



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"From Where I Sit"

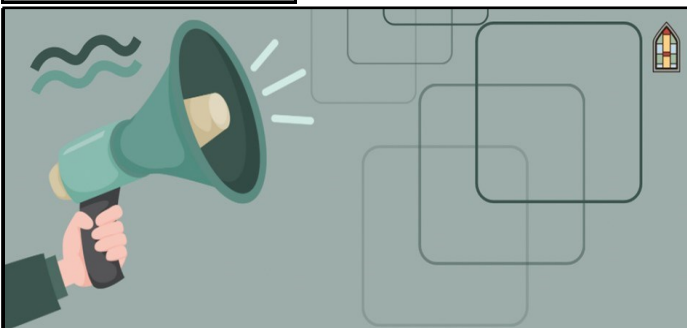
Todd Parsley

### Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM  
"The Church Jesus Built"  
(Matthew 16:15-19)

Sunday PM  
"The Book of Life"  
(Philippians 4:3)

9AM and 5PM



### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

# CANCELLED

DUE TO COLD TEMPERATURES AND SLICK PARKING LOT CONDITIONS, THE  
ELDERSHIP HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL WEDNESDAY SERVICES FOR THE  
SAFETY OF OUR MEMBERS. A DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
VIA OUR LIVESTREAM WEDNESDAY EVENING (FEB 17) AT 7:00 PM.

Let it snow, Let it snow! Maybe not the wish of many of you, but none the less our area was covered in a beautiful blanket of white this week. What is a blessing to some may be a curse to others. I find snow peaceful. It always reminds me of Christ's blood washing us white as snow when someone confesses their sins and repents and puts Him on in baptism, at that moment they are white as snow spiritually before God.

But snow also brings about other hazards, slippery sidewalks and steps which can lead to someone falling and hurting themselves. Slippery roadways that can cause an accident and damage and even death. All hazards of something beautiful to look at. Sin is the same way. It presents itself as appealing to the eye but deep down it only intends to hurt and destroy. Many a soul has been tempted by the appearance of sin and fallen into its trap and pulled away from God. Eve was tempted first by the appearance of a delicious piece of fruit, Genesis 3:6, "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes..." You know the rest of the story. John also warns in 1 John 2:16,

**"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of this world".** Sin is that thing of appeared beauty, but deep down it ultimately can lead us into a life that takes us farther and farther away from God. So be careful at what our eyes tell us is beautiful and look beyond and see what is waiting behind it.

I hope you enjoy the snow as much as I do. But be careful because what we cannot see under the snow may cause us danger. Enjoy the beautiful world God has created for us to live in, but be careful of the ruler of the world who is trying to put obstacles in place to draw us into sin and separate us from God (Isaiah 59:2). Now let's go outside and build a snowman!

God Bless -Todd

# Carter's Corner



**Congratulations to  
Shela Chessor  
Chili Cook-Off  
Winner!**



**Congratulations to  
Keith & Judy Matlock  
Brownie Bake-Off  
Winners!**

## Save the Date!

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST INVITES YOU TO

### Ladies Day 2024

*"Seasons of Service"*

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

Centerville Church of Christ  
138 N Central Ave, Centerville, TN

Continental Breakfast & Lunch

Speaker



Sheila Butt

More information to follow



I KNOW IT IS AN EXCITING WEEK for our young people, as we have received several inches of beautiful, fluffy snow. I hope that everyone is making the most of their time home resting, relaxing, and spending quality time with family. With the fast busy lives that many of us lead, it is a welcome gift to have the opportunity to enjoy a surprise week of fun in the snow and make memories with our children.

THE SNOW HAS IMPACTED OUR YOUTH CALENDAR, as the decision has been made to postpone our Lighthouse tomorrow night for the safety of our students and parents. The Lighthouse will be rescheduled for next Wednesday, January 24th.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 21

**SPARKS &  
INTERMEDIATES  
TRAMPOLINE PARK**

JANUARY 21

**JR HIGH FIRESIDE  
JACOB KREUGER &  
BRAYDON CESSOR**

JANUARY 24

**LIGHTHOUSE  
JOSEPH & SARAH ISENBERG**

JANUARY 26

**5TH QUARTER: BALL  
IN THE HALL**

JANUARY 28

**SR HIGH FIRESIDE  
GWYNETH RICHARDSON**

OUR FIRST BASKEBTALL 5TH QUARTER of 2024 didn't include any snow or ice, but it did feature indoor hockey in the Fellowship Hall. A fun time was had by all and we are thankful to continue to provide a fun and safe activity for students to enjoy following Friday home games. Thanks goes to Anna Kate McDonald for helping things run smoothly and helping clean up!

I HOPE YOU TOOK THE CHANCE to pick up a youth calendar for the Spring Semester this past week. If not, there is still time. This semester we are trying something different by printing separate calendars for Jr & Sr High students, and our Sparks & Intermediates. Be sure to pick up the right calendar for your children by the Youth News Board, in the Lobby, Lighthouse, or in the office.

As we look out our windows this week and see the world covered in a blanket of white, we are reminded of the power and majesty of our Creator. The recent snowfall is a gentle but powerful reminder of God's sovereignty over all things, including the weather. The snow reminds us of the purity and cleansing power of God's love and forgiveness. Isaiah 1:18 says, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." Just as the snow covers the ground and makes everything appear fresh and new, God's forgiveness washes away our sins and makes us pure in His sight. As we marvel at the beauty of the snow, let us take a moment to reflect on the power and sovereignty of God. Let us remember that He is in control, that He cares for us deeply, and that His love has the power to cleanse and renew us. May the snow be a reminder of His presence and His faithfulness in our lives. Have a great week!

**In Him, Carter**



# Thank You

Chris Buchanan writes on behalf of the Tommy Buchanan family: "On behalf of my mom and my entire family, I want to thank our church family for all the prayers, concerns, and loving nature that this church family always shows to one another. My Dad had a short battle with his illness, but he knows that the Lord was right there with him. He knew about all the prayers that were said for him. Keep doing the "Good Works" this church always does. Thank you so much."

*Sandra, Chris, Lea Ann, Trevor and Heath*

Wayne & Carolyn Chessor write:

"We would like to thank you so much for the Sunshine Bag. Your kindness is so much appreciated. In Christian Love..."

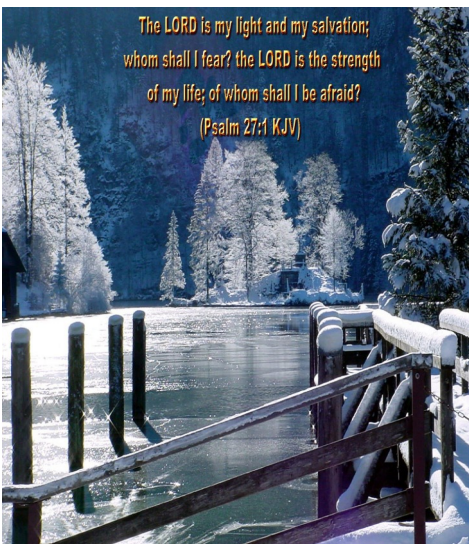
Jerry & Margaret Yates writes: "Thank you so much for remembering us with the Sunshine Bag. It was very nice of you to remember us."

Ann Johnston writes: "Dear Church Family, Thanks so much for the nice Sunshine Bag. I really enjoyed it. I want to thank you especially for the prayers for several of my family." In Christian Love..."

## A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Chance & Rachael Atkinson on the birth of a baby girl January 13, 2024. Rhetta Katherine weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and is 19 inches long.



## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Barry Rochelle who passed away.

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

January 14, 2024

\$ 12,003.44

Camp: \$ 234.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



## The Shepherd's Pen

The snow fell throughout the day on Monday and whitened the earth with beauty. We would all agree that the snow provided some of the most beautiful scenery that most of us have seen in quite some time. For some of our children and young people it is the most snow that they have ever seen. It is a reminder of God's great creative power. In the scripture snow illustrates God's word working in individuals and the cleansing we have in His forgiveness. In Psalm 51:7, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." After David had gone into Bethsheba and became blind to his sins, God used the prophet Nathan to expose his sins and convict him (2 Sam. 12). David wrote Psalm 51 to help sinners find God's restoration after sin. A prayer of repentance. David recognized the seriousness of his sins and poured out his heart to God for mercy and grace. David asked God to forgive him and make him whiter than snow. So, when we look at the snow be reminded of our Lord Jesus and how his sacrifice on the cross for our sins made a way to become whiter than the snow. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

## Prayer for the Sick



...James Aydelott is recovering at home from knee replacement surgery.

...Becky Mears got a good report from a recent scan.

...Floy Cochran, sister of Barbara Beard and grandmother of Misty Aydelott, had surgery Sunday for a broken hip due to falling. She also has other injuries.

...Ann Spencer is dealing with a staph infection.

...McKenna Lane, granddaughter of Melissa & Tim Sanderson, is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital due to asthma.

...Mike Staggs, son of Ruth, had neck surgery Tuesday.

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

Home: Dan Wallace, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Gerald McFarlin, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

### Ann Spencer:

AHC Decatur County Nursing Facility Rehab. Wing Room 500 726  
S. Kentucky Avenue  
Parsons, TN. 38363

### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Kathy McDonald, Truman Wrenne, Arch McCord, James Aydelott, David Talley, Jimmy Copley, Bobby McCoy, Donna Qualls. Lonnie Qualls

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing

With Cancer: Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback



## LIFE-LINE

Daily Updates & Devotional Message  
931-729-5055  
931-729-0022



**Tennessee**  
Children's Home

**January Items**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**  
**Men's Deodorant**

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

"Let Us Do Good"

As we have therefore opportunity, let us  
do good unto all men, especially unto  
them who are of the household of faith.

- Galatians 6:10 (KJV) -



## Snow Team 2024

Winter is here and we need to be ready! We need volunteers on standby with small tractor/loaders and/or blades to help clear parking lots & sidewalks. Able bodies with scoops, shovels and blowers are also needed. Please contact the Facilities & Grounds committee members for more information. Michael Jenkins, George Bragg, Brandon McCauley, Randy Wright or James Aydelott.

### **Prayer Week of** **January 21**

**S.M.W.**  
Garth Richardson

**S.M.D.**  
Randy Wright

**S.E.W.**  
Jim Hudgins

**S.E.D.**  
George Bragg

**W.E.B.S**  
Daniel Dressler

**W.E.D.**  
George Garland

### **Communion Prep.**

**January 21**  
Sam & Cindy Chessor

**January 28**  
Crystal & Kailey Cannon

**P.M. Communion**  
**In Chapel**  
Kevin & Joseph Isenberg

### **Elder's Prayer:** **January 21**

**Wayne Qualls**

### **Scripture** **January 21**

**Joseph Isenberg**

**Preside**  
**(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY**  
**8:55**

**January 21**  
Cecil Qualls

**January 28**  
George Garland

**Worship With Us At**  
**The Centerville Church Of Christ**  
Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class  
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wednesday: 7 P.M.  
Classes For All Ages!