



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Parsley

Here is another great article from Phil Sanders who will be with us in August for a Gospel Meeting:

"From Where I Sit"

"Some critics have recently suggested that non-instrumental churches of Christ will die. They suggest, because of recent declines, that we are on the edge. It seems they are all too ready to sing an elegy.

Some were saying similar things in the 1890s and early 1900s, when most of the churches of Christ took up the instrument and missionary society, launching into beliefs and behaviors not found in Scripture. In more recent days, many academic leaders have abandoned a firm hold on Biblical authority, redefining what it means for the Bible to be inspired of God and dismissing the view God's word is inerrant or all-sufficient. For these reasons they no longer hold to restoration plea to go back to the Bible, to call Bible things by Bible names, or not to go beyond the things taught in Scripture. Instead, they have corrupted the worship, corrupted the organization of the church, and drawn into their fellowship the unimmersed. This is not far from what happened more than century ago from 1860-1900. They took the universities and schools then and mocked the weakness of those who held to the New Testament teaching on singing. Today, they are taking many of the universities again. Such schools talk of their heritage, while they forget the convictions of those who paid dearly to build them in the first place.

In the following twentieth century, the most progressive of the disciples wanted to be like the mainline denominations. Today they are but a small fraction of the size they held in 1960 (from 3 million to 450,000). Today's progressives would do well to see where their woke, progressive, postmodernism will lead them in days to come. While they seem complacent and safe in their own congregations today, they fail to consider how many churches in recent years lost hundreds of members when they went progressive. Just as a few, 2649 churches, grew many times larger in the past century, so God's word will keep the faithful strong and will help them grow again. As a matter of fact, I am seeing many churches waking up not weakening to the need to evangelize. Churches grow when Christians preach the gospel in love.

As long as the seed of the kingdom exists, the church will exist. As long as preachers preach the truth, the church will exist. Since the church is an eternal kingdom, I am not convinced by the statistics. Since I too am in contact with people all over the country, I see many churches thriving and spiritually stronger than they have been in some time.

Churches grew before "church growth experts" came along, because people cared for their neighbors. Once the "church growth experts" began speaking and convincing us their religious sociology could help us grow better than spreading the word of God, we listened and started becoming inward. When the preaching about "felt needs" became more important than salvation and true doctrine, the church ceased to grow. When churches ceased to speak out against the error of false doctrine, the church became vulnerable; and the members ceased to know how to defend themselves against the savage wolves that tear up churches. So it is with many today who have ceased to study the word of God for themselves and have run to the denominational academics and experts.

I will not stop preaching truth or preaching against error, just because some have sung an elegy, Nor will the thousands of preachers I know cease to speak. As long as a loving, truthful voice speaks God's word and God's will found in the gospel, the church will never cease to exist." God Bless, Todd

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Tough STUFF: Failing"
(Psalm 73:25-28)

Sunday PM
"Tough STUFF: Forgiving"
(Psalm 32:1-2)

9AM and 5PM

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*You are Invited To A Bridal Shower
For Abigail Loveless,
Bride Elect of Brett Capps
Sunday, April 23, 2023
At The Outreach Center
From 1-3 P.M.
Abigail and Brett Are Registered At
Target, Williams & Sonoma and Macys.*



**The Senior activities group will leave
from the church building at 5:00 P.M.
on April 23, 2023 to travel to the
Junkyard Dog in Hohenwald to eat.**



Morrison/Nicks Scholarship Applications
are available at:
centervillechurchofchrist.org/youth

*Class of 2023 Applications Are Due April 19, 2023
All Returning Applications Are Due May 19, 2023*

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

SPRING IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE times of the year, but it is undoubtedly a busy time as well. Our youth program has been going, going, and going for the past several weeks with so many activities taking place. Our students are to be commended for the great young people they are--being involved with so many different things at school and in their personal lives while also staying dedicated to the youth program. I know that everyone already knows this, but our congregation is blessed with a great group of young people!

UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 5
LIGHTHOUSE
KILEE & ANNA KATE
JENKINS**

**APRIL 9
SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES EGG
HUNT**

**APRIL 13
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**APRIL 16
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
HAILEE HALLIBURTON**

**APRIL 19
LIGHTHOUSE
ADEN WEBER**

**APRIL 23
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
LILLIAN JENKINS**

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

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

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will take place this Sunday, and we need your help to provide eggs for our children to hunt! We will begin following Sunday School, and our hunt will take place in the grass by the Belltower this year due to the construction in our "usual" spot. Kids should meet me by Mrs. Tammy's office in the hallway to line up for the hunt! It should be a wonderful day!

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT'S time to start looking forward to Senior Sunday. Senior Sunday is set for Sunday, May 7, and we have a large senior class to recognize and honor that day. A link has been posted to the youth ministry page of the church website to begin filling out all the information for our Senior Sunday program that day. Please help spread the word to the graduating seniors from our congregation. Save the date!

IT IS ALSO TIME TO START APPLYING for the Morrison-Nicks Scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. A link has also been posted to the youth ministry page on our website to fill out the application for this scholarship. The deadline for new applicants is April 19, and the deadline for returning applicants is May 19. Don't forget!

In our fast-paced world, it's easy to get caught up in the day-to-day chaos and forget about seeking God. However, when we prioritize seeking Him first, we invite His presence and guidance to permeate every aspect of our lives. Let us make it a daily habit to seek God first, before anything else. May we continually seek Him and find joy and contentment in following Him (Matthew 6:33). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



Day School Director



The Day School is accepting applications for the position of Director. Applications may be picked up at the church office and returned by April 7, 2023.



The Shepherd's Pen

It was early on the first day of the week, before the sun had fully risen. Mary Magdalene and some other women went to anoint the body. As they came near the tomb, the earth shook and the women saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Inside the tomb, shining brighter than the sun, was an angel. The women became afraid and fell to their knees, but the angel said, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead. He is not here, He has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6) In this life, there may be circumstances that conceal the heart and entomb us. The stone is too heavy and we are too weak to roll it away ourselves. We need to remember our risen Lord. Let us rejoice that no matter how dark the morning, or how cold the tomb, with Jesus our risen Savior, there is always hope of an Easter morning. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (I Peter 1:3) Looking forward to Sunday and the forecasted weather is looking to be beautiful Spring Day. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders



Summer Camp Is Right Around The Corner...Sponsor a Camp Scholarship For A Child!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

April 2, 2023

\$ 15, 970.29

Camp: \$ 313.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



The Family of Winnie Aydelott writes: "Our family has been greatly blessed by our Church Family! We are thankful for your prayers, visits, calls, wonderful food and all acts of respect granted us. The memorial lantern given in her honor is beautiful! Mom appreciated the men from the Nursing Home Ministry coming to her room for communion on Sunday. Our THANKS to all! James, June, Jonathan, Misty, Alyssa, Ellie and Wyatt Aydelott" Sue Ann Loveless writes: "I want to thank you all for the cards, gift cards and every act of kindness. Please remember me in your prayers as I continue to deal with back pain."

Janet Barber writes: "Thanks for all of the birthday calls, cards and visits for my birthday. I really appreciate it."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Winnie Aydelott, Marvin Truett and Betty Jo Truett by Charlie & Linda Shelton.



REVEAL MEAL CSI: CENTERVILLE

(College Secret Involvement Ministry)
Sunday, April 30th Fellowship Hall
Immediately following morning services
(See Tina or Ken Dickerson for more information)

Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick And Shut-In...



Please Pray For:

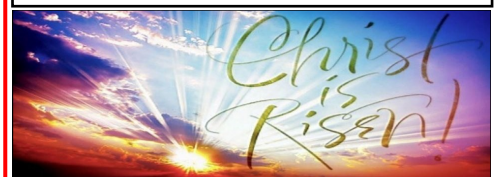
...Glenda Teet, mother of Chris, is recovering from surgery at St. Thomas Hickman Hospital.
...James Stoltz, father of Melissa Sanderson, had a stent implanted and is doing well.
...Kathy McDonald is recovering from pneumonia.
...Kenny Loveless, nephew of Margaret Yates, has a cancerous tumor in his liver and is also having a heart problem.
...Peter Houston is recovering from surgery. His address is: 1688 Peninnsula Scottsboro, AL 35769
...Martha Ann Scaife, daughter of Martha Leath, has been diagnosed with ALS.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Faye Daniels, Juanita Garner, Maty Hunt, Gary Gibson, Randy Hammer, Kay Shaw, Dottie Cavendar, Betty Banks, Dr. Jerry Nash, Mark Vaughn, Dan Wallace, David Nash, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: 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 & Juanita Garner

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Larry Talley
St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Francis McClanahan, Tim Blackwell



Meals Ministry

Prepare and provide food and meals for those that are sick or have returned from the hospital. Designated Adult Classes and Individuals assist in the preparation of food for those individuals. Prepare for and work at the Outreach Center after funerals for bereaved families.



James Aydelott
615-418-2683



Mark Chessor
931-994-2112



Charles Shelton
931-994-3449



Seniors Ministry

Our Senior Ministry was developed to focus on the older generation. To keep them active, involved, and serving. To organize activities for fellowship to build relationships and edify one another.



George Bragg
931-994-1714

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

Join Us On Wednesday Nights....

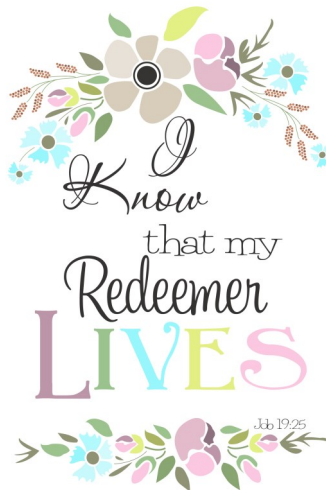
Israel To Babylon

"Cultural Challenges
Never Change"

Wednesday Night Series 7pm

March 22nd – April 26th

Speaker: Mark McInteer



Scripture April 9

Brett Martin

Preside

Patrick Allen

Prayer Week of April 9

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Wyatt Aydelott

S.E.W.
Clay Chessor

S.E.D.
Joey Hunt

W.E.B.S
James Aydelott

W.E.D.
Major Qualls

Elder's Prayer: April 9

Craig Shelton

area EVENTS...

...Flatrock Church of Christ invites you to Ladies Day 2023. God's Love, Self Love, True Love April 22, 2023 1124 Centerville Hwy. Hohenwald, TN. 38462 Registration 9-9:30 Lunch provided Speaker: Michal Sher'ril Knox

...Spring Sing at the White Bluff Church of Christ April 30, 2023 6 P.M. Refreshments served 4146 Hwy. 70 E. White Bluff, TN. WHBLCHURCH2GMAIL.COM