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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Loving Our Community"
Lesson #3
Luke 4:18-24

Sunday PM
"No 5pm Service"
Afternoon Devotional
Following Family Picnic

9AM and 5PM



Loving Our Community - Part 3

Sunday, we come to the third and final lesson in our current preaching series, '*Loving Our Community*.' As we do, we will revisit a familiar story that Jesus tells and hopefully see it in a new and different light. As Jesus encounters an 'expert' in the law, the question ultimately comes, 'Who is my neighbor?' That question is then followed by a story from Jesus that is really all about Himself and a work that God has done for each of our lives.

The goal of this series has been to bring us to truly see the people God has put in the path of our lives each day and to let them see God in us. We have great opportunity and great responsibility as a church to be the best neighbor Centerville has ever had. I look forward to sharing with you!

Jim Brown



We are in store for a stretch of days in the upper 90's and heat index in the triple digits. Be very careful and cautious if you are out in this extremely hot weather. Sunday is our *Family Church Picnic* at Camp Meribah. Following morning worship and bible class we will go to Camp Meribah for a catered luncheon including barbeque, baked beans, chips, coleslaw, and iced tea. Ice cream will be served for dessert. Immediately following the luncheon, we will have an afternoon devotional service at camp to conclude the day. **No 5pm service.** Plan on being a part of this fellowship. The church is portrayed as a bride betrothed to Christ. (II Corinthians 11:2) Christ has made the church His own. Paul's heartfelt appeal in this passage is to remain steadfast in our

faith, recognizing that our spiritual destiny is tied to our loyalty to Christ. Just as a groom chooses his bride because of love, Christ chose to redeem us for Himself. Before the church ever loved Christ, Christ loved the church. His love is not based upon our worthiness but upon His grace and mercy. "*Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*" (Ephesians 5:25) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 21

**5TH QUARTER:
SUMO WRASSLIN'**

AUGUST 23

SR HIGH FIRESIDE

AUGUST 26

**LIGHTHOUSE
KICKOFF NIGHT**

AUGUST 30

**YOUNG MEN @
COBLE COC
ADEN WEBER SPEAKS**

AUGUST 30

JR HIGH FIRESIDE

IT IS GOOD TO BE WRITING AGAIN. It has been practically all summer since I have written an article for the Messenger, but I hope you have enjoyed keeping up with us through the pictures we have shared each week. There has certainly been plenty to photograph! It has been a full summer of Camp Meribah, VBS, trips, activities, service, worship, and a lot of time spent together. I am thankful for every student, parent, volunteer, and church member who helped make another busy summer possible.

AS MUCH AS I LOVE SUMMER, I am ready for things to slow down just a little and settle back into the routine of the school year. There is something good about getting back into a regular rhythm. This is our students' first full week of school, and before long their calendars will be filled with homework, ballgames, practices, clubs, jobs, and everything else that comes with a new year. I am excited to see what this school year holds for them.

OUR FALL YOUTH CALENDARS ARE READY and can be picked up in the Lighthouse, from the Youth News Board, or found online. We have a great semester ahead with Lighthouse, Firesides, 5th Quarters, prayer breakfasts, and plenty of other opportunities to be together. A new school year is a great time to get involved, reconnect, and make being part of the youth group a regular part of your week.

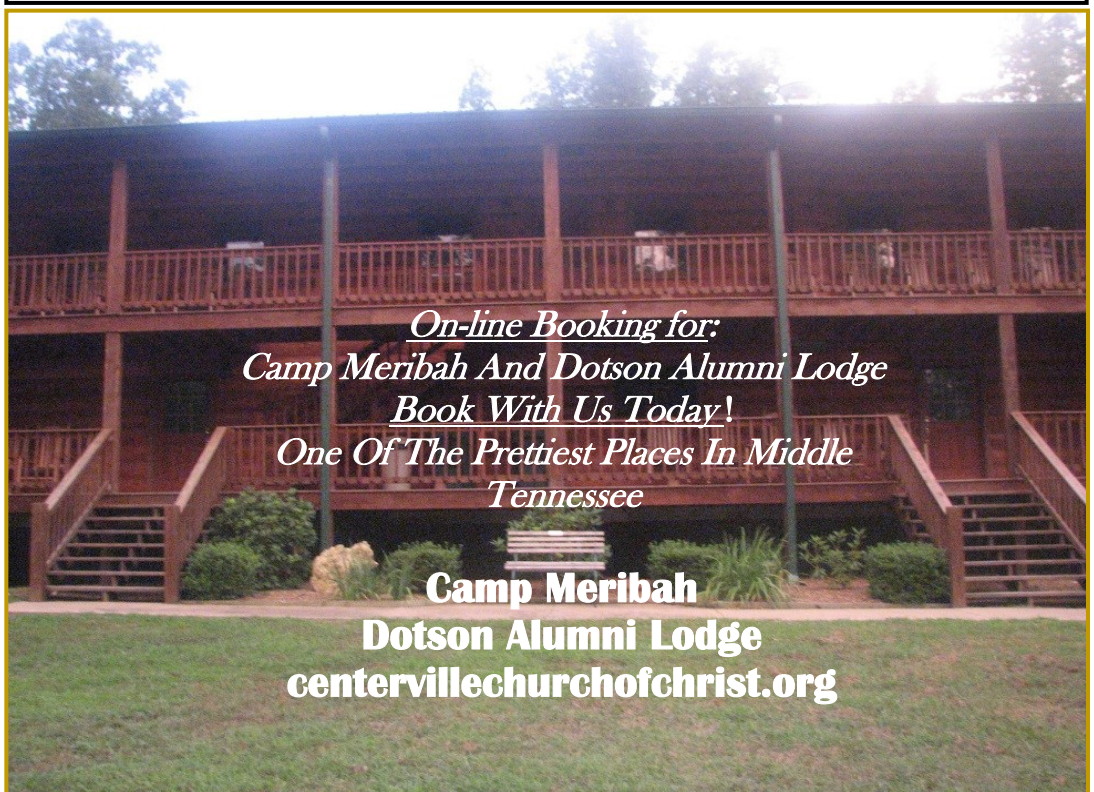
MY PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS THIS WEEK comes from the words of Numbers 6:24-26:

*"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*

As you begin another school year, may the Lord bless you in your classrooms, on your teams, at your jobs, and among your friends. May He give you wisdom when decisions are difficult, courage when doing right is unpopular, kindness in the way you treat others, and peace when life becomes overwhelming.

Most of all, may you remember that wherever this school year takes you, you belong to Him.

In Him, Carter



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Camp Meribah And Dotson Alumni Lodge
Book With Us Today!
One Of The Prettiest Places In Middle Tennessee

**Camp Meribah
Dotson Alumni Lodge
centervillechurchofchrist.org**



Tina Thigpen writes: "On behalf of everyone here at Hickman County Middle School, I want to thank you for your generous donation of school supplies. Your kindness and willingness to support our students will make a meaningful difference as we begin this new school year.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to everyone at Centerville Church of Christ who helped make this possible. With heartfelt thanks..."

Jane Talley writes: "I want to thank the Centerville Church of Christ for the Memorial donation to Camp Meribah in memory of my sister Barbara Carpenter. She loved camp and would appreciate this very much."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

August 9, 2026

\$ 14,248.27

Camp: \$ 167.00

**Budget:
\$15,075.00**



...Jean Qualls is undergoing treatments for cancer.

...Woody Woodruff will have a biopsy August 12th for a mass on his pancreas.

...Vanessa McMullen returned home Tuesday.

...Kathy Baxter will have heart surgery August 13 at St. Thomas West. Her address is: 1516 Hwy. 50 East Centerville, Tennessee 37033

...Margie Copley has had some health problems in recent days and would love to get cards. Her address is: The Bridge 851 W. James Campbell Blvd. Apt. 218 Columbia, Tennessee 38401

...Keith Matlock is recovering from a knee injury.

...Matthew Howell had brain surgery Tuesday to remove a tumor. He is a relative of George & Mary Sue Bragg.

...Felecia Howell, niece of George & Mary Sue, continues to struggle with cancer & undergoing treatments.

...Steele Lafferty, grandson of Martin & Gwen, has returned home after being in the hospital due to an accident.



**CSI: CENTERVILLE
College Secret Involvement**

SPONSORS NEEDED

Signup sheet is located on the table in the
"Outer Lobby"

Please see Ken or Tina Dickerson if you have questions.

Remember Those Who Are Sick...

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Rodney Rochelle, Brian Wilkie, Matt Howell, Vanessa McMullen, Bobby McCoy, Cathie Copley, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Jean Qualls, Lynda Walton, Rufus Woodard, Linda Thomasson, Nick McNabb, Felecia Howell, Jerrick Booker, Chris McCurley, Hilda Atkinson, Jogenous McDonald, Dale Thomas, Ed Sullivan

Home: Ann Johnston, Bobby & Sandy McFarlin, Billie Sue True, Janet Barber, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, John Thomas & Wanda Givens



LADIES!!

If you are free on Wednesday mornings,
please join us for

**WINGS
(Women IN God's Service)**

We are studying the Bible in chronological order.

Class will resume Wednesday, August 12th, at 10am
In the Outreach Center

See Tina Dickerson if you have questions.



BLOOD DRIVE

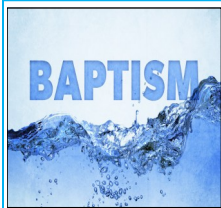
Centerville Church Of
Christ
Outreach Center
Front Room
138 North Central
Avenue

Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Monday, August 31, 2026
2:00 P.M.—6:00 P.M.

To schedule an appointment,
please visit RedCrossBlood.org and
enter sponsor code:
CentervilleCoC



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Stamp
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*We rejoice with Tommy Sullivan
 who was baptized August 8, 2026
 by members of the Jail Ministry.*

Communion Prep.
August 16
 Keith & Judy Matlock
August 23
 James & June Aydelott
August 30
 Jonathan & Misty Aydelott



*Our August outing will be August 13,
 2026. We will go to BrickTop's
 restaurant in Franklin, Tennessee.
 We will leave the parking lot at 4
 P.M. Please sign up if you are
 planning to go so reservations can be
 made. If you have questions, contact
 George Bragg at 931-994-1714.*

Preside

August 16
 Gary Baker

August 23
 Philip Jacobs

August 30
 Alan Potts

**(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY
 8:55)**

Left Side

Jonathan Longworth
 Cory Martin
 Michael Jenkins
 Logan Jenkins

Right Side

Tony Powers
 Jacob Krueger
 Braydon Chessor
 Bryson Chessor

P.M. Chapel

Jackson McDonald

Read Scripture
August 16

Joseph Isenberg

Elder's Prayer

Wayne Qualls

Prayer Week Of
August 16

S.M.W.
 Alan Potts

S.M.D.
 Clay Chessor

S.E.W.
 Bill McDonald

S.E.D.
 Robert Bowman

W.E.B.S
 George Bragg

W.E.D
 Patrick Allen