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Todd Parsley



As was announced Sunday, this family is going to look into adding additional Elders to the current six that now serve us. The role of elders is not merely a tradition; it's a biblically mandated office that roots the church in scriptural integrity and fosters growth in faith.

The New Testament lays the foundation for the eldership. Elders, also known in scripture as overseers or shepherds, are appointed to lead and nurture the local church. Paul provides clear instructions about the qualifications and duties of men who serve as elders in 1 Timothy 3:1-7: "It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), and not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

Also, in Titus 1:5-9, Paul reiterates these qualifications, emphasizing the need for moral and spiritual integrity: "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, namely, if any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion. For the overseer must be above reproach as God's steward, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not addicted to wine, not pugnacious, not fond of sordid gain, but hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled, holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict."

By upholding these qualifications and responsibilities outlined in Scripture, elders can effectively lead the church, promote sound doctrine, and foster a thriving, Christ-centered church. We will begin this coming Sunday looking at what scripture has to teach us about not only the qualifications, but characteristics of men qualified to serve as an elder. This is an important time in the history of this church and for the future generations to come. Pray that God will lead us in the right direction and lead us to the right men who will lead this congregation.

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner...



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 20

JR & SR HIGH

PRAYER BREAKFAST

JACOB KREUGER

FEBRUARY 23

SR HIGH FIRESIDE

WYATT AYDELOTT

FEBRUARY 26

LIGHTHOUSE

LILLIAN & LANDON
JENKINS

MARCH 1

CAMP MERIBAH

STAFF APPLICATIONS

AVAILABLE

MARCH 12

BIRTHDAY

LIGHTHOUSE

WEBER & WRIGHT

MARCH 13-16

SR HIGH STAY-

CATION

DOTSON LODGE

MARCH 28

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

VALENTINE LIGHTHOUSE last Wednesday was a fantastic night! We enjoyed a great crowd, great food, and a hilarious round of Sweetheart Family Feud. More importantly, we had an opportunity to reflect on what real love looks like through God's eyes during Bible class. Thank you to everyone who came and made it such a fun night and thanks to the Qualls family for hosting!

JOIN US FOR PRAYER BREAKFAST this Thursday morning at 7:00 AM in The Lighthouse! Start your day with a warm meal, encouragement, and prayer before heading to school. If you need a ride after breakfast, we will be happy to get you there!

TWO BIG EVENTS are coming—make sure to sign up and spread the word!
Sr. High Stay-Cation (March 13-16)—Instead of traveling to Gatlinburg this year, we are bringing the retreat experience home with a Stay-Cation at Camp Meribah's Dotson Alumni Lodge. This will be a weekend filled with fun activities, great food, and powerful devotionals—"all without the long drive." Sign up online now!

Jr. High Lock-In (March 28, 8:30 PM - 7:00 AM)— Get ready for an all-night event packed with games, food, and non-stop fun! Sign up now on the youth page of our website!

WHAT DEFINES YOU? In a world where people are often defined by their accomplishments, popularity, or social media presence, it is easy to feel like we are only as valuable as what others think of us. But the Bible reminds us that our true worth is found in Christ.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Your value is not based on what you achieve, what group you fit into, or what others say about you. You are valuable because God created you, loves you, and has a purpose for your life. This week, take time to reflect on what truly defines you. Are you living for the approval of others, or are you finding your identity in Christ? Have a great week!
In Him, Carter



Have You Made Your Appointment?

We are updating our Directory! Pictures will be made on February 21 & 22 at the Centerville Church of Christ from 10 A.M. until 8 P.M. March 1 is the make-up day for pictures. Please call the church office at 931-729-



The Shepherd's Pen

Alan Potts, chairman of the budget committee, presented the 2025 Budget. The year 2024 was a blessed year. The budgeted weekly contribution for 2024 was \$14,186, but the year-end weekly average was \$14,992. Thank you for your support and giving. The 2025 budget will require a weekly contribution of \$14,978. Our giving should not be something we do just because we feel like we need to, instead we must always remind ourselves that we are giving so that we might play a part in the work of the Lord. Most importantly, we give because we love the Lord and want to show Him our love with our most valued possessions. "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7) We should feel blessed, not burdened, when we give to God. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Nell Johnson who passed away. She was the mother of Angela (Jim) Brown.

Thank You

Doug & Billie Sue True write:

" Church Family, Thank you so much for the get well cards, well wishes and phone calls. We also appreciate the gift cards & Christmas treats. It's good to have friends like you."

Cathie Copley writes: " Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for all the cards, calls, and gift certificate, but most of all for your prayers public and private. I am improving slowly. Please continue to pray for me and Jim. In Christian Love..."

Memorial Service

There will be a *Memorial Service* for *Janis Rediker* Sunday, February 23, 2025 at the Centerville Church of Christ at 2 P.M.

Drop-Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for Megan Lampley Sunday, February 16th. You may leave your gift in the lobby. It's a boy! (Preferably clothes 6 months & above.)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 9, 2025

\$ 13,790.02

Camp: \$106.25

February 16, 2025:

\$ 14,881.26

Camp: \$ 325.50

Budget: \$14,978.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Morrison Nicks Scholarship Fund in memory of Jerry Bates by the following: Starling Davis and David Clark, Jerry Smith.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Janis Rediker by Doug Shepherd.

Please Pray For:

...Jonathan Longworth is recovering from surgery on his wrist.

...Doug True is in Vanderbilt Hospital undergoing tests.

...Janet Barber is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital recovering from pneumonia.

...James Aydelott has been sick for several days.

...Dr. Jerry Nash is recovering from surgery at home.

...Becky Mears received good news from recent tests.

...Kathy McDonald is on Hospice Care.

...Hope Parsley Mitchell, daughter of Todd & Renee, had a heart procedure last week.

...Don Luther is recovering at home.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Wayne Qualls, Carol Reed, Barbara Parsley, Michelle Queen, Doug True, Brenda Smith, Larry Gilbert, Kathy McDonald, Shannon Briggs

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Sherrol Jones, Kelley Davis, Ed Sullivan, Owen Vander Horst, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Lorrie O'Guin, Bobby Stone, Shanon Irwin

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital :
Faye Dotson, Janet Barber

All Ladies & Young Ladies are invited to a Ladies Day

*Growing Healthy Thoughts
with the Master Gardener*

Presented by

Laura Jenkins

at the Church of Christ at Brushy

774 Hwy 48 South; Centerville TN 37033

On Saturday, March 1, 2025

Session 1: "Your Mind is a Garden"

Session 2: "Weeds versus Feelings"

8:30 A.M. - Sign-in & Light Breakfast

9 A.M. - Program Begins

Lunch to Follow

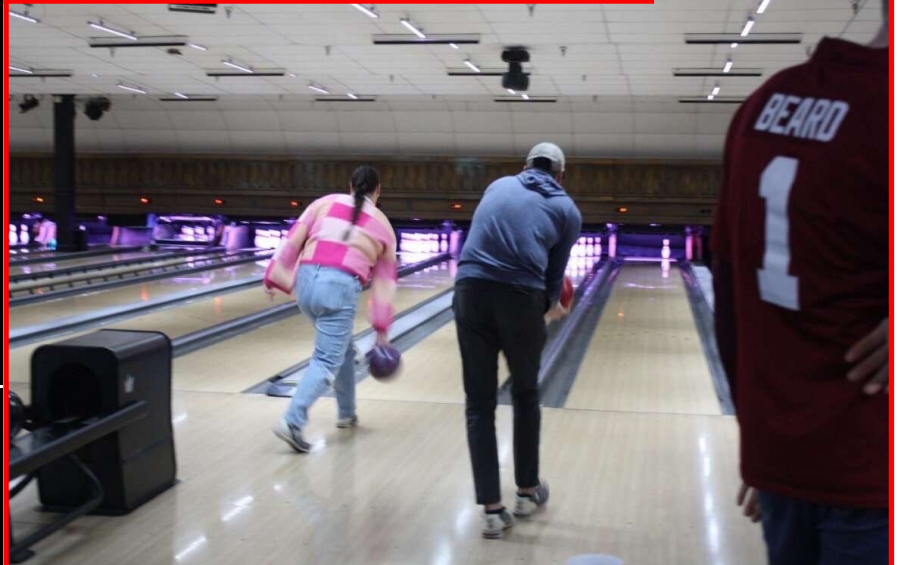
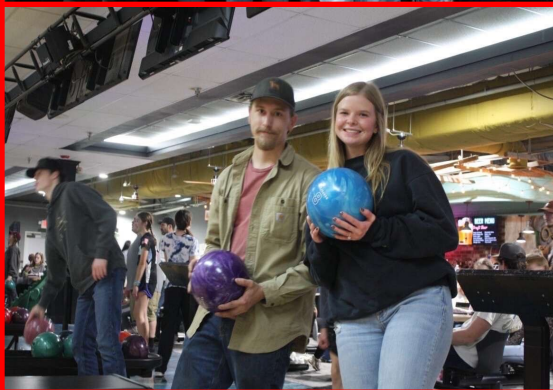


Laura Jenkins currently directs the Mt. Juliet Counseling Center. She has authored many books and speaks at various events for Ladies. She says to "Take heart—with the help of the Master Gardener, you can have a healthy thought life! She educates women and young girls on how to develop a positive mindset as God would want us to."



YAMS Bowling Trip!

Place
Stamp
Here



**Prayer Week Of
February 23, 2025**

S.M.W.
John Bradley

S.M.D.
Michael Bryant

S.E.W.
Sam Chessor

S.E.D.
Randy Wright

W.E.B.S.
George Garland

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg

Read Scripture
February 23

Ronald Coates

Elder's Prayer

Ken Dickerson

Preside

Feb. 23
Cecil Qualls

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

Left Side

Bryan Woods
Cameron Wright
Aden Weber
Chris Scott

Right Side

Kriston Slavinski
David Brown
Michael Bryant
Sam Brown

P.M. Chapel

Finn Martin
Cory Martin

Communion Prep.

Feb. 23:
Andy & Jenny Weber