.



## Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged with working in conjunction with the elders to secure the best format for disbursing funds to scholarship recipients, coordinating meetings and the annual calendar for scholarship committee needs. If necessary, they will re-evaluate the application process in order to best match the proper scholarship award to each recipient and work with the treasurer to make certain the scholarship program remains consistent with the solvency of the fund.



Philip Jacobs  
931-994-7826



Brett Martin  
931-224-4151

## Day School Board

The Day School Board supports the Administrator and Staff in the operations of the Day School. Responsibilities include, but not limited to the following: Approving yearly budgets, setting policies and procedures, reviewing monthly financials, providing input on issues of concern for the Administrator and Staff, addressing special needs or projects, supporting the Administrator in annual review of Staff, and providing an annual review of the Administrator. The Board acts as a liaison between the Day School and the Eldership of the Church.



Clay Chessor  
931-994-9302



Randy James  
931-994-9237

We are featuring the *Deacons* and the *Ministries / Committees* they oversee.



## The Shepherd's Pen

This Sunday evening will be our Annual Outdoor Singing at Camp Meribah. It will begin at 5:00pm. The location will be at the Lodge. Several men will be leading. Song books will be available. Invite someone to join you. *"For I, the LORD your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you.'"* (Isaiah 41:13) When Tommy was eight years old, he attended a college football game in a large stadium with his dad and some of his dad's friends. When they were leaving the stadium, Tommy became separated from the others. When he realized what had happened, tears flooded his face, and he began to sob. He had no idea what to do. Just then, Tommy saw his dad running down the ramp in his direction. As soon as Tommy saw his dad, he was no longer afraid. Tommy is now an adult. When he remembers that day, he understands who God is to him. Knowing God is near, you are better able to manage your fears. The presence of God encourages an absence of fears. *"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*





**OUTDOOR  
SINGING AT  
THE LODGE AT CAMP  
MERIBAH**

Sunday, April 30th at 5 P.M.  
Please Join Us!



### Scripture April 30

Major Qualls

Preside

Luke Worsham

### Elder's Prayer: April 30

Gary Gatewood

### Prayer Week of April 30

S.M.W.  
Randy Wright

S.M.D.  
Eddie Boone

S.E.W.  
Philip Jacobs

S.E.D.  
Chris Peters

W.E.B.S  
Edgar Beard

W.E.D.  
Chris Teet