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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Moments That Matter

"Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who trust in You In the presence of the sons of men!" (Psalm 31:19). I hope your week is off to an amazing start and you're enjoying the abundance of blessings God has placed in your life! Every day we are gifted is a reminder of how great our God is, and I encourage us all to pause more often to allow ourselves to reflect on His goodness!

This Saturday night (August 26) we invite you to join us at 10:00pm in our auditorium for a very special worship service. Via Zoom, we'll be worshipping with the church in India which Dr. Mani has been working with. Our congregation has been supporting the work of Dr. Mani for several years, and we are so thankful for the great work he does. I know it makes for a late evening, but I assure you that you'll be blessed by joining us on Saturday evening.

Another great opportunity for fellowship presents itself on Sunday night, September 3. Homemade ice cream socials were a staple of summertime in Centerville for many years, and we look forward to renewing this wonderful—and delicious—tradition here in just a few days following our evening service. If you can bring homemade ice cream please sign up in the lobby. Make plans now to invite a friend to be a part of this special night!

As Todd pointed out Sunday morning, many of our young adults have returned to college and they are already missed! Every summer is a time of rejuvenation for this group, as many come home and get the opportunity to "reunite." Each year our YAMs are blessed to be able to lead a worship service (which they did so wonderfully a couple of weeks ago), and on that Sunday we set a goal to break our attendance record for our Sunday morning class. This year the goal was 55, and we exceeded that by having 59 attend Bible class! I'm so proud of these young people and their willingness to bring others to Christ—what a blessing they are to our church and community! May we all continue to pray for them as they go through these important times of their lives, whether at school or in the workplace.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is undoubtedly one of the most quoted men in history. Perhaps one of the most powerful lines he ever spoke was as follows: *"The ultimate tragedy is not the oppression and cruelty by the bad people but the silence over that by the good people."* In other words, much of the evil in this world occurs due to a lack of *action* by those who witness that evil taking place and choose to do nothing. Though it's very easy to sit back and call out wickedness for what it is, we are called to do more than merely spectate. James 2:14 asks the question, *"What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"* In the moments we live out, may we not only be people of *faith*, but also of *works*. May we look for chances to intervene and stop evil when we see it, whether big or small. May we, as always, make the most of our moments by doing good and not remaining silent.

God bless, Matthew

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"The Thing That Matters Most"
(Luke 10:38-42)

Sunday PM
"How Deep The Father's Love For Me"
(John 3:16)

9AM and 5PM

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Join us Sunday Night
September 3, 2023

For A

HOMEMADE ICE CREAM FREEZE OFF

In The Fellowship Hall
Following 5 p.m. Worship
Sign The List In the Lobby
**ICE CREAM WILL BE
JUDGED**
**Bring Your Favorite
Freezer Full For
The Competition!**

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

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

OUR FALL LINEUP OF YOUTH EVENTS is in full swing, as everyone is starting to settle into the school year routine once again. Our young people are once again hard at work, letting their lights shine in our youth program, school sports, club activities, after-school jobs, and many other areas of their lives. I am thankful and proud to see our young people every time I go out and about in the community. Make sure you encourage a young person this week!

THE HIGH SCHOOLERS WERE VICTORIOUS this Friday night, as they defeated the YAMs in our "5th Quarter: Tournament of Champions" Volleyball bracket this past Friday night. The Fellowship Hall was filled with 50+ students this past Friday after HCHS won their home football opener, and a great night was had by everyone involved. I am thankful that our congregation has been able to host 5th Quarters for the last 25+ years, offering students a safe and positive activity following home sporting events. Thanks to Shelby, Hailee Halliburton, Bryce Hughes, and Harper Shelton for helping to get things ready and to Matthew and the YAMs for showing up and participating.

IT WAS A HOT SUNDAY AFTERNOON, which set the stage for a perfect Sparks & Intermediates Piney River Day this past Sunday. The sun was bright, the air was warm, and the Piney was nice and cool! Everyone who attended had a great afternoon splashing in the water and enjoying fellowship. Thanks to everyone who came and to Wyatt Aydelott for volunteering to help with the kids!

IN THE BOOK OF PSALMS, David, a man after God's own heart, reminds us of the importance of meditating on God's Word day and night: "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2, ESV) This consistent meditation on God's Word is like planting deep roots that provide stability and nourishment for our spiritual growth. May we be encouraged to cultivate daily routines that draw us nearer to the heart of God, and may these routines of faithfulness empower us to remain strong in our spiritual walk, even amidst life's challenges and changes. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 30
LIGHTHOUSE
(HAILIE TILLEY)

SEPTEMBER 1
5TH QUARTER:
"THE OPEN" AT CCOCCE
AFTER THE GAME UNTIL
11:00

SEPTEMBER 3
HOMEMADE ICE
CREAM SOCIAL
AFTER EVENING WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 7
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
7:00 AM; LIGHTHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 8
FCA TAILGATE PARTY
5:00 @ HCHS

SEPTEMBER 10
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
WYATT AYDELOTT

SAVE THE DATE:

OCTOBER 28
HALLOWEEN
ON THE HILL
3-5PM @ CAMP MERIBAH



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.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Sally Chessor by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Sally Chessor by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Gary Beard by the following: Prince Hardware, Mr. & Mrs. Craig Turnbow.



2 Rugs To Be Given Away By Day School Contact Shay If Interested.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

August 20, 2023

\$ 12,437.40

Camp: \$ 223.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kenny Loveless who passed away. He was the nephew of Margaret (Jerry) Yates.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jo Ann Pruitt who passed away. She was the aunt of Kim (Troy) Bates.



Day School

...is in need of
Substitute Teachers.
Please Call
931-729-5233

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PRAY

....please

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

...Mary Nell Mayberry has returned home from the hospital.

...Keith Matlock is in a knee stabilizer due to falling Sunday.

...Woody Woodruff is having complications following heart surgery. He is in ICU.

...Billie Sue True is dealing with the recurrence of cancer. She will have surgery in the coming days.

...Portia Baker will have surgery Monday, August 28th.

...David King, grandson of Ann Johnston, is recovering from surgery and doing well.

...Larry King, son-in-law of Ann Johnston, is undergoing tests.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Freddie Bowman, 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, 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

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: "Kathy McDonald is my sister. I am Susan Krantz. I want to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts and prayers for our daughter Chelsea during this very difficult time. Her work history has always been hard labor, 5 years a roofer, 3 years a Gibson Guitar assembler, 2 years at Tenmet rebuilding damaged truck trailers. Safety always came first with her and still does. After her fall, she began crying and said "Momma I don't know what happened. I'm always safe." With tear filled eyes my response was "Honey accidents happen to the best of us, and you had the best watching over you and our Heavenly Father that saved you from being hurt worse or even death." I have been so overwhelmed with the many blessings God has given her and us all this time. She is improving daily, and I humbly ask to continue to pray for her. Again, thank you. God bless each and everyone."

David Talley writes: " I would like to say *Thank You* to everyone who wished me a happy 85th birthday."

Wayne & Carolyn Chessor write: " We want to thank everyone for the prayers, food, all of the beautiful cards, and visits during my recovery from surgeries. I am improving daily. It is great to be a part of the Centerville Church of Christ. Just pray that I will get my strength back and be back at church soon."

Cassie Peone writes: " Thank you for the opportunity to earn this scholarship and seeing something in me, even when I didn't see something in myself. The scholarship is a blessing to me. It has given me the opportunity and financial ability to expand my knowledge."

Betty Litton writes: " Thank you so much for every card, calls, gifts and the flowers for my birthday! You made my day very special! Thanks so much!"

Weston Elkins writes: " Dear Centerville Church of Christ, I have been so blessed to grow up with a church that is so dedicated to it's worship and ministries. At Centerville I am surrounded by brothers and sisters who love and support me and it's truly a blessing. I cannot thank the church enough and especially God for giving me the opportunity to grow up in this community."

Ann Johnston writes: "Thank you all so much for the prayers for my family. I really do appreciate it and love you all."



George Bragg will oversee Meals-On-Wheels while Wayne Chessor is recovering. You can contact him at 931-994-1714



The Shepherd's Pen

We invite everyone to join us Saturday evening at 10:00pm in the auditorium. It will be Sunday morning in Andhra Pradesh, India, where the Nandigama Church of Christ congregation gathers for worship. This is the congregation Dr. Mani is working with. We will join them using Zoom. The eldership did this a few months ago and it was an encouragement to them, as well as us. We extend an invitation to everyone to join us at 10:00pm. The service should last approximately 45 minutes. We read in Psalm 51 the outpouring of the heart of a man returning to God. David has been called the prodigal son of the Old Testament. Psalm 51 is his prayer to God. The words of this beautiful prayer teach us what is involved in true repentance. There are three words that describe the process of repentance, and we learn this from David's prayer. **Acknowledgement:** True repentance requires a heart willing to say, "I have sinned." *"For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me."* (Psalm 51:3) Until we acknowledge that our actions are wrong, we will see no real need to confess them to God. Only an acknowledgement of guilt enables one to see his need for repentance. **Agreement:** We come to agree with the Lord's assessment of our behavior. Without agreement, our confession would be more about the consequences of our sin rather than genuine remorse over violating God's holy standards. *Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.* (Psalm 51:4) True repentance requires a heart willing to say, "I am sorry." We agree with the Lord's assessment of our behavior. **Adherence:** We must dedicate ourselves to turning away from sin by choosing to walk in obedience to God. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."* (Psalm 51:10) True repentance requires a heart willing to say, "I will live right from now on." Adherence to change is necessary. David acknowledged his sin, agreed with what God's word said about it, and adhered his life to change. **TRUE REPENTANCE.** Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Scripture August 27
Monty Dunn
Prepare Communion
Mark & Shela Chessor

Elder's Prayer:

August 27
Gary Gatewood

Prayer Week of August 27

S.M.W.
George Bragg

S.M.D.
Brad Davis

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Marvin Dorton

W.E.B.S
Keith Matlock

W.E.D.
Calvin Hoover