



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**


*Todd Parsley*

**Worship With Us Sunday**

Sunday AM  
"Five Smooth Stones"  
(I Samuel 17:40)

Sunday PM  
"Loving God"  
(Matthew 22:35-38)

**9AM and 5PM**



**Thankful for another good Sunday of worship. Again, our attendance was close to five hundred and we are thankful for each and every member and visitor that attended. Our Young Adult Minister men lead our worship, we are blessed to have this group of young men and women here at Centerville. I'm thankful for Matthew and Cissy for all the time they spend with this group leading and encouraging them.**

**I had the honor of baptizing Patrick and Alice Jones last week. If you haven't meet them yet let me encourage you to do so. They are a wonderful family that moved to our community from California. I'm also very encouraged at the number of personal bible studies that I am aware of that are currently taking place. It's good to see people who are wanting to know the Bible better. As I have said many times, we as Christians must be as eager to follow people out of the baptistry as we are getting them into the baptistry. Simply put, the teaching and encouragement needs to continue after someone has obeyed the gospel. As Peter encouraged in 2 Peter 3:18; "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.."**

**Good things are happening in our congregation. People are becoming active in many different areas of the work here. I pray that God continues to encourage and strengthen each of us to go forward to more good works. We truly are a blessed people! See you Sunday!**

**God Bless -Todd**

# Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

**THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF** to a great start this year for the Hoover family. Cade has started Kindergarten this year and enjoys being in the "big school" with his classmates and Mrs. Martin. Ansley is in a new class at Dayschool and is enjoying being back with her classmates and teachers. Our community and congregation are blessed to have such wonderful people teaching and caring for our children! Shelby is also back to school, as she has started a new job at HCMS and begun working on her Master's degree in School Counseling. A new school year is exciting for every family, and we are all glad to be back in the swing of a new year!

**THE RAIN GAVE WAY TO A PERFECT NIGHT** this past Sunday for our 3rd Annual Pig Roast on Swan Creek. A great group of 40+ students gathered at the Hunt's for a fun evening of food, fellowship, and a picture-perfect summer night on the creek bank. Thanks go to Joey and Charlene for welcoming our group and to Bryce Hughes and Brandon McCauley for helping to carpool students.

**OUR FIRST 5TH QUARTER OF THE YEAR** kicks off this Friday night after the first home football game. We are bringing back a youth group classic as we host our Young vs. Old "Tournament of Champions" volleyball tournament alongside Matthew and his YAM group. I hope you plan to participate in this fun night after Friday night's game in the Fellowship Hall until 11:00 pm.

**I AM EXPECTING A BIG CROWD** this Sunday afternoon, as our Sparks and Intermediates are invited to Coach and Karen McCord's spot on the Piney River for an afternoon of fun in the water. The McCord's Spot is one of Camp Meribah's favorite places for young children, and we know we will have a great afternoon together. Pack a picnic lunch, your creek clothes, and a lawn chair, and meet us at the Bus Garage at 1:00 to carpool out to Pinewood. If you have never been, I encourage you to follow someone who knows the way, as getting out there can be a little tricky.

**GOD GETS ALL THE GLORY** for blessing our congregation in so many ways. I hope you realize just how richly our congregation has been blessed recently by our Heavenly Father. In the last four months, our congregation has seen the graduation of a large class of outstanding students in our youth group, another successful VBS, four incredible sessions of summer camp at Camp Meribah, an excellent weekend for the Cincinnati Blast for Matthew and the YAMs, our Senior Adult Ministry has been active all Summer long, and we had an extraordinary Gospel Meeting last week. Our facilities are in terrific shape thanks to the work of many different people during our work day and countless other times during the week when folks stop in to help out. Our attendance is trending upward, and we see new visitors and families weekly. Souls are being affected for eternity as Bible studies are conducted all the time, six individuals were baptized at Camp Meribah, and two more were baptized during our Gospel Meeting. We were blessed this past Sunday to see our young men participate in our worship service, and, as many have already said, we are thankful that our church family has such a bright and active group of young adults. The list could go on and on, describing how God continually provides for us far beyond measure. When I stop and think of all the many things we have to be grateful for, I am reminded of the words of Psalm 100: *"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."* What a great time to be a part of the Centerville Church of Christ! I hope you take the time to stop and take inventory of all the beautiful ways God is blessing you this week. To Him be all the glory! Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 16

**LIGHTHOUSE**

ANNA KATE JEKINNS &  
ZOEIE CHILTON

AUGUST 18

**5TH QUARTER:**

**TOURNAMENT OF**

**CHAMPIONS**

AFTER THE GAME UNTIL  
11:00

AUGUST 20

**SPARKS &**

**INTERMEDIATES**

**PINEY RIVER DAY**

1:00 AT COACH MCCORD'S

AUGUST 30

**LIGHTHOUSE**

(HAILIE TILLEY)

SEPTEMBER 1

**5TH QUARTER:**

**"THE OPEN" AT CCOCCC**

AFTER THE GAME UNTIL  
11:00



Justin, Emily, Tate Atkinson  
921 Defeated Creek Road  
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

Craig, Misty, Colby, Harper Shelton  
3970 Eagle Drive  
Centerville, Tennessee 37033





You Are Invited To A Bridal Shower For *Allison Beggs*, bride elect of *Riley Qualls*, on Sunday, August 27, 2023 at the Outreach Center from 1-3 P.M. Riley and Allison are registered at Joy-Wedding Website, Guest List, Invitations & More.

# Baptism

...We rejoice with Patrick & Alice Jones who were recently baptized by Todd Parsley. Their address is: 6088 Moccasin Road Centerville, Tennessee 37033  
 ...We rejoice with Gavin Vandeweghe who was baptized Monday, August 14, 2023 by Jake Martin. His address is: 1581 Bunbury Drive Thompsons Station, TN 37179

Prayer Request From The Jail Ministry: Jeffrey Hammand for upcoming court date; Cory Poteete prayer request; Jason Russell for family.



## Day School

...is in need of an Assistant Teacher and Substitute Teachers. Please Call 931-729-5233 If you are interested.

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

August 13, 2023

\$ 12,796.24

Camp: \$ 194.00

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Sally Chessor by the following: Shirley Malugin, Betty Litton, Thomas Clark, Glen & Cynthia Page, Philip & Alice Anne Jacobs, Bradley & Kimberly Robertson, Dwayne & Susan Harber.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Gary Beard by David Beard.

## Thank You

The Family of Sally Chessor writes: "Dear Church Family, Thank you very much for all the many acts of kindness extended to our family during Mom's passing. The ceramic church keepsakes are beautiful. She loved all of you, and we are truly blessed to be a part of such a caring group of people who continue to comfort us during this most difficult time. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. In Christian Love..."

Sam & Ophelia Gilbert write: " To our church family, Samuel and I would like to thank everyone who has stopped by to see us. Thank you for the outpouring of love shown to us. The abundance of food that was brought to us was so good. It was kind of you. We were given more than we deserve. We hope you all know how much we appreciated it. May God bless each and everyone of you. We appreciate all of the cards and phone calls also."

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Gary Beard who passed away.

## Please Pray For:

...Baker Raye Jennings, great granddaughter of Ann Hooten, was born prematurely and is the NICU at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...Tommy Buchanan, father of Chris, in in TriStar Horizon in Dickson for tests.

...Louise Buchanan, aunt of Chris Buchanan, spent some time in in St. Thomas West. She is recovering at home.

...Barbara Parsley, mother of Todd, had a double heart catheterization on Monday, August 14th. The procedure went well.

...Doug True is recovering at home.

...Woody Woodruff is recovering from heart surgery.

...Wayne Chessor is recovering at home.

...Chelsea Krantz, niece of Kathy McDonald, is recovering from surgery for a head injury due to fall.

...Helen Bryant, sister-in-law of Margaret Yates, has returned home.

...Kenny Loveless, nephew of Margaret Yates, is in Vanderbilt Hospital suffering with cancer.

...Ophelia Gilbert is recovering at home from a broken ankle. She is improving.

...Freddie Bowman is struggling with serious health problems.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Martha Leath, Jace Bradley, Ophelia Gilbert, Jenny Teet, Shirley Foster, David King, Larry King, Stephen Dotson, Orlean Bauman, Ken Jenkins, Marilyn Nash, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Kenny Loveless, Mary Nell Mayberry, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances McClanahan, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley

### St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Betty Davis, Tim Blackwell

### Encompass Rehabilitation Facility in Franklin, Tennessee:

Louise Jones

### Richland Place Room 222A

500 Elmington Ave.

Nashville, TN. 37205: Lonnie Gilliam

Home: Martha Leath, Bobby Roder, Doug & Billie Sue True, Gerald McFarlin, Robert Bryant, Glenda Teet, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



Join us Sunday Night  
September 3, 2023  
For A

# HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

In The Fellowship Hall Following 5 p.m.  
Worship  
Bring Your Favorite Homemade Ice Cream!

## WE WILL SHOW OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM EMPLOYEES

**Scripture**  
**August 20**  
Jim Hudgins

**Elder's Prayer:**  
August 20  
Craig Shelton

**Prayer Week of**  
**August 20**  
**S.M.W.**  
Gary Baker  
**S.M.D.**  
Eddie Boone  
**S.E.W.**  
James Aydelott  
**S.E.D.**  
Patrick Allen  
**W.E.B.S**  
Edgar Beard  
**W.E.D.**  
Robert Bowman



### The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! The young men did an outstanding job leading the worship service on Sunday morning and a good crowd was in attendance. The schools are back in full swing and even though the weather continues to be very hot, the fall season is only a few weeks away. *"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."* (Colossians 1:13-14) It was October 15, 1815; Napoleon was exiled on the island Saint Helena. He occasionally stood in front of a map on which England was marked in red. He would resentfully point his finger to the red spot and say, "If it were not for that red blotch, I would have conquered the world." Satan probably points to Golgotha and the blood that flowed there, and bitterly says, "If it were not for Golgotha and the blood of the Jesus, I would have conquered the world." The blood from the cross is the surety that Jesus has paid the price for our sins in full. *"Jesus does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself."* (Hebrews 7:27) Only the blood of Jesus is able to purify us. *"The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."* (I John 1:7) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.  
*Your Elders*