



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*Jim Brown*

**Sunday AM**  
“Life Changing Encounters”  
**Zechariah**  
**Luke 1:57-59**

**Sunday PM**  
“**Genesis**”  
**Part 5**  
**Genesis 4:8-9**



## Life Changing Encounters

For the four Sundays of December, we are going to share together in a new study series simply called, ‘Life Changing Encounters’. As the world reflects on the coming of a Savior, we will look into the lives of those changed forever by this event. We begin, this Sunday, talking about a Jewish priest by the name of Zechariah. He is a good and godly man, married to a good and godly woman named Elizabeth. They live life right! They follow and obey the laws of God and yet they experience great disappointment, because they have no child.

While carrying out his priestly duties, Zechariah receives a visit from an angel by the name of Gabriel and as a result of that visit, his life, Elizabeth’s life, your life and mine are all completely changed forever. It is a thrilling and remarkable story that Luke will share with us and I look forward to studying it with you!  
See you Sunday! Jim Brown

# Sympathy



**Don Luther**

1929 - 2025

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend Don Luther on November 18, 2025. He was born on July 6, 1929, in Bon Aqua, Tennessee, and spent his retirement years in Centerville, Tennessee. He is survived by his daughter, Donna (Chris) Coley; grandchildren Donovan (Mallory) Owens, Nathaniel (Erin) Owens, Mary Kate Coley, and Jon Creed Coley; and great-grandchildren Lincoln Roe and Annie Kay Owens. He is also survived by Brad (Monica) Davis, Lynn (Bubba) Nelms, many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and countless friends. Don held a special affection for all of his neighbors on Hickory Street, who enriched his days with fellowship and kindness in a community he cherished deeply. Don was a cherished Elder at Highland Street Church of Christ, where he was deeply loved by many, and remained actively involved in the life and service of the Centerville Church of Christ and had been a member for a number of years. The family asks that memorial donations in Don's honor be made to Camp Meribah, which serves the greater Hickman County area and surrounding counties. Operated by the Centerville Church of Christ, the camp welcomes more than 300 campers over three weeks each summer—more than half of whom are able to attend because of generous gifts of time and financial support. Don Luther gave both, and the camp held a special place in his heart.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Arch McCord who passed away. To his wife Loreda, daughter Christi, son John (Mindy), daughter Tiffany (Chris) all grandchildren family and friends we express our deepest sympathy. Mr. McCord was an Elder at the Pinewood Church of Christ.

# Carter's Corner...



## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 3

### LIGHTHOUSE BINGO

#### NIGHT

JOSEPH & MARSHALL  
MCCAULEY

DECEMBER 7

### ANGEL TREE SHOPPING

AFTER MORNING WORSHIP  
(SENIOR HIGH)

DECEMBER 14

### THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER

DECEMBER 17

### A LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS

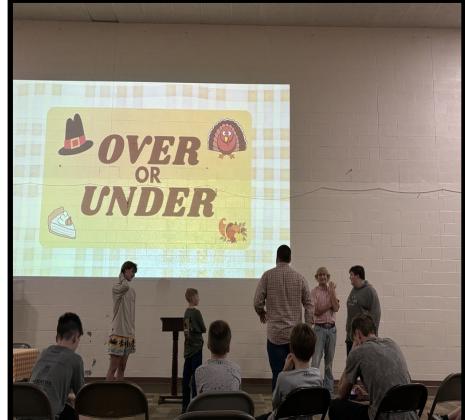
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DECEMBER 21

### JR HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY

JANUARY 2

### THE ARCTIC BLAST 2





## STEWARDED REPORT CONTRIBUTION

November 23, 2025:

15,289.29

Camp: \$ 50.00

November 30, 2025

12,875.33

Camp: 260.00

Budget: \$14,978.00

**December 10th we will be assembling Sunshine Bags for delivery. If you can help by bringing snacks, candy, or cookies for the bags it will be greatly appreciated. Please leave your items in the lobby.**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Pam Griggs had foot surgery Monday, December 1st.

...Mike Goodpasture is dealing with severe pain in his leg and undergoing tests.

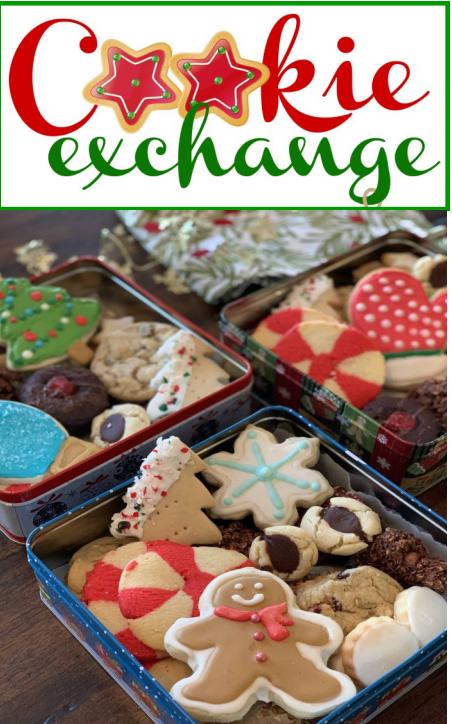
...Farris (Junior) Baker, brother of Mary Sue Bragg, is in NHC in Dickson.

...Mary Katherine Bates is in a lot of pain due to falling.

...Michelle Jenkins will have a spinal fusion on December 4th.

...Adelyn Martin's surgery has been delayed due to sickness.

...Woody Woodruff continues to be in ICU at St. Thomas West. He has made small improvements but has a long road ahead.



*Join us for a fun holiday cookie exchange on December 6 from 1-3 P.M. at the home of Bryan and Lori Woods.*

*3429 Dodd Hollow Road  
Nunnelly, TN. 37137*

*Let's get together to celebrate the season, trade delicious treats, and play some games. Please prepare 2-3 dozen cookies to exchange and a few extra to sample. Any leftovers can go to all church night. Please RSVP Lori Woods at 931-994-7042.*



Blood Drive  
Centerville Church of Christ  
Outreach Center  
Front Room

138 North Central Avenue  
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

Monday, December 8, 2025  
2:00-6:00 P.M. To schedule and appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: CentervilleCoC

## Drop-Off Shower



There will be a drop-off shower for Ben and Anna Ballou on Sunday, December 7th and Sunday, December 14th. You may leave your gift in the lobby. *It's a Boy!*

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Willie Powers and Rodney Tune by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Don Luther by the following: Randy & Kim James, Ed & Cheryl Russell, Joe & Janis Mitchell, Lonnie & Diane Garrett, Ashley Thomas, Brad & Monica Davis, Olan Clemens, Jr., John, Wanda & Angie Givens, Patricia Hallworth, Helen Derryberry, Anita Wherry, Donna Coley.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Willie Powers and Rodney Tune by Doug Shepherd.

...a donation has been given to the food pantry in honor of Bill McDonald by the Bon Aqua Church of Christ.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Don Luther and Reba Horner by Wayne & Carolyn Chesson.

## December Celebrations



John T. & Wanda Givens  
Married 66 Years  
December 31, 2025



James & June Aydelott  
Married 54 Years  
December 24, 2025



Michael & Shirley Bryant  
Married 54 Years  
December 31, 2025



...Craig Shelton's Class Christmas Party will be at 12 noon on December 6th at the Lodge; Wayne Qualls' Class Christmas Party will be December 13th at 5:30 at the Lodge; YAMS Christmas Party December 21 at Qualls' home at 6p; Bill McDonald's Class Christmas Party will be at 12 noon on December 28th at the Lodge.

# Thank You

Mark Tune writes: " Thank you so much for the support and kindness expressed during my brother Rodney's illness and passing. It is very deeply appreciated."

The Well writes: " Brothers and Sisters, Thank you so much for your commitment to love and serve people like Jesus. Your excitement to serve dinner and to collect warm clothing is contagious. Your gracious encouragement of our ministry and your partnership in it is a blessing and example. May you always continue to shine his light!"

Tennessee Children's Home writes: " As we gather this Thanksgiving Season, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation. Your support plays a vital role in our mission to empower at-risk children and youth in our community. Your commitment to making a difference is truly inspiring."

Anita Wherry writes: " Dear Centerville Church, Thank you so much for the kindness you all showed to us who were there for Don Luther's service on Saturday. The food was delicious and so bountiful. We were made to feel so special! Thank you so much."

Marilyn Nash writes: "Centerville Church of Christ, I want to thank you for all the thoughtful cards, texts, food, food cards and expressions of concern during my knee replacement surgery and recovery. Every kindness expressed has meant so very much! Thank you!"

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Stamp  
Here

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ELDERS...Christmas

is a Holiday in which families gather to enjoy fellowship and the joy of giving. Being in the home of those we love and making memories we will keep close to our hearts is essential for the family that God holds dear. Since Christmas Eve will fall on Wednesday this year, the mid-week service will be Tuesday, December 23 at 7p. This will allow families to enjoy holiday time together. The following week Wednesday service will be on Tuesday, December 30 at 7p.



December  
Worcestershire/BBQ Sauce  
Cooking Oil  
Laundry Detergent

## Prayer Request



Tanner Hicks has requested your prayers as he strives to live a Christian life.

## Those To Serve In December

### Preside

December 7  
Marshall Spencer

December 14  
Kevin Isenberg

December 21  
Jeremy Qualls

December 28  
Philip Jacobs

(PLEASE BE  
ASSEMBLED UP  
FRONT BY 8:55

### Left Side

Keithen Harris  
Jeremy Barber  
Shaun Lawson  
Jagger Lawson

### Right Side

Robert Bowman  
Heath Buchanan  
Trevor Buchanan  
Chris Buchanan

### P.M. Chapel

Braydon Chessor

### Communion Prep.

December 7  
Jeremy & Meredith Qualls

December 14  
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton

December 21  
Chris & Candice Scott

December 28  
Phil & Susan Griggs

### NURSERY:

Lauren/Anna Kate McDonald

### BAPT. CLOTHING:

Lori Woods

### Meals On Wheels

Dec. 3: George & Mary Sue Bragg  
Dec. 10: Nancy Leathers  
Dec. 17: Sam & Cindy Chessor

### 24th & 31st Holiday No Deliveries

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40  
Please Contact George Bragg If You Are Unable To Deliver Meals

USHERS: Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor

### Read Scripture December 7

Phil Griggs

### Elder's Prayer

Craig Shelton

### Greeters For December

Gary Gatewood  
Wayne & Jean Qualls  
Craig & Misty Shelton  
Shane & Tammy Willis  
Ken & Tina Dickerson  
Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture

Bible Hour: Hailee Haliburton, Major Qualls, Wyatt Aydelott, Joseph McCauley, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Lillian Jenkins, Merfy Qualls

Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Corn

### Life Care Center

12/7: Jeremy Qualls  
12/14: Robert Bowman  
12/21: Daniel Dressler  
12/28: Daniel Dressler

Tulipwood Service: John Bradley

### RADIO ROOM December

Media Director: Andy Weber

Video: Cameron Wright

Sound: Justin Beard

Mac/Keynote: Trevor Buchanan

### Prayer Week Of December 7

S.M.W.  
Clay Chessor

S.M.D.  
Eric Coleman

S.E.W.  
Kevin Isenberg

S.E.D.  
Major Qualls

W.E.B.S.  
Marvin Dorton

W.E.D.  
Randy James