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"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

We are presently navigating through a dangerous time in life. Most people might relate that statement to the current Covid19 pandemic that we have been struggling through since March of 2020. The virus has been described by some as an unseen enemy. While true it cannot be seen, the effects of it are clearly in view. But this pandemic is a secondary war being fought in the background of a far greater, more deadly battle, a battle for our very souls! We are engaged in spiritual warfare right now against the devil himself!

The devil is our deadliest, most determined, and relentless enemy. The Apostle Peter described him this way: *"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."* (1 Pet. 5:8). The word *"adversary"* identifies the devil as our enemy, the one who stands against us to pull us into sin and away from God. Peter's description of him as *"a roaring lion"* is meant to emphasize to us how dangerous he really is to us. The devil's purpose is clearly seen in the words *"seeking whom he may devour."* His goal is to destroy us. Not primarily our earthly destruction but our eternal spiritual destruction. Satan wants to pull us away from God. He does not care about anything else other than leading us into the eternal punishment and condemnation of Hell.

Peter's exhortation to *"Be sober"* is important advice for us to remember. His further instruction to *"be vigilant"* warns us to always be alert, actively on guard against any of the devices the devil might use to cause us to fall and sin against God.

The current question today is, how is the devil using the Covid19 pandemic to further lead people away from God? The devil is a master at looking for any weakness, any opportunity, any open door to creep his way into a person's thinking. Don't be fooled! The devil is working mightily and is using this pandemic to his benefit. People are experiencing fear, anxiety, panic, confusion, and frustration. The devil knows full well how to take advantage of those negative emotions to try to weaken people's faith and dedication to God. The devil has somehow created a thinking in the minds of some that going to a ballgame, going to the mall, or going out to eat, sitting in a crowded restaurant is ok, but going to church is too dangerous. He has polluted the thinking of many today as to what our priorities really should be.

We pray for God's deliverance from this pandemic. But don't lose sight of the greater conflict. Don't let your guard down. Be on guard, be ever alert, because the devil is your greatest enemy, and he's looking for any opening to get into your life and pull you away from God. James encourages us in James 4:7-8; *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"*. We love you! God loves you!!
God Bless -Todd



2021 SUMMER CAMP AT MERIBAH

June 14-16	Day Camp	Ages 4-9
June 17-18	Mini-Meribah	Finished K-Finished 5th
June 20-24	Youth Week	Finished 2nd-Finished 6th
June 27-July 1	Teen Week	Finished 6th-Finished 12th



The Shepherd's Pen

(Malachi 3:6) – "For I am the Lord, I do not change."

It seems that everything changes. Like a flower, we see living things germinate, grow, bloom, and then begin the process of decay. Even our lives are ruled by time, births and deaths, beginnings and endings. The cycles of change are essential in our nature. In a sense everything in this world is fleeting. Earthly things just were not intended to last forever. God is not subject to any such phases or cycles. God's character is completely unchanging and His nature is eternal. That is why as things start, finish, and change in your life, you can always hope in Him. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Because He is unchanging, He is trustworthy and faithful.

In what ways do we see God unchanging? God is unchanging in His holiness: "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of host." (Isaiah 6:3). In His demand for holiness and integrity in our lives: "Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44). "but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (1Peter 1:15-16) In His Love: He sent His Son to die on the cross for us sinners. "God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8) In His Way of Salvation: The same message. The message of the sinless life of Jesus Christ, His sacrificial death, Jesus' victorious resurrection. He can transform lives through complete obedience. Hearing this message. (Romans 10:17), Believing this message. (Hebrews 11:6), Repent (Luke 13:3), Confess (Matthew 10:32), Baptized (Acts 2:38). In His judgment: He will judge all the earth, welcoming some into His eternal presence and sending others to eternal death. (Matthew 7: 21-23) "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

God will always be steadfastly faithful to you today, tomorrow, and always. May our commitment and devotion to our unchanging God never waver but grow stronger with each day as we walk with Him! Looking forward to Sunday, the winter storm behind us, a forecast temperature upper 50's. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged! To God Be The Glory.
Your Elders

Carter's Corner



I AM THANKFUL FOR FOUR WHEEL DRIVE, FULL REFRIGERATORS, AND ELECTRICITY, as the sleet continues to fall steadily outside as I am writing this article. I know that we don't get a lot of winter weather in Centerville and it can lead to a whole host of problems, but I do love a good snow day. I am also thankful for technology, as the winter weather hindered so many of our congregation from being able to gather for worship

this past Sunday. If there any positives that have come from COVID-19, one of them is that we have all become experts on how to steam, record, and watch services online. Make sure that you take a moment this week to say a big thank you to Alex Seagraves, Chris Peters, Weston Elkins, Brian & Jeremy Qualls, everyone else who braved the elements and worked hard this past Lord's Day to make sure our services went online.

THE SR. HIGH RETREAT is officially a go, after many months of the uncertainty of whether or not we would be able to take our trip. The retreat will take place March 4-7 in Cedar Bluff, AL. We have booked a beautiful and unique 10-bedroom lake house on the shores of Lake Weiss for a spiritually uplifting weekend for our students while we remain socially distant and away from other groups. The cost of the weekend is \$85, and money is due by no later than Sunday, February 28th. In our efforts to limit exposure to our students, this trip is only for students currently active in our youth group. This retreat is certain to be an unforgettable weekend and I hope that all of our students are planning to attend!

Stay safe, stay warm, and, Lord willing, see you Sunday!

In Him, Carter

Hey kids! It's Time For Bible Hour!

Every Sunday Night at 5:00 P.M.
Bible Stories, Songs, Puppets
"Thankful" God Gave His Son
Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Soup
Ages: 3 Years - 3rd Grade
See You there!



Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Margie Willis who passed away in Hohenwald. To her children Brenda (Willie) Hughes, Marty (Connie) Avery, Debbie Willis, Cindy (Robert) Atkinson, Shane (Tammy) Willis, April Pilkinton, Leona (Jackie) White, all grandchildren, family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Rebecca Dick who passed away.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Melinda DeVore, and Don Smithson by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ruth Reece by the following: Randy & Kim James, Sally Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Ruth Reece by the following: Doug Shepherd, Nancy Leathers.

...a Memorial has been given in memory of Margie Willis by Doyle & Marge Rushton.

Thank You

The Family of Ruth Reece writes: "We want to thank you for every call, text message, food, visits and especially your prayers. I really appreciate the lantern in memory of mom. She loved the church and it is evident that you loved her too." Love, Jason

The Family of Margie Willis writes: "We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for every text message, call, visits, beautiful cards, food and especially the prayers at the time of the death of our mother Margie Willis. The memory box is beautiful. The meal prepared for us was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the ladies at the Brushy Church and the ladies at the Centerville Church who helped serve and clean up. We love and appreciate you all very much.

Shane & Tammy

Centerville Church of Christ

Come Worship With Us !

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 7th: \$14,653.89

Camp: \$254.93

Feb. 14: \$ 8,106.37

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Angie Lynn, Megan Arnold, Bobby McFarlin, Ruth Staggs, Gage Dotson, Donna Gaspard, Ritchie Teet, Randy Hammer, Jim Thrasher, Randall Rummage, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Mark Chessor, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer



Wings Ladies' Class

At The Outreach Center
At 10 A.M.
Each Wednesday
Hope To See You There!



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Updates &
Devotional
Message
931-729-5055**



Please Pray For:

...Levi Petrowski, grandson of James & June Aydelott and Pat Petrowski, had a procedure at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital to remove fluid on his brain. He is at home and doing well.

...Barry Anderson is in St. Thomas West undergoing tests.

...Sylvia Dressler, mother of Daniel, had a pacemaker implanted and is doing well.

...Carl Ruff, father of Carla Totty, is on Hospice care. Please pray for her mom, Janice, also, as she cares for him.

...John Dennison, father of Lauren McDonald, is recovering from surgery for cancer.

...Walker Corbitt, brother of Lynda (Peter) Houston, is very sick in a Georgia hospital.

...Brenda Carroll is recovering at home.

...Brad Sullivan is recovering from a heart attack.

Nursing Home

Life Care Center:

Betty Davis, Sue McNabb, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Eleanor Hamilton, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan, Sybil Jenkins

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Allison Staten, Buster Peters, Jim Gossett, Gail Kincade, Orpah Easley, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Elizabeth Givens, Phil Shelton, Ann Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Home:

Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Gatewood, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

The *Food Truck From Tennessee Children's Home* Will Be Here Thursday, March 18, 2021. We Hope You Will Be Able To Help!

We will be collecting by classes for the next few weeks. Please help the *Children's Home* by providing the following items. You can leave them in your classes or in the bin in the lobby.

Babyland Age 2: Toilet Paper

Age 3: Paper Towels

Age 4: Little Debbie Cakes

Kindergarten: Sugar Cereal

1st & 2nd Grade: Kool-Aid Canisters

3rd & 4th: Men's Deodorant

5th-8th: Bottled Apple Or Grape Juice

9th-12th: Dishwasher Detergent

YAMS: Dishwasher Detergent

Craig Shelton Adults: Worcestershire Or Steak Sauce

Bill McDonald Adults: Velveeta Cheese

Wayne Qualls Adults: Liquid Dish Detergent

Gary Gatewood Adults: Trash Bags (39 Gal. Or Larger)

Ward Mayberry Adults: Toilet Paper Or Paper Towels

Dressler/Goodpasture Adults Auditorium: Floor Cleaner

***If Families Could Also Give \$20.00 for perishable items that would be greatly appreciated.**



You Are Invited to hear David Shannon FHU Presidential Trek speaking on the importance of Christian Education and developing a Christian world view. After the 3:30 P.M. worship services, all young people are invited to stay for a Youth Devotional conducted by President Shannon with food & fellowship with other youth.

Sunday, February 21, 2021.

Time: 3:30 P.M.

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Prayer Week
Of February 21

S.M.W.
John Bradley

S.M.D.
Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Derek Newsom

S.E.D.
Randy James

W.E.B.S.
George Bragg

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs

Elder's Prayer
February 21:

Shane Willis

Read Scripture
February 21

Major Qualls

Preside

Alan Potts