

# CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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# "From Where I Sit" Todd Parsley



SCHOOL HAS STARTED! Summer has flown by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday school let out for the summer. We pray for our children to have a very good and safe school year. We hope they succeed beyond their wildest dreams. At the same time, education in secular matters should not be the only priority. We must recognize the importance of the spiritual education as well. "Seek first the kingdom of God...." (Matthew 6:33). Secular education should be tempered by spirituality. Paul said, "I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil" (Romans 16:19). Parents your expectations of your child doing well in school is good, but your expectations of their spiritual growth should be of more importance. To be successful in this present world you need a good education, to live with God in the next life you need a spiritual education. Which is more important? Both can have their place in life, but only one is most important.

The world is filled with people who had great education, were successful in life, but died dissatisfied with their accomplishments. This is because the world can never truly satisfy (Proverbs 27:20). We work to gain thinking that the next great thing, accomplishment, or deal will fulfill us. When it finally comes, it lacks the luster that we thought it had, and we move on to the next "next great thing," and the cycle repeats itself. One day, if we're lucky, we will wake up and decide that we must do something better with our life. The unlucky never arrive at that day. Proverbs 14:14 states, "The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, but a good man will be satisfied from above."

As we begin a new school year let's not get so wrapped up in our secular education that we forget that the world and everything in it belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). Let's prioritize the spiritual. Let's remember that all the good things that we have come from God, and let's seek to use those things to the glory of God, including our education. Math, English, and History are all important things to learn, But the Gospel, Salvation and Eternity are more important to know.

God Bless our parents, our children, our teachers and all our school personnel as we begin a new year!

-Todd



# Fall Quarter

August, September, October Sunday, August 7, 2022

BABYLAND	109	Megan Lampley, Christine Hoover <u>WED</u> . Cecily Dotson
AGE 2	200	Heather Martin, Alice Anne Jacobs <u>WED</u> . Kristy Wallace
AGE 3	204	Janis Rediker Kinzie Lampley
PreK Age 4 & 5	206	Cindy Garland, Kristen Garland <u>WED</u> . Ages 3, 4, 5 Vanessa McMullin Alison Gilbert
Sensory Class	225	Ashley Thomas
In Kindergarten	208	Ridonna Goodpasture <u>WED</u> . Holley Krueger
GRADES 1 & 2	220	Leah Isenberg <u>WED</u> . Mary Sue Bragg Debbie Bradley
Grade 3 & 4	224	Belinda Potts <u>WED.</u> Jean Qualls
Grade 5	226	Jonathan Aydelott <u>Wed.</u> Eric Cannon
Jr. High 6,7,8	B18	Philip Jacobs
Sr. High 9,10,11,12	B8	Carter Hoover & Others Wed. Gr. 6-12 Carter Hoover & Others
YOUNG ADULT	222	Matthew Dotson
ADULTS	214	Craig Shelton <u>WED</u> . Mike Elkins & Others
ADULTS	CHAPEL	Bill McDonald Shane Willis
ADULTS	218	Wayne Qualls
ADULTS	110	Gary Gatewood
ADULTS	AUD.	Daniel Dressler Mike Goodpasture <u>WED</u> . Todd Parsley & Others
ADULTS	LIB.	Ward Mayberry
Ladies	110	<u>WED</u> . Linda Shelton



Carter Hoover

**UPCOMING EVENTS** 

AUGUST 7
PROMOTION
SUNDAY

AUGUST 7
BACK-TO-SCHOOL
WATERMELON
ROAST

AUGUST 10
WELCOME BACK
LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 14

JR HIGH FIRESIDE
GRACIE ORTON

AUGUST 18
JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

AUGUST 24 LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 26
5TH QUARTER

AUGUST 28

SR HIGH FIRESIDE

GRACIE & SAM BROWN

# **Carter's Corner**

THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IS HERE as students all over Hickman County head back to school this week. A new school year is always an exciting time in youth ministry as it marks the end of another successful summer and the beginning of a new cycle of ministry. A new school year is also bittersweet as we say "goodbye" to another graduating class and say "hello"

to a new group of Freshmen and 6th graders. The older I get, the more I continue to resonate with what the Wise Teacher would write in Ecclesiastes "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Let us all begin this new season with optimism, hope, and a desire for greater faithfulness during this school year.

HAVE YOU EVER DONE NOTHING & EVERYTHING AT THE SAME TIME? That was the feeling this past week as our Sr. High students took part in a back-to-school retreat at the Lodge at Camp Meribah. Harrison took the lead in planning this retreat and focused on primarily spending time relaxing and being together before the start of a hectic school year. We spent part of the week relaxing at the Lodge, staying up too late, laughing, playing, spending time in devotion, and we even snuck in a little work as the group helped clean up the Lighthouse for the new school year. Thanks to Harrison for planning and Adley Elkins for helping!

THE FALL SEMESTER CALENDAR IS SET, and calendars should be ready to be handed out this Wednesday night. We have an entire semester of events planned including plenty of youth group classics and a few new activities. A new school year is always a great time to get involved if you have never been a part of the youth group, or to restart your desire to be a part of the group as well. I hope you will grab a calendar, save the dates, and invite your friends to be involved!

IF A STRANGER TEMPTS US to do something wrong, we're usually not compelled to participate, and there's usually no real fallout if we say no. But it gets messy when it's a good friend or family member who is tempting us. Even if we don't give in, we tend to excuse or overlook the sin in those we love, thinking we're being loyal and loving them. When Jesus was told that His mother and brothers had come to see Him, He took the opportunity to redefine what

true family is: "Anyone who does the will of my father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Jesus understands that we may face opposition from those closest to us, but He challenges us to the action anyway. This week, I challenge you to be the right kind of "brother or sister" by focusing your thoughts on doing the will of our Heavenly Father. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

## **Memorial**

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Bennett Schmid by the following: Don & Vicki Chessor, Marshall & Ann Spencer, Adam & Crystal Vaughn, Clay & Tara Chessor, Nakia McFall, Stacey McFall, Patrick Trousdale, Sarah Catherine Trousdale, Greg & Tina Kelso, Nakia McFall DBA Expense Account, Jeff Floyd **Insurance Agency.** 

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Greg McCord by the following: Don & Vicki Chessor,

Clay & Tara Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Gilmer by Doug Shepherd.

#### Bridal Tea



You are invited to a Bridal Tea for Karlie Pearcy, bride elect of Bradley Horner, on Sunday, August 7, 2022 from 1-2:30 at the Outreach Center. Bradley is the son of Michael & Renea Horner. They are registered at Amazon and Walmart.

### A Baby Shower!



You are invited to a baby Shower for Dustin & Keller (Miley) Mizell on August 14, 2022 from 1-2:30 at the Outreach Center. It's a Girl!!

### **Sympathy**

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mildred Dunn who passed away. She was the mother of Sandra (Randy) Barber.

Take a moment to send a card to someone to brighten their day! Those who are sick, shut-in, or celebrating a birthday or anniversary!

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## **CONTRIBUTION**

July 31, 2022: \$ 12,034.45

> Camp: \$ 203.00

**Budget: \$ 13,532.00** 

## **Happy Birthday!**



**Gerald McFarlin** 83 Years Old August 12, 2022



**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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Gerry Parker, brother-in-law of Renee (Todd) Parsley, is at home with palliative care.

...Randy Hammer, father of Nanette Simmons, is recovering from surgery. ...Mary Stoltz (Jamie) sister-in-law of Melissa Sanderson, is recovering from a compression fracture.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Sanderson, is recovering at home for a aneurysm in his spleen due to a car accident.

...Ken Dickerson is in Summit Medical Center due to a gastric bleed. He is doing much better.

...Mark Chessor has been diagnosed with Temporal Arteritis and is undergoing treatments.

...Juanita King, mother of Carol (Randy) Breece, has been diagnosed with leukemia and will be undergoing treatments. She is in St. Thomas Mid-

...Joe Shipp, brother of Betty Breece, is undergoing treatments for cancer.

...Macy Jorenby, sister of George (Mary Sue) Bragg has been diagnosed with leukemia and is in Vanderbilt Hospital.

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Doyle Rushton, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Donna Blackwell, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Tallev

<u>St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home</u>: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

Home: J.B. Brown, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Amanda Bowman, Stephen Dotson, Carey Hight, Melvin Roberson, Amy Douglas, Billy & Juanita Garner, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Anderson, Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Willie Taylor, Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Jill Akens, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

#### AREA EVENTS

...Gospel Meeting at the Upper Sinking Church of Christ August 7-10, 2022 Speaker: James Barnes Sunday 10 A.M. Bible Study; Worship: 11 A.M. Sunday Eve. 1:30 P.M. Mon.-Wed. 7 P.M. Meal following A.M. service.

...Jackson Heights Church of Christ Ladies Bible Study "Women of Devotion" with Lauren Bassford Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:00 A.M. until Noon





# The Heart Of The Matter...



My summer here will draw to an end with our YAM Sunday on August 7th. I am very grateful for Todd for giving me the chance to speak, as well as Matthew and the other YAMs for making this service happen. We have a great group of young people here at CCOC. The youth group, and now the YAMs, have been an integral part and great influence on my life for many years now, and I look forward to this Sunday to lead with them.

That being said, it is hard for me to believe that my third summer with you all is coming to an end. It feels like my first day back in the summer of 2020 was just a few weeks ago. I think that is a testament to how much I have enjoyed my time here. I have learned a lot over these summers, and I am grateful for that. I have been given the chance to grow under great leadership over these summers, and I am grateful for that. I have made many fond memories over these summers, and I am grateful for that. I have gotten to know many of you better over these summers, and I am grateful for that. I have been shown so much support, patience, and love over these summers, and I am grateful for that. I have so many things to be grateful for concerning the past three years, and it is because of you that I was given this opportunity. Philippians 1:3, "I thank my God in remembrance of you."

Harrison Kelley

Harrison

# Those To Serve in August

<u>Prayer Week of</u> <u>August 7</u>

S.M.W. Billy Rochelle

<u>S.M.D</u>. Alex Seagraves

<u>S.E.W</u>. Philip Jacobs

S.E.D. Chris Teet

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Dr. Jerry Nash

<u>W.E.D</u>. Alex Seagraves

#### **BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN August**

7/3: Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson. Jackson McDonald 7/10: Bo McDonald, Boone Newsom, Brody Chessor, Bruin Dotson 7/17: Keegan Dotson, Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins 7/24: Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson, Jackson McDonald, Bo McDonald 7/31: Boone Newsom, Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson

Read Scripture
August 7

**Peyton King** 

Elders' Prayer Shane Willis <u>Preside</u> August 7

**Cameron Peters** 

#### **RADIO ROOM August**

Alex Seagraves Derek Newsom Cameron Wright Marshall McCauley

#### **Meals On Wheels August**

August 3: Jane Talley August 10: Diane Garrett August 17: Susan Dotson August 24: Shirley Bryant August 31: Carolyn/Wayne Chessor

**PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40** 

#### **Greeters**

Joey & Charlene Hunt Bryan & Lori Woods Don & June Roder Derek & Rachel Newsom NURSERY: Christine Hoover

BAPT. CLOTHING: Rachel Newsome

#### **USHERS**:

Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor

P.M. Communion
Jackson
McDonald
Ryan McDonald

SERVED IN THE CHAPEL