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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

The pictures are still very fresh in my mind. You've seen them, the pictures of all the damage caused by the record amount of rainfall last weekend. I've heard several folks says that it was worse than the 2010 flood. And, as far as loss of life, it is the worst. Efforts continue from this congregation collectively and other congregations as well as many individuals to help in any way possible to ease the burden this has caused for so many families. The one thing that we all can do together, whether old or young, weak or strong, rich or poor is to pray. Pray that God will comfort the fainthearted, strengthen the weak and help so many find peace in all the upheaval of their lives. God does care! He does hear the prayers and cries of His children.

We are just a week away from our September Series "A Month of Sundays". Bro. Jeremy Butt will be with us September 5th to kick us off to a great month of worship and fellowship. He will teach on our theme for the year of Faithfulness. His lessons will be: "What Does Faithfulness Look Like" during our worship hour. During bible class "The Faithful Do What God Commands". Then following our fellowship meal together, he will close our day with "We Can't Give Up!" I look forward to hearing Bro. Jeremy. We all will be blessed. I know that each of you are making plans to be a part of our "A month of Sunday's" September series.

Remember this week the words of our Lord, *"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."* Matthew 11:28-30

God Bless -Todd

Down Memory Lane...

Margie Copley writes:

"How extremely blessed I am to hold many precious memories in my heart of the Centerville Church of Christ dating back to 1947. Today I would like to share just a couple of those with you. I grew up in the Brushy Community and attended church at the Brushy Church of Christ. When my brother, Guill Mitchell, was elected sheriff, my family moved to the jail in Centerville. My sister Jackie and I began attending the Centerville Church of Christ in 1947. Mrs. Noah Chessor, better known as Mama Chessor, was strongly and persistently encouraging Jackie to be baptized. She and I had been talking a lot about being baptized also. On a Sunday morning in May 1949, after hearing a sermon from Brother B.B. James, Jackie and I walked down the aisle together in response to the invitation. However, for some reason, we were not baptized until the afternoon. I am privileged to say that I have been a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for 71 years! My husband Albren Copley and I were married in the church office by Brother B.B. James on April 9, 1949. My greatest joy of worshiping in the old building is that my two children, Barton Copley and Winnie Coleraine, were baptized by Brother Paul Rogers in 1966. Another special memory of mine is the 21 years that I was honored to serve as the teaching assistant to Mrs. Thelma Totty. Mrs. Totty, a wonderful Christian lady and also my neighbor, taught the five year old Sunday School Class for 50 years! Here is one of her delicious recipes that she frequently made and shared with others.

Casserole Bread *Mrs. Thelma Totty*

1 cup sweet milk
1/4 cup sugar 1 tsp. salt
1 stick butter or oleo
1 egg

4 1/2 cups flour
2 pkg. yeast dissolved in 1/2 cup warm water
+ 2 tsp. sugar (stir sugar & water)
Scald milk combined with salt, butter
and sugar Let cool

Stir in yeast mixture, egg (slightly beaten) and 3 cups flour. Beat with mixer until smooth and stir in remaining flour.

Pour in ungreased round or square tube pan and let rise about one hour.

There were many, many Christian ladies in the church who did a lot of good work. I just cannot begin to name them all.

We were blessed with great elders and deacons. Mr. Jim D. Bates, an elder, started our youth program. He believed in working with the young boys. I can remember him putting a pool table in the basement of his home. My son, Barton, along with John Durham, Gary Shepard, Gene Witherspoon, and other boys would go over there and play pool.

I fondly remember when Paul and Judy Rogers (with her ponytail) came to Centerville in 1957 and stayed with us 48 years. They worked so hard and influenced so many. I am so grateful that Judy is still with us continuing to work and influence others.

I could tell a lot more, but there is not enough space for that. The Centerville Church of Christ and all who served the Lord helped make me who I am.

Margie Copley July, 2021

Carter's Corner



Upcoming Events

August 25

Lighthouse

5:00-7:00; Valerie Totty

August 29

Young Men at Coble

Bryce Hughes &
Houston Hudgins

September 3

Tailgate 5th Quarter

Before the Game; HCHS

September 8

Lighthouse

5:00-7:00; Jekins & Chiltons

September 12

Sr. High Fireside

Sara True

September 16

Jr. & Sr. High

Prayer Breakfast

7:00am; Lake Bates

WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY getting used to dealing with damaging flooding in our community. The rains we received this past Friday night into Saturday morning have left many people dealing with the loss of homes, property, power, water, livestock, and tragically the loss of several lives in nearby communities. The power of God's creation is something that can humble us and leave us in awe, but the power of God's people in response to tragedy can be equally awe-inspiring. I am again thankful to be a part of a community that is always willing and eager to help others and I am both grateful and proud of our congregation's willingness to help those who are in need humbly and quietly. Let us all continue to do what we can to help those in Hickman County and the surrounding counties in the days and weeks ahead, and let us continue to pray to our Heavenly Father on behalf of those hurting at this time.

WE HAD A GREAT NIGHT this past Friday night celebrating an HCHS victory at our first 5th Quarter of the school year. We had a good turnout considering the weather conditions and a fun time was had by all eating, playing games, and spending time together. I am thankful for our newest generation of adults, fresh out of college, who volunteered their Friday night to help make 5th Quarter a success: Madelyn Owens, Colby Shelton, Grady Teet, and Peyton King. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 24th, as we host the Homecoming Bonfire 5th Quarter in the Rock Quarry of Camp Meribah.

WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE TWO NEW PREACHERS this Sunday, as Bryce Hughes and Houston Hudgins will be conducting the 5th Sunday Services at the Coble Church of Christ. Bryce

and Houston have been working hard on their lessons and several of the other young men from our congregation will help with the leading of worship services. I hope all of our young people are planning to attend to help encourage our brothers and sisters at Coble, as well as to support our young men.

"EXHORT ONE ANOTHER DAILY..." Hebrews 3:13. Today, do your best to build one another up. Compliment, encourage and confide. In Him, Carter

A Prayer for Flood Victims

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in honor of Bill and Ryan McDonald for providing support to the family of Martha Jane Bogle in helping to organize her memorial and graveside services in Centerville.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Welch Whitesell by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Elizabeth Givens by Randy & Kim James.

Thank You

Dorris & Margie Claud write: "Dear Church Family, Dorris & I would like to thank you all for the calls, cards, and gift cards while sick and having tests, and after the death of my dear sister. I will always cherish the beautiful throw given by the church. The cards sent by the church and beautiful flowers brought to us from Michael & Shirley Bryant were so much appreciated. Please keep us in your prayers. We are still not doing too well. In Christian Love..."

David Talley writes: "Thank you for the cards, phone calls and birthday cake for my birthday."

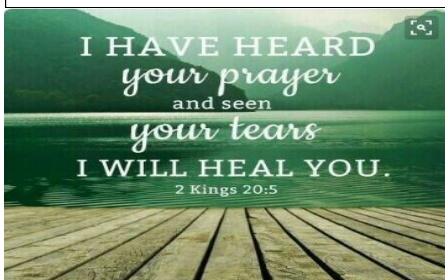
Elaine & Leon Gilbert and Family write: " We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and calls during the passing of my mother, Pearl Gordon. The lantern is beautiful.

Betty Litton writes: " Thanks for birthday cards, calls, flowers and cake. A special thanks to the ones who dropped by to say " Happy Birthday"! In Christian Love..."

Shirley DeVore writes: " There just aren't enough words to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, and every expression of sympathy at Elizabeth's passing. A special thanks to the church for the beautiful wall hanging and the gift card."

Joy McDonald writes:

" Dear Church Family, I'm so very grateful for the cards and prayers received in memory of my father. Reading each card was like receiving a warm hug from a dear friend. Thank you, church office, for the framed saying, "It Is Well With My Soul." We are so blessed upon experiencing a great loss to say, "It Is Well With My Soul."



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Aug. 22nd:
\$ 8,417.45

Camp:
\$ 185.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Drop-Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for Nick and Alicia Batts on Sunday, August 29th and Sunday, September 5th! Please leave your gift in the lobby. It's a girl!

Memory Lane...

Faye Dotson writes: "I was baptized in December 1965 in the old building after some couples were invited to the home of James & Bonnie Blackwell. Bonnie said she would always think of me sitting by the fireplace drying my hair. We had 2 children and raised them in the church. Now there are 5 grandchildren who have been raised here. There are fond memories of friends who are no longer with us. God is Great! I would like to share a recipe given to me by Mary Katherine Bates. It was one of her mother's recipes."

French Coconut Pie
1 stick melted butter
1 1/2 c. sugar
3 whole eggs beaten
1 can flaked coconut
1 T. white vinegar
1 t. vanilla

Combine all ingredients and pour into deep dish pie shell.
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



John Plemmons, Jr.
writes:

" It was an honor and privilege to lead singing for Paul Rogers for 12 of his 48 years with us at the Centerville Church of Christ.



...Danny Tucker (Allison Horner) is recovering at home.

...Bobby McCoy is recovering at home.

...George Simmons had back surgery August 23rd.

...Brett McCord, brother of Ashley Halliburton, is in a regular room at Centennial and improving daily.

...Amy Sanders, mother of Tim (Melissa) Sanderson, is suffering with Alzheimer's. She lives in Mobile, Alabama.

...Roy Cochran, brother of Bobbie Lowery, is sick with Covid.

...John Smith will have eye surgery this week.

...Wayne Chessor will have eye surgery Wednesday.

...Tyler Parsley, son of Todd and Renee, is undergoing tests this week.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dwight Horner who passed away. He was the nephew of Charles & Reba Horner.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Phil Shelton who passed away after a long illness. He was the brother of Charlie (Linda) Shelton.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Legina Maynard who passed away. She was the cousin of Todd (Renee) Parsley.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Harold Choate who passed away. He was a brother of Sandy (Robert) Bryant.



...Northview Church of Christ invites you to Friends & Family Day on Sunday, September 12, 2021. Speaker: Dr. David Powell
Worship: 10 A.M.
Lunch: 11:30 A.M.
1:00 P.M. Afternoon

Service Bible Classes for 5th Grade and Down.

...You Are Invited to Attend:
Special 5th Sunday Services at the Brushy Church of Christ Sunday, August 29, 2021 Speaker: Morne Stephanus
What Will You Be For the Lord? 9 A.M. Bible Class "Be Mature"
10 A.M. Morning Worship " Be Happy"
Fellowship Meal following worship 1 P.M. Early Evening Worship " Be Content"



In 1956, Judy Rogers was twenty years old and a new preacher's wife. She brought some advanced sewing skills to this quilting frame each Wednesday morning in the original church building on College Avenue. The roundtable includes deep friendships of wise and senior ladies, who shaped and positively influenced her life. Judy is seated by Mary Katherine Bates, who remains today as her very dear friend of 65 years. Susan Harber

Bobbie Lowery submitted the following recipes:

"Mrs. Willie Shepard's Fluffy Pineapple Orange Cake"

1 Duncan Hines Golden Butter Cake Mix
 1 small can mandarin oranges & juice
 1/2 cup Crisco 4 eggs Mix Well (About 4 minutes)
 Bake in 3 9 in. cake pans 25 min. @ 325 degrees
 Icing 1 large cool whip 1 large orange jello
 1 small vanilla instant pudding 1 15 1/4 oz. crushed pineapple & juice
 Mix together & spread between layers and on top and sides (Refrigerate)
Mrs. Willie gave me this June 9, 1977 after meeting at her house with a Visitation Team. She served this cake and it is very good.

"Mrs. Clyde Loveless' Corn Light Bread"

1 pkg. yeast 2 cups self rising meal 1 egg
 2 cups buttermilk 3 T. Melted bacon grease
 1/2 cup self rising flour 1/2 cup sugar
 Grease loaf pan Mix dry ingredients
 Add liquid & stir until smooth
 Bake 50 minutes @ 375

Mrs. Loveless was a longtime member of the Centerville Church of Christ

"Mrs. Johnnie Elkins' Jam Cake"

3/4 cup butter
 1 cup sugar
 4 eggs (slightly beaten) 8 T. Buttermilk
 1 1/2 t. soda
 3 cups flour & 1 t. baking powder
 1 t. vanilla
 1 1/2 cups blackberry jam
 2 cups raisins
 1/2 cup English walnuts
 3 t. Cinnamon
 2 t. cloves
 2 t. allspice
 1 t. nutmeg
 Mix soda, flour & baking powder Mix all other ingredients
 Bake in 3 9 inch pans 350 degrees approx. 40 minutes
 Icing
 2 cups sugar
 1 cup milk
 1 cup butter
 Cook approx. 20 minutes Spread on cake

Mrs. Elkins was a longtime member of the Centerville Church of Christ



Youth Group Retreat at Gatlinburg between Christmas and New Year's Eve. David Craig was Youth Minister. Photo submitted by Brenda Carroll

<p>Prayer Week Of August 29:</p>	<p>Elder's Prayer</p>
<p>S.M.W. Marshall Spencer</p>	<p>August 29: Shane Willis</p>
<p>S.M.D. Grady Teet</p>	<p>Preside August 29: Daniel Dressler</p>
<p>S.E.W. Brian Qualls</p>	<p>Read Scripture August 29:</p>
<p>S.E.D. Gethlyn Gardner</p>	<p>Jonathan Longworth</p>
<p>W.E.B.S. Bill McDonald</p>	
<p>W.E.D. Eli Jacobs</p>	