



CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427
August 11, 2021 Volume XXXXI -Number 30



Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

150th Anniversary

**The Centerville Church Of Christ
September 19, 2021**

9:00 A.M. Worship Speaker: Jim Brown

10:15 Combined Adult Bible Classes

Speaker: Bryan McAlister

5th Grade And Down Go To Bible Classes

11:30 Potluck Lunch Served Outside Under Tents

12:15 Singing/ A Walk Down Memory Lane

Memories of 150 Years & Afternoon Devotional

Speakers: Todd Parsley and Matthew Dotson

12:45 Time Capsule Ceremony

Speaker: Carter Hoover

No 5 P.M. Worship

There is just one Bible. There is just one inspired word of God. It has and will stand through time for all of mankind to know the will of God. It is however necessary that we have the Bible translated into many different languages. Very few of us would be able to read the Bible in the original language as it was written by the apostles and other inspired men. So, "version" or "translations" of the Bible are needed.

The many different versions are the results of men's efforts to translate the Bible into a language that we can understand. Each version is no better than the knowledge and integrity of the one's producing it. Because none of the original manuscripts are available, ancient copies and versions are used by scholars to seek the precise wording of the original writing done by inspired men. That is one reason for the slight variation in readings of different versions.

The King James version was translated by more than seventy men and was an attempt to put the Bible into a "common language." And yes, it was the common language then. But languages change. And the need for versions in today's language arises, regardless of the generation or century. And those who earnestly endeavor to accurately translate God's word into today's language are serving the cause of Christ to help spread the good news.

Not all versions, though, are good. Some are the result of one trying to change the Bible to further a particular man's belief. Others try to make a relevant version by putting it into some kind of modern language of sinners. Still others try to bring out a version that translates their thoughts, not the words of the original. It seems to me that God's words should be translated into today's language so that we can read and understand God's message to us. Most versions try to do that. The King James, American Standard, The New American Standard, The New King James, and other versions try to do this. Any variation in readings will be minor, and a comparison of several versions in your study will help you understand the meaning of the original. A true student of God's word will know the difference in short order when reading a version that has been tampered with to meet an individual's own theology and not God's.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away." Mark 13:31.

God Bless -Todd

Mark your calendars...September 19! INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!

Unforgettable MEMORIES

Precious Memories how they linger. "As we look forward to the 150th Anniversary Celebration of this congregation on September 19th, there are "Unforgettable Memories" you have from the past years. Each week in the messenger we will share memories that have been submitted. If you have an unforgettable memory to share, please submit to church office.
Your Elders



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam write:

"Paul Rogers officiated at our wedding. It was August 28, 1959 at 7:30 P.M. in the old church building. The reception was held in the church annex, which is where the downtown apartments are now located. We would have Sunday school classes in it and part of the annex was used as a church office, but it had a kitchen so events were also held there. The annex was the former home of Centerville lawyer, Logan Beasley, Sr."

Bobbie June Kittrell writes: "The Kittrell Bus Garage was built in 2000. Bill Kittrell wanted to see the bus garage built. Bill was an elder at the Centerville Church of Christ for more than 20 Years."

James Aydelott writes:

"I well remember, as a child, coming to hear Marshall Keeble speak at the old building off the square, can't remember the year! I had never seen so many people in a church building. He was truly a blessing to the Lord's people."

Carter's Corner...



Upcoming Events

August 11
Lighthouse Kickoff
5:00-7:00; Aden Weber

August 15
Jr. High Fireside
Joseph McCauley

August 20
5th Quarter
After the game until 11:00
Camp Meribah

August 22
Sparks & Intermediates
Slip N' Slide
Camp Meribah

August 25
Lighthouse
5:00-7:00; Valerie Totty

August 29
Young Men at Coble
Bryce Hughes &
Houston Hudgins

WE ARE GETTING BACK INTO THE SWING of things again as the school year is finally underway. I don't know about your family, but the Hoover family sure has been tired the past few days as we all adjust to our new routine. Shelby has begun another year in 4th grade at CIS and is still getting up during the night to feed Ansley, which will hopefully start slowing down soon. Cade has begun his first year going full-time to Dayschool in Ms. Jessica's class and he is both excited and exhausted all at the same time. Shelby and I thought that after the busy summer that we had, the school year would be a nice break and return to routine, little did we forget that the school year can also be as crazy and hectic as ever. In all things, we are thankful for a wonderful family that keeps us busy, engaged, and connected with each other and our community. It is my prayer for your family as well that you will take time to stop and appreciate the blessings we often take for granted as we begin a new school year.

THE OFFICE IS MUCH QUIETER THIS WEEK, with both Harrison and Sidney having completed their summer internships. Both of these young people have done an outstanding job in their respective roles this Summer and have been a blessing to our congregation. Harrison has been my right-hand-man over the last ten weeks as we have worked with VBS, Camp Meribah, teaching the teen Wednesday night bible class, preaching and speaking regularly, traveling to participate in other area VBS'es, planning the Weekend Retreat, and countless other daily activities around the church building. Sidney will tell you that she has had to work hard over the Summer to keep pace with a hard worker like Ms. Jean, and she has enjoyed planning VBS, teaching the 4-year-old Bible class on Wednesday nights and substitute teaching on Sunday mornings, planning several great "Toddler Times" for our children, working at Camp Meribah, and countless other daily activities as well. These young people have shown an excellent example of how Christians working together, each in their own respective roles, can be a tremendous blessing to the Lord's Church. The future is

bright for the Lord's Church and especially here in Centerville! These two students head off to Freed-Hardeman this coming weekend but make sure you send them a card or tell them thank you in person for their hard work over the Summer.

THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS OPEN ONCE AGAIN this past Sunday night to host the first Sr. High Fireside of the school year after services. We had a great crowd to kick off another school year of youth group activities, and the family of Ellie Aydelott did a great job hosting our young people. We enjoyed a delicious Mexican supper, played some intense games of volleyball in the Fellowship Hall, and spent time in devotional focusing on worry as we begin a new academic. I am proud of the great group of young people we are blessed with in our congregation.

"I am to bless the world through what I am" - William Thackeray. Because you live today, what does it benefit those around you? Today, make a difference in "your" world. Be an example of the One who was the ultimate example. "For none of us lives to himself, and no man dies to himself." Romans 14:7

In Him, Carter

Thank You

Sally Chessor writes: " Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, birthday cake and flowers I received for my birthday. I appreciate it so much. In Christian Love..."

Area Events...

...Homecoming at the Little Lot Church of Christ
6928 Lick Creek Trail, Lyles, TN.
August 22, 2021.
Speaker: Paul Vaughn
Song Leader: James Tidwell
Sunday A.M. Worship: 10:30 A.M. followed by lunch
Sunday Evening Worship: 2 P.M.
...Hickman County Volunteer Fair....let's come together to make Hickman County Stronger. Learn about the non-profit, healthcare, and civic groups in the area who need volunteers or new members to keep doing their incredible work for the citizens of this county.
Fairfield Baptist Church August 21, 2021 10 A.M. 0 2 P.M.

109 Centervilles In The U.S.A.,
But All Roads Lead To Centerville, Tennessee
On Sunday, September 19, 2021
150th Anniversary of the Centerville Church Of Christ!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Aug. 8th:
\$10,234.74

Camp:
\$ 214.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00



CSI: CENTERVILLE
Sponsors needed!!!
We are short 9 sponsors!!
Please see Ken or Tina Dickerson
If you are willing to help in this ministry!!



...Brownie Mayberry spent 2 nights in the hospital with pneumonia. She is better and back at Life Care.
...Stephen Dotson had shoulder surgery Tuesday to replace his shoulder replacement at St. Thomas Mid-Town.
...Elizabeth Givens has had a difficult time lately. She has been moved to room 203.
...George Simmons will have back surgery August 23rd.
...Brett MCord, brother of Ashley Halliburton, is in ICU at Centennial Hospital battling Covid.
...Mildred Bridges, aunt of Bill McDonald, is now at the St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home.
...Wayne Chessor will have eye surgery August 11th.
...Melvin Roberson is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital.
...Jimmy Savley, a good friend of Doug True from Mt. Juliet, has been diagnosed with liver and bone cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Pat Sparkman, Dot Allen, Chris Buchanan, Doyle Rushton, Keith Barber, Stephen Dotson, Phillip Dotson, Fred Bowman, David King, Jamie Qualls, Jamie Stoltz, Caleb Barker, Jessie Seagraves, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Jimmy Savley, Kari Mobley, Wayne Cornwell, Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Luther Brown, Wendy Pace, David Dansby, Kenneth Dotson, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Lauran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley
St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Mildred Bridges, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan
NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens
NHC 812 North Charlotte Room 203 Dickson, TN. 37055

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer. -Romans 12:12





PLACE
STAMP
HERE

2021 Summer Camp Recap

Another summer on The Hill has come and gone. While all summer camps are special, the 2021 edition of Camp Meribah will perhaps be remembered even more fondly by campers and staff because it followed an absence last summer due to Covid-19. As camp planning began months ago, there were many unknowns regarding what camp would look like after a long break. Would campers and staff members be eager to return, or had they found other ways to occupy their summers during camp's absence?

Through all of this uncertainty, we continued to pray that God would bless our camp as He has so richly done in the past, and that we would once again be provided an opportunity to impact many young lives in a positive way. Our prayers were answered in a big way! During our four camping sessions, we had a total of 235 campers enroll and attend Camp Meribah 2021! Teen Week continued to be our most-popular session with 85 campers. This always impresses me since teens have so many other activities taking place in their busy lives, yet they still have the desire to set aside a week and attend camp. We also had 30 people work in various staff roles throughout the summer. Thank you to everyone who attended as a camper or helped camp take place through working on our staff!

Tara and I began directing Camp Meribah 14 years ago, only a couple of weeks following our wedding. During this span of time, we have seen the births and growth of our own three sons. In fact, Bryson was born on a weekend between two sessions of camp. Brody was nearly born at Camp Meribah on the final day of Teen Week 2016, but luckily we barely made it to Baptist Hospital in time! We have also been blessed to have more than 3700 campers attend during our time in charge. To simply say that Camp Meribah is special to our family would be a tremendous understatement.

However, Tara and I have decided after 14 years to step down from directing our summer camp. We still plan on supporting the ministry at Camp Meribah and aiding in the transition to a new director however we are needed. Thank you to everyone from our congregation and throughout the brotherhood who have supported Camp Meribah through the years by volunteering your time, talents, property, donating scholarships, sending your kids to camp, or simply remembering us in your prayers. Thank you to all of our campers and staff, both past and present, who make Camp Meribah such a special place. Finally, thank you to our elders, past and present, who allowed us the opportunity and privilege to lead this great ministry of our congregation for all of these years. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for Camp Meribah and know that God will continue to bless our work up on The Hill!

With love,

Clay, Tara, Braydon, Bryson, and Brody Chessor

**Prayer Week
Of August 15:**

S.M.W.
George Simmons

S.M.D.
Wyatt Aydelott

S.E.W.
Alan Potts

S.E.D.
Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S.
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Major Qualls

**Elder's Prayer
August 15:**

Wayne Qualls

**Preside
August 15:**

Dr. Jerry Nash

**Read
Scripture
August 15:**

Don Roder