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**"From Where  
I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



We had our back-to-school watermelon roast on Sunday night at Camp Meribah which was well attended. It marks the beginning of the new school year for our kids and teachers and other school employees. Let's all pray for a good and safe year for all of them.

Our attention here at Centerville is now focused on our September Series and our 150th + 1 celebration. We are calling our September Series "A Month of Sundays". Meaning we will be having the old fashioned 'church-eat-church' and special guest speakers each of the first three Sundays. It will mark the first time since the pandemic started that we will have a fellowship meal together. Here is our schedule for the month:

**September 5-** Jeremy Butt, Minister at the Northview congregation in Columbia will kick off our September series. He will speak at our morning worship, teach a combined bible class. And speak again after our fellowship meal. There will not be a 5:00p service during our month of Sunday series. Barbeque & Trimmings will be provided for our meal that day. Bill McDonald's class will provide baked beans, chips and desserts. Wayne Qualls class will provide coleslaw, chips, and desserts. Drinks provided.

**September 12-** Matthew and I will be speaking. We will have our morning worship, followed by Bible class. We will eat together at 11:00 with our evening service following lunch. Again no 5:00p service. Italian feast will be provided for our meal. Lasagna and spaghetti aplenty! Matthew Dotson's class will provide tossed salad, dressing, and bread. Craig Shelton's class will provide desserts. Drinks provided.

**September 19-** OUR BIG DAY! Celebrating 150 years! All hands on deck for this big day. We want 1,000 people here for this occasion. INVITE! INVITE! Bring friends and family. Jim Brown will speak to us during our worship time, Bryan McAlister will speak during our combined adult class time. We will move outside to tents for our fellowship meal and other activities. This will be a potluck meal. We need everyone to bring their favorite dish, make that "dishes"! We will need a lot of food and we are asking each family to help with this. Drinks again will be provided.

We plan to celebrate and remember our 150 years of faithfulness to God. We also plan to leave a keepsake for the next generations to follow. A time capsule will be left with the instructions to not be opened until the year 2070. (more later about this).

Let's all be making plans now for this wonderful month of Sundays and for our 150th celebration day.

God Bless -Todd

## From The Heart Of The Matter



This summer has been a blast! I am so thankful that I was able to return to this congregation for another summer, and to experience what a regular summer is like for the CCOC Youth. The second time around I learned just as much, if not more, about ministry than I did last year, and it was full of new and exciting experiences for me to get to be a part of. Throughout this full summer, we saw the return of VBS and Camp Meribah, which I was thrilled to be able to help with, especially after missing it last year. We had several youth events that Sidney and I played a part in planning, highlighted by the Weekend Retreat. The summer was full of many great YAM events such as Yamily Dinner, the Pool Olympics, and the Cedar Point Trip. Matthew Dotson, Luke Worsham, and I even had the opportunity to help with the VBS at the Brush Creek Church of Christ in Perry County. I am also thankful that throughout the summer I was given many opportunities to speak and teach, and learned much about the two by doing so.

I am eager to go back to school and continue my education and see my friends that I have been without for the past few months, but I am not eager to leave this church. It is such a blessing to me to have the opportunity to work and attend here, and you are such a blessing to me in so many ways. I am thankful for each of you for the encouragement, support, and love you provide. I am thankful for the elders and staff for the opportunity to work here, and for the leadership and example they provide for the church and for me. I am thankful for Sidney for her hard work and love she puts towards the Lord and the church. I am thankful for Carter for giving me the chance to learn from one of the best. I love you all! Harrison

### 2021 Byron E. Bates Teacher Of The Year



#### **Presented to: Christine Hoover**

For some teaching is a task to be accomplished for a time. For others teaching is a fulfillment of love for children and the desire to make a difference in their lives. To pursue this desire with the heart of a servant and the zeal of a caring, organized teacher, we this day recognize your devotion to teaching God's word for a decade and beyond, to the Preschoolers and at VBS. From your family of the Centerville Church of Christ, we offer our Deepest THANKS and LOVE.

*Award presented by Lonnie Mayberry  
Sunday School Superintendent*

## Carter's Corner...



THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OFF AND RUNNING as students returned to their classes this week. We had an excellent kickoff to our school year this past Sunday evening with our annual Watermelon Roast at Camp Meribah. The crowd was great, the watermelons were sweet, and of course, everyone enjoyed a great evening of fellowship. A new school year always signifies a new beginning in many ways for a youth minister and I am excited to see what this school year has in store for us.

### Upcoming Events

August 8  
**Sr. High Fireside**  
Ellie Aydelott

August 11  
**Lighthouse Kickoff Night**  
Aden Weber

August 15  
**Jr. High Fireside**  
Joseph McCauley

August 20  
**5th Quarter**  
Camp Meribah; After the game until 11:00

August 22  
**Sparks & Intermediates Slip n' Slide**  
Camp Meribah

August 25  
**Lighthouse**  
Valerie Totty

August 29  
**Young Men at Coble**

CALENDARS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER are now available for our students to pick up in the lobby, youth board, office, and Lighthouse. We have a great semester of activities planned for students of all ages. There is no better time than now to become a part of our youth group and become active in our ministry!

CHANGE CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR MANY PEOPLE. A new school year can be a fun and exciting time for many students, but for others, it can be a difficult transition to make. New teachers, new classes, new schools, and new friends can be overwhelming to many students and can cause you to feel uncomfortable while you are in transition. I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 which says, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." When we look at change this way, we can be better prepared to manage it. As Christians, we know that everything happens for a purpose, and God can work through any situation. In the end, while change can be hard, we can grow in our faith when we learn to embrace it. When we trust God's plan, He transforms us each and every day as His followers. So, as you experience change in the upcoming year, remember this truth.

In Him, Carter



**Life-Line Daily Updates &  
Devotional  
Message  
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## Centerville Church of Christ

**Come Worship With Us !**

**Sunday 9 A.M./ 5 P.M.  
Wednesday 7 P.M.**



## Memorial

Jerry and Marilyn Nash have made a contribution to the Congregation's African Mission Fund in memory of Marilyn's cousin, William (Billy) Jordan: an Elder for 22 years at Beltline Church of Christ, Decatur, Alabama and for 15 years at Eastern Shore Church of Christ in Daphne, Alabama.

## Prayer Request

We rejoice with Corey King who has requested your prayers as he and his sons want to come "back home" to Centerville. Pray for Corey and his sons Zack and Liam.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**  
**150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
**CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF**  
**CHRIST! MAKE PLANS TO**  
**ATTEND!**

**109 Centervilles In The U.S.A., But All Roads Lead To**  
**Centerville, Tennessee**  
**On Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**150th Anniversary of the Centerville Church Of Christ!**  
**We Want You To Be Here!**

## Moments That Matter



*Matthew Dotson*

150 years! It's amazing to think the Centerville congregation has been a beacon in this community for so long, and on September 19 we will celebrate the rich history of this church. Much work is already being done in preparation for this day, and I hope you're planning to worship with us and bring your friends and relatives with you. What a glorious day that will be!

As our young ones return to school, many of our young adults are preparing to return to college, begin graduate school, or enter the workforce. This past Saturday, 45 of us gathered together for our annual YAM Summer "Finale!" We enjoyed good food, a wonderful lesson, a competitive wiffleball game, and a movie under the stars together (see pictures). A special "thank you" goes to Bryan McAlister for coming to speak to this great group of young people, and to Cissy for being an always-gracious hostess.

This coming Sunday (8/8) should be a tremendous day of worship! Our young adults will be leading our worship services, with Harrison Kelley preaching and Luke Worsham leading our song service. We have set a goal of having 50 in our Bible class, and I know our young people have been working diligently to achieve this milestone. I encourage you to introduce yourself to some of these members of our congregation (and their guests) on Sunday, as they are all working toward a bright future for the Centerville Church of Christ!

May God continue to bless and keep us in all of our moments!

Matthew

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**Aug.1st: \$ 16,353.85**

**Camp: \$ 226.00**

**Budget: \$ 12,979.00**

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Joann Hinson who passed away. She was the aunt of John (Debbie) Bradley.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Diane Hubbs who passed away after a battle with cancer. She was the sister of Debbie Anderson and Margie (Dorris) Claud.



...Brett MCord, brother of Ashley Halliburton, is in ICU at Centennial Hospital battling Covid.

...Chris Buchanan is recovering from shoulder surgery and doing well.

...Dot Allen, mother of Ann Hooten is experiencing health problems.

...John Plemmons, Jr. is undergoing tests.

...Pat Sparkman, brother of Susan Ingram, is much better and is at a rehab. facility.

...Melvin Roberson is in St. Thomas West being treated for an infection in his back.

...Ruth Gardner is recovering at home.



### Ladies' Prayer Night

*Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>*

*7 pm*

*Fellowship Hall*

*This will be a time of prayer for all children,*

*no matter their age,*

*as they begin the school year.*

## Area Events...

...Gospel Meeting at the Five Points Church of Christ  
August 8-11, 2021

Speaker: Bill McDonald

Sunday: 9 A.M. Class

10:00 A.M. Worship

Lunch Provided 1:00 P.M.

Worship Mon.-Wed. 7:00 P.M.

9040 Old Nashville Road

Bon Aqua, TN. 37025

## Baby Shower!



You are invited to a *Come & Go Baby Shower* for Ben and Brook Austin on Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 1:30-3:00 P. M. at the Outreach Center. It's a boy! They are registered at

Amazon & Target.



# YAM SUMMER FINALE



**Back To School  
Watermelon Roast!**



**Order of Worship :  
Members of  
Matthew Dotson's  
YAM Ministry**

**Speaker: Harrison Kelley  
Song Leader: Luke Worsham**

**Prayer Week  
Of August 8:**

**S.M.W.  
Cameron Peters**

**S.M.D.  
Slater Springman**

**S.E.W.  
Randy Wright**

**S.E.D.  
Randy James**

**W.E.B.S.  
Wayne Chessor**

**W.E.D.  
Weston Elkins**

**Elder's Prayer  
August 8:**

**Mike  
Goodpasture**

**Preside  
August 8:**

**Colby Shelton**

**Read  
Scripture**

**August 8:  
Grady Teet**