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Jim & Angela Brown

THE
**GOSPEL
OF
MARK**

A CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER STUDY

 Taught by **STEVE BAGGETT & CARTER HOOVER**

 SUNDAY NIGHTS
5:00 PM

 AUDITORIUM

 BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 13

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THE GIRL WHO BECOMES QUEEN ESTHER - PART 2

Sunday, we return to the 17th book of scripture and the marvelous story of Esther. As we move into chapter 2, the story will reveal providential events that bring Esther to the throne of the Queen. Mordecai will be introduced and his commitment to God will be quickly known. In all of these happenings, the hand of God can be clearly seen reminding us of the fact that no one interrupts the will of the Father or thwarts His plans in any way.

God has a plan for His people that no man can ever change. It was so true in the story of Esther and it is still true in the life of believers today.

This great story is indeed a story about God. It is a story about His providence and His protection. Let us take heart that we serve Him today and are blessed to be His people.

Jim Brown



We have been blessed this week with beautiful weather. Days with lower to no humidity and cooler nights. Could be a hint that fall is a few weeks away. Jim will be concluding the study of Genesis in a couple of weeks. We greatly appreciated this class and Jim's ability to teach. Jim and Angela worship with us twice on Sunday, which entails two trips from Clarksville and back. Their dedication in serving this congregation shows their love for this church family. Beginning in September, Jim and Angela will continue worshipping with us and Jim will continue preaching, but only Sunday morning. They will not make that second trip from Clarksville for a while. The format for Sunday evening will remain the same. Steve Baggett will be with us. Steve will begin a study from the Gospel of Mark. A

chapter-by-chapter study of this wonderful book. Carter will be assisting Steve by teaching as well. We appreciate them both and look forward to this class in the coming weeks. God has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9) We are called into fellowship with Christ and into a life of holiness and service. May we walk in a manner worthy of that calling. (Ephesians 4:1) A worthy walk begins with an appreciation for what God has done for us. Let our commitment be always to walk *"In Step With The Savior."* 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...



THE FALL SEMESTER IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY, and it was great to have a busy weekend with our students. As everyone settles into the school year, I am excited about the opportunities we have ahead of us this fall. Be sure to grab a youth calendar if you have not already and make plans to be involved!

OUR FIRST 5TH QUARTER WAS A BLAST Friday night. Sumo Wrasslin' with the inflatable bumper balls provided plenty of entertainment, and we had a great group stick around after the football game. The fried rice was a hit as well! We are thankful for opportunities like these to give our students a place to spend time together and invite friends to join us.

SR HIGH FIRESIDE WAS SUNDAY NIGHT, and we enjoyed another great evening together. A special thank you goes to Harper Shelton and Gracie Brown for hosting. Firesides give us a chance to slow down from busy schedules, enjoy time together, and strengthen the relationships that make our youth group special.

THIS WEDNESDAY IS OUR LIGHTHOUSE KICK-OFF NIGHT from 5:00–7:00 PM! Lillian, Landon, and Logan Jenkins will be hosting as we officially get our Wednesday night Lighthouse schedule started for the semester. We will have supper together and play Family Feud, so come ready for a fun night and bring somebody with you!

NEXT SUNDAY WILL BE A FULL DAY AS WELL. Our Jr. High students will have their first Fireside of the semester with Elizabeth Boone, and Sunday morning is also our 5th Sunday gathering at Coble Church of Christ. Aden Weber will be speaking that morning. Check your fall calendar for details and make plans to be involved.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING "BIB 101" WORD THIS WEEK WAS REPENTANCE. Peter told the crowd in Acts 3:19, *"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out."*

Repentance is more than feeling guilty about something we have done. Biblical repentance involves recognizing our sin, changing our mind about it, and turning from it toward God. Sorrow may lead us to repentance, but repentance results in a change of direction.

That is one of the beautiful things about the gospel. God does not simply show us where we have gone wrong; He gives us the opportunity to turn around. Repentance is not merely about looking backward with regret. It is about looking forward and choosing a different direction with God. This week, ask yourself if there is anything in your life you need to stop excusing, turn away from, and surrender to God. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 26

**LIGHTHOUSE
KICKOFF NIGHT**

AUGUST 30

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

AUGUST 30

JR HIGH FIRESIDE

SEPTEMBER 4

**5TH QUARTER:
COUNTY FAIR**

SEPTEMBER 9

**LIGHTHOUSE PING
PONG
CHAMPIONSHIP**
(JACKSON & BO
MCDONALD)

SEPTEMBER 13

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
JOSEPH ISENBERG

SEPTEMBER 17

**JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**
MARSHALL MCCAULEY



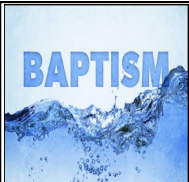
Memorial

... A Memorial donation has been given to Camp Meribah for the upkeep and maintenance in memory of Lamar Chessor, David Talley, Ward Mayberry, Bobby Bates and in honor of Bobby McCoy by Dottie McClearen. Dottie writes: *"They, and countless others, who were and continue to be very instrumental in making Camp Meribah into the wonderful ministry it is today. I am old enough to remember back when it was just a bluff and I marvel at what it has now become. Camp Meribah has touched many lives and will continue to do so, and for that, we are very blessed!"*

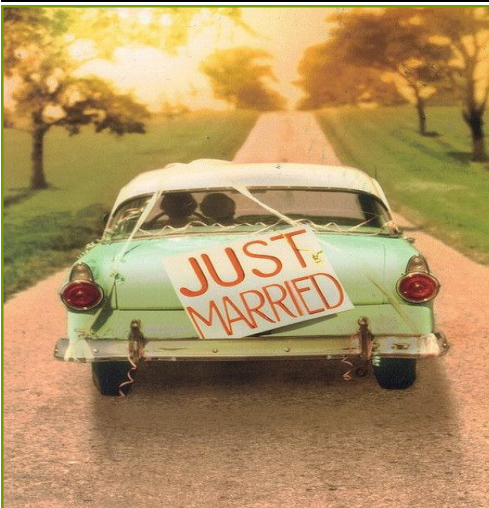
...a donation has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Richard Parker by the Centerville Church of Christ.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Richard Parker who passed away. He was the brother of Marilyn (Lonnie) Gilliam.



We rejoice with Michael Staggs who was baptized August 22, 2026 by members of the Jail Ministry.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Mayberry (formerly Sara True) who were recently married.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Carter & Kaitlyn Shelton on the birth of a daughter August 23, 2026. Elizabeth "Ellie" Joy Shelton weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and is 21 inches long. Proud great-grandmother is Linda Shelton.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION **August 23, 2026**

\$ 14,693.91

Camp: \$ 123.00

Budget:
\$15,075.00



Men's Fish Fry
September 12, 2026
4 PM
In The Fellowship Hall

Sign-Up In The Lobby



Ben, Brook, Ridge & Rhett Austin have moved. Their new address is:

2809 Country Club Drive
Centerville, TN 37033



PLEASE PRAY

...Jean Qualls continues to battle with cancer.

...Kathy Baxter is recovering from heart surgery at home.

...Glenda Dorton was transported to Chicago, Illinois for spinal rehab. The address is:

Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Hospital
355 E. Erie Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

...Sue Banks, sister of Betty Banks, has been placed on Hospice care.

...Matthew Howell has been diagnosed with glioblastoma. He will be having treatments.

Remember Those Who Are Sick...

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Woody Woodruff, Rodney Rochelle, Brian Wilkie, Bobby McCoy, Cathie Copley, David Nash

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

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

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Jo Anna Campbell, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Larry Talley



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

Our Elders

Place
Stamp
Here



Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

Sunday AM

"Esther and The Providence of God"

Lesson #2

Esther 2:17-18

Sunday PM

"Genesis"

Part 37

Genesis 47:28-31

Preside

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 30
Ronald Coates

Elder's Prayer
Shane Willis

Communion Prep.

August 30
Jonathan & Misty Aydelott

Prayer Week Of
August 30

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Randy Wright

S.E.W.
Slater Springman

S.E.D.
Brett Martin

W.E.B.S
Brad Davis

W.E.D
Marshall McCauley