



CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"God, Satan, and Salvation"

(Exodus 5:1-2)

Sunday PM

"God's Promises"

(Psalm 132:12)

9AM and 5PM



We are off to a great start in our Gospel Meeting. Our attendance has been good, and the messages Bryan has brought have been very encouraging. I thank all our Centerville members who have faithfully supported this effort thus far. There's still opportunity for you to come and be encouraged and uplifted on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Saul, the persecutor of the church became the Apostle Paul. He suffered hardships and persecutions for the cause of Christ (2 Cor. 11:23-28), he considered all his human achievements as loss for the cause of Christ (Phil. 3:7). As we look at the entire life of Paul, we see it as an example of the power of God to change one's character and to reshape a life for good. There is no question that Paul fervently believed that Jesus was the Son of God, and he was committed to Him and sought to obey the Lord in all aspects of his life.

Because of Paul's commitment God used Paul to define and defend the gospel from the land of Israel, throughout Asia Minor, across Greece, through Malta, Sicily, and Rome and all the while Paul wrote more New Testament letters than anyone. Yes, Paul was faithfully committed to the cause of Christ.

Paul's faith in God and Jesus Christ as His Son led Paul to live the life that he did and as his life would come to an end he would write; "For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

It wasn't long after writing these words that tradition says he was led by Roman soldiers to a place of execution where he was beheaded for the cause of Christ. Even in death Paul was faithful to the cause of Christ and the spread of the gospel.

Are we like Paul, faithful to the cause of Christ and the sharing of the gospel to an evil world in need of some good news and the salvation that is offered in Christ? I pray one day to hear those words promised to the faithful Christian, "Well done, My good and faithful servant..".

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, routines become the backbone of our daily lives. They provide structure and stability, helping us manage our time and responsibilities. But routines are more than just a way to stay organized; they are vital for our spiritual growth. In 1 Timothy 4:7-8, Paul encourages us to "train yourself for godliness." Just as a student prepares for success by establishing good study habits, we too grow in our faith through consistent spiritual practices. Setting aside time daily

for prayer, Bible reading, and reflection anchors us in God's truth, especially when life gets busy. Starting the school year with intentional routines reminds us to prioritize our relationship with God, helping us stay rooted in His promises. As we enter this new season, let us commit to routines that help us grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically, knowing that they will guide us through the challenges and joys ahead.

I HOPE YOU HAVE PICKED UP a calendar for this semester already, but if you have not, I encourage you to pick one up as soon as possible. There are so many different activities planned for students of all ages in our church family, and we would love to see all of our youth as active as possible in the activities planned.

BELOW, YOU WILL FIND THE CODES to follow our youth activities on GroupMe. GroupMe is a messaging app that sends out messages, information, and updates for everything we have going on throughout the year. All you need to do is scan the correct code below to join the specific group for you or your family. There are codes for our Jr & Sr High Students, Jr & Sr High Parents, and Sparks & Intermediates Families. Please let me know if you have any questions about GroupMe or how to sign up. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



Gospel Meeting With Bryan McAlister! Continues Through Wednesday Night! A Wonderful Week!



SIGN UP FOR GROUPME!



3 SEPARATE GROUPS:



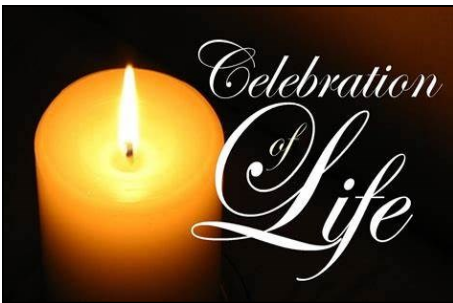
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS



SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES FAMILIES



There will be a Celebration Of Life for Wayne Rediker August 24, 2024 at 11:30 A.M. in the auditorium of the Centerville Church of Christ. *There will be a Veteran's Service on August 23, 2024 at 2 P.M. at the Veteran's Cemetery in Pegram Tennessee.*

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Nancy Myatt who passed away. She was the sister of Betty Banks, Janet Martin, and Sue Banks.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Danny Buie who passed away August 10, 2024. Danny was a minister for many years. He was currently the preacher for the Jones Chapel Church of Christ.



...*Gospel Meeting at the Five Points Church of Christ August 18-21, 2024. Speaker: Michael Crowder Bible Study 9 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Followed by Potluck Lunch Sunday Evening Worship 1 P.M. Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M. Speaker Wednesday: Mickey Mathis*

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Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship
10:20 Bible Class
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M.
Wednesday: 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!

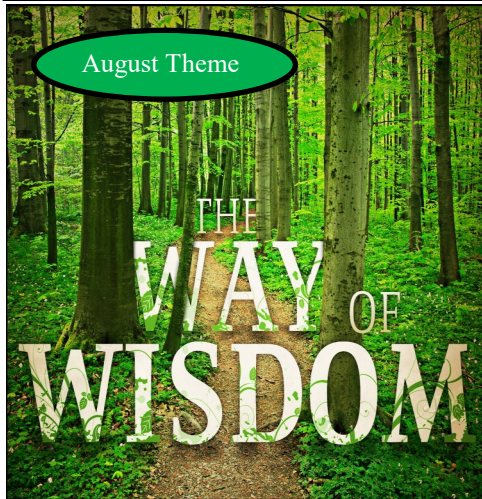
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

August 11, 2024

\$ 16,216.42

Camp: \$ 165.40
 Budget: \$14,186.00



CSI: CENTERVILLE

(COLLEGE SECRET INVOLVEMENT)

Our college students will be returning to their schools again soon, so we are gearing up for our CSI. We hope many will want to support this ministry.

There are information sheets and a sign-up form on the table in the foyer for all who are interested in joining this effort again this year. See Ken or Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.



OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN NEED YOUR CALLS, YOUR CARDS AND YOUR VISITS...BUT ABOVE ALL, THEY NEED ALL OF OUR PRAYERS!



...Misty Aydelott had outpatient surgery on her neck Monday, August 12th. The surgery went well.

...Dan Turbeville, brother-in-law of Marilyn (Jerry) Nash, is on a ventilator but has responded to doctors and is showing some progress although still in a very serious condition.

...Carmella Brown, daughter of Tim & Pam Griggs, returned home Monday. ..Carolyn King, mother of Valerie McCoy and Troy King, is now at Life Care of Centerville.

...Chris Love, brother of Letitia Allen, had a heart procedure Tuesday, August 13 at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Christy Harrington, niece of Sandy Bryant, is recovering from heart surgery.

..Marshall Spencer will have knee replacement surgery August 27th.

...Edgar Beard had his heart defibrillator replaced Wednesday, August 14th.

...John Smith is recovering from surgery.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Wanda Corvin, Ryan Corvin, Jamie Bandido, Ramsey Mobley, Don Chessor, Ava Johnston, Tyler Colgan, Helen Bryant, Martha Scaife

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Shirley Shipp, Lorrie O'Guin, Gethlyn Gardner, Ashley Halliburton, Pat Hill, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Todd Chessor, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Carolyn King, Kenneth Chandler, Jessie Seagraves, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Home: Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner



The Shepherd's Pen

Our Gospel Meeting has been a blessing in every way. Bryan's sermons have been informative and encouraging as he opened God's word to the apostle Paul's letter to the Christians at Rome. The attendance has been beyond expectation. We thank you for your support. The fellowship meal Sunday following service filled the fellowship hall to capacity. We thank our ladies for preparing the food, everyone that participated in the set-up and all that assisted with the clean-up. You are loved and appreciated. In Nehemiah chapter 8, the congregation gathered together and Ezra the priest read from God's word from morning until midday. *"Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up."* (Nehemiah 8:5) In Luke chapter 4, Jesus was in the synagogue and stood up to read a passage from Isaiah. Standing when the Bible is read is not a direct command, but it is not a bad thing if practiced. During worship to God, it is a sign of respect, acknowledging that it is God's word being read before His followers. Standing while the Bible is read sets an example, we are serious about listening and reading God's word. *"For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth."* (Psalm 33:4) When we begin the worship service we have always stood for the opening song. Beginning Sunday, August 25th, we will first stand for the scripture reading and continue standing for the opening song. We stand when reciting the pledge of allegiance to show respect for the flag and we stand for the national anthem to show respect for our country. Why not stand for the reading of the Bible to show respect and love for God's Holy Word? Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders

Place
Stamp
Here



**New Bus recently
purchased for
Church Activity
Travel**

**We have two buses for
sale. If you would like to
submit a bid, give your
bid to John Bradley or
George Garland.**



Prayer Week of

August 18, 2024

S.M.W.
Philip Jacobs

S.M.D.
Eddie Boone

S.E.W.
Keith Matlock

S.E.D.
George Garland

W.E.B.S
Joey Hunt

W.E.D.
George Bragg

Communion Prep.

August 18

Sam & Cindy Chessor

August 25

Crystal & Kailey Cannon

Read Scripture

August 18
Patrick Allen

Elder's Prayer:

August 18
Wayne Qualls

Preside
August 18
Brad Davis

August 25
Daniel Dressler
(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY
8:55

Left Side
Ray Qualls
Marvin Dorton
Danny Hudgins
Sam Gilbert

Right Side
David Brown
Will McDonald
Sam Brown
Jackson McDonald
P.M. Chapel
Justin Beard