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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Surprising Gifts from God"
(John 3:14-17)

Sunday PM
"Peace"
(Philippians 4:10-14)

9AM and 5PM



Here we are in the last month of 2024. It has been a year full of tremendous blessings from God. We have had our struggles, but overall God has blessed this church family in countless ways and He continues to do so. Keeping with our theme of "Good Works" for the year our focus for December is "Good Stewards", taking care of the things that God has entrusted us with. As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:2, *"Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful."* So, what is it that a steward does, and why does Paul tell us we are required to be faithful stewards? Some might think of a steward as a rather lowly servant, but that is not necessarily the case. The idea of stewardship is one of responsibility and management. Basically, a steward is a person who serves in a position of responsibility over the affairs of another person or a group of people. Those affairs can range from the trivial to as weighty matters as one might imagine.

As Christians, we are stewards in several capacities. We are stewards of our very lives. God has blessed us with life, and He expects us to glorify Him through the way we live (Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We are stewards over the various blessings which God bestows upon us (James 1:17). We should use those blessings wisely, to our benefit and in service to God, thus bringing Him glory (1 Corinthians 10:31). As Christian parents we are stewards over the precious children God has placed in our care. We must take care of them, love them, and raise them in God's love (Ephesians 6:4).

As Christians, we are stewards of the church. We are the *"body of Christ"* (1 Corinthians 12:27). We must present to the world around us the proper image of what God has designed the church to be (1 Timothy 3:15). We must faithfully share the saving message of the gospel to all the people in our lives (Mark 16:15-16).

Perhaps most important, we are stewards of our own eternal souls. We have this time, while in this world, to prepare for eternity. However we use, or misuse, our time here will impact what eternity holds for us (Hebrews 9:27). We must not be careless stewards! Let us pray for God's guidance and wisdom and apply ourselves conscientiously in our various roles of stewardship.

God Bless -Todd

ITS BEGINNING TO LOOK
a lot like
CHRISTMAS

All Church Night
Sunday, December 8, 2024
Following 5 P.M. Worship

*Volunteer Of The Year
Service Award
Recognition Of New Members
Christmas Program
Presented by : Nick Bentley*

Menu

*Brown Sugar Glazed Ham
Roasted Turkey
Dressing
Green Beans
Cream Style Corn
Cranberry Salad
Rolls*

*A Variety Of Desserts
Coffee/ Tea*

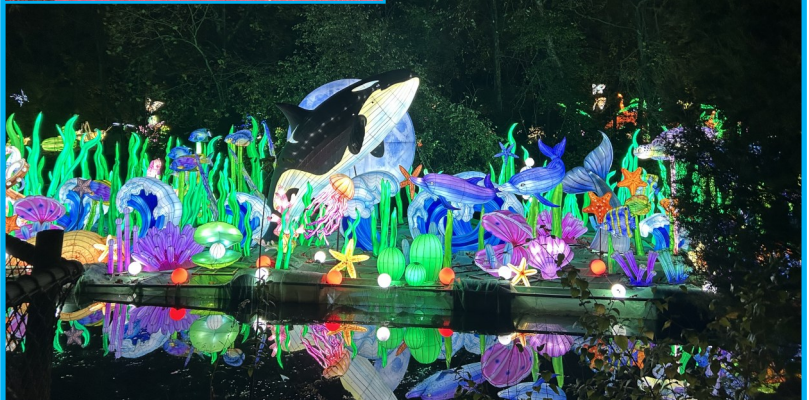
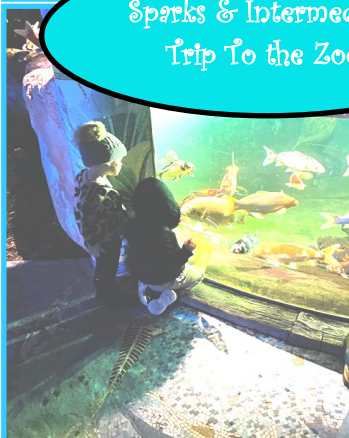
Please Join Us!

Carter's Corner...

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER always feels like controlled chaos for many people, but it is truly the most wonderful time of the year! Our youth program has been busy this month with Angel Tree Shopping, our first-ever Christmas Kickoff (pictures to come next week), and many more activities for our young people in the days ahead. Make sure you are keeping up with all our activities by following us on social media and joining the GroupMe groups for the youth group. Thank you to everyone who works in various ways to make our youth program successful! Have a great week! In Him, Carter



Sparks & Intermediates
Trip To the Zoo!



Sympathy



Bobbie June Kittrell

1929-2024

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Bobbie June Kittrell on November 30, 2024. She was preceded in death by her husband William B. Kittrell and her daughter Debbie Coleman. She and her husband were long time members of the Centerville Church of Christ. In 2001 the Kittrell Bus Garage was completed. Bobbie June took great pride in keeping the grounds around the Meditation Garden and the Bus Garage immaculate until her failing health caused her to move to NHC Place at the Trace.

To her children Kaye Kittrell, Marty (Jane) Kittrell, Bill (Suzanne) Kittrell, 9 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 11-2. Funeral at 2 P.M. at McDonald Funeral Home.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mike Madden who passed away. He was the brother of Shelby (Jim) Prince.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Carolyn King who passed away. She was the mother of Valerie (Bobby) McCoy, Troy (Maleah) King, and Gary (Melissa) King. To all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

Sunshine Bags



If you can bring snacks for Sunshine Bags it will be greatly appreciated! The bags will be assembled on Wednesday night, December 11, 2024.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

December 1, 2024

\$ 13,784.22

Camp: \$ 322.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Thank You

Alan Potts writes: " Dear Centerville Church family, I am so appreciative of the cards, texts, and calls I received while healing from surgery. In Christian Love..."

Sue Ann Loveless writes: " I want to thank everyone for the many birthday cards I received. I really enjoyed them!"

Mark & Shela Chessor writes: "Dear Church Family, We want to thank you all for the love shown to us during this most difficult time with the loss of two family members in a span of four days. Bless you for the cards, calls, food, expressions of concern, your presence at my father's visitation/funeral, and especially for your prayers. Thank you for the throw and framed print in memory of our brother-in-law Todd Chessor and my father, Neal Gilbert. With Much Love..."

The Family of Neal Gilbert writes:

"Dear Church Family, We want to thank all those that gave of their time to provide a meal to all our family after the funeral service of Neal Gilbert. Thanks so very much to those who prepared and provided food. It was all delicious and all the family was touched with it all. In Christian Love..." *Mark & Shela Chessor and all the Gilbert Family*

Prayer Request

George Simmons has requested your prayers as he rededicates his life to Christ.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Please Pray For:



...Jerry Bates is at Vanderbilt Stallworth for rehab.

...Brittany Gilbert, wife of Eric and daughter-in-law of

Vanessa McMullin, is expecting a baby and is in Vanderbilt Hospital with blood pressure problems.

...Janis Rediker will see a cardiologist December 4.

...Johnny Qualls, father of Anita Allen, is still struggling with his health.

...Willie Powers suffered a stroke Monday and was airlifted to St. Thomas West. He had surgery to remove a blood clot and is in ICU.

Home: Jr. Baker, Reba Horner, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Blood Drive ...at the Centerville

Church of Christ Outreach Center
Front Room

138 North Central Avenue
Centerville, Tn. 37033

Monday, December 9, 2024 2-6 P.M.
To schedule an apt., please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: CentervilleCoC



Velveeta Cheese
Baked Beans
Kool-Aid Canisters

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Charlie Shelton Welcome Center by Ken & Tina Dickerson, Doug Shepherd, and Theresa Drew.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Margie Claud by Ken & Tina Dickerson, Patricia Latham, Day School Board, Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of A.J. Coates and Marjorie Claud by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Becky Gatewood Scholarship Fund at Camp Meribah by Theresa Drew.

Baptisms



We rejoice with Amanda McLean, Bobby Wilkins, Patrick Parish, and Justin McKinney who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.



A plaque was presented to the Eldership and David Shannon on behalf of the Nandigama International Theological Institute and Nandigama Church of Christ in appreciation for the support given to the work in India and the Institute's Third Graduate Exercise.

Place Stamp Here



Men's Fish Fry at Camp Meribah. Well attended and enjoyed by all.



Preside

December 8
George Bragg

December 15
Randy Wright

December 22
Robert Bowman

December 29
Sam Chessor

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)

Left Side

Danny Hudgins
Joey Hunt
Sam Gilbert
Keithen Harris

Right Side

Shaun Lawson
Michael Jenkins
Jagger Lawson
Justin Beard

P.M. Chapel

Marvin Dorton

Read Scripture
December 8

Garth Richardson

Elder's Prayer

Gary Gatewood

Prayer Week Of
December 8

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Calvin Hoover

S.E.W.
Brett Martin

S.E.D.
Alan Potts

W.E.B.S
George Garland

W.E.D
Randy James