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The Theory of Evolution is not found in the creation account in the opening chapter of the Bible because that is not how God created the heavens and the earth. Creation is the direct result of God's spoken word. One of the reasons we should stand in awe of the creative work of God is because "*He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast*" (Psalm. 33:9). It's hard for some people to grasp the concept of an all powerful God, speaking the world into existence. The Theory of Evolution will always be just that, an unproven theory.

God's written word is awesome as well in its power to save souls and change lives. Paul's eagerness to preach the gospel in Rome had to do with the fact that the gospel "*is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes…*" (Romans. 1:16). James agrees, encouraging us to lay aside the world and humbly receive the word implanted, which is able to save our souls (James. 1:21).

Our goal as Christians, is to be conformed to the image of Christ. Our spiritual growth is the result of trusting God and obeying His word. Paul said, we behold "as in a mirror the glory of the Lord", and are "transformed into the same image" (2 Cor. 3:18). The inspired writer of Hebrews glorifies the word of God as "living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews. 4:12). But, then, an unmistakable connection between the word of God and the Word incarnate is revealed in the next verse when the writer adds, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Hebrews. 4:13).

Jesus is the embodiment of God's message to the world. He is the Savior of the world (John. 4:42). He is the way, and the truth, and the life (John. 14:6). His words are spirit and are life (John. 6:63). His word is going to judge us at the last day. But, as powerful as His word is, It's only lasting good will not be done until it is planted in our hearts and practiced in our life.

Let the holy, inspired word of God begin to change your life today!

**God Bless -Todd** 





February, March, April Sunday, February 6, 2022 Wednesday, February 9, 2022

BABYLAND	109	Megan Lampley, Christine Hoover <u>WED</u> . Shelby Hoover Christine Hoover	
AGE 2	200	Tara Chessor, Vicki Chessor <u>WED</u> . Shelda Qualls, Sara True	
AGE 3	204	Renee Parsley, Ashley Shelton	
AGE 4	206	Bryan & Lori Woods <u>WED</u> . Ages 3 & 4 Rachel Newsom	
K'GARTEN	208	Ashley Thomas <u>WED</u> . Karen Bridges	
GR. 1 & 2	220	Misty Shelton <u>WED</u> . Meredith Qualls	
GRADES 3,4	224	Anita Allen & Brook Austin <u>WED</u> . Jean Qualls	
Grade 5	226	Clay Chessor <u>WED.</u> Derek Newsom	
JR. HIGH 6,7,8	B18	Jeremy Qualls	
SR. HIGH 9-12	B8	Carter Hoover & Others <u>WED</u> . Grades 6-12 Carter Hoover & Others	
YOUNG ADULT	222	Matthew Dotson	
ADULTS	214	Craig Shelton, Eric Cannon <u>WED</u> . Mike Elkins & Others	
ADULTS	CHAPEL	Bill McDonald/Shane Willis	
ADULTS	218	Wayne Qualls	
ADULTS	110	Gary Gatewood	
ADULTS	AUD.	Daniel Dressler Mike Goodpasture <u>WED</u> . Todd Parsley & Others	
ADULTS	LIB.	Ward Mayberry	
Ladies	110	WED. Linda Shelton	
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# **Carter's Corner**



UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY 2 LIGHTHOUSE (CUDE & LONGWORTH) FEBRUARY 6 SR. HIGH FIRESIDE SARA TRUE

FEBRUARY 13 SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES GLOW VALENTINE PARTY

FEBRUARY 13 SOUPER BOWL PARTY MARCH 3-6 SR. HIGH RETREAT MARCH 25 JR. HIGH LOCK-IN BULLETS WERE FLYING...not real bullets, but Nerf bullets were flying around the Fellowship Hall this past Saturday night as a great crowd of Sr. High students gathered for our 5th Quarterturned Saturday night gathering. A big thank you goes to our YAM's for helping to chaperone (and play) at this event!

THE JR. HIGH FIRESIDE had the largest turnout of the school year this past Sunday evening. Major Qualls and his family provided a great meal for our group in the Lighthouse and we enjoyed a great time in devotional and fellowship. Thanks to the Qualls for hosting!

DON'T FORGET to sign up for both the Sr. High Retreat and Jr. High Lock-In. Registration for both of these events is now available on our website, and the deadlines are quickly Don't forget that approaching. the deadlines to sign up for each event are sooner than normal this year so that we can have plenty of time to order supplies and materials needed for each event. It is taking longer than normal to order and buy things these days, so help us to not have to rush as we get prepared for these events by signing up as soon as possible.

THERE WAS ONCE A MAN who was a great adventurer who had traveled all over the world. Although the adventurer had attempted to climb Mt. Everest on three separate occasions, he had made it to the summit only once. By far, it was the most difficult obstacle the adventurer had ever faced. During this last time on the mountain, he nearly died of highaltitude sickness! The man would later go on to write in his diary that we all have a personal Mt. Everest to conquer, and he is absolutely right. You certainly don't have to travel halfway

around the world to find what would appear to be an insurmountable obstacle in your life. Whatever it may be--finances, health, issues with family or friends--life isn't always easy. When a Mt. Everest pops up in your own life, realize that the only way to overcome is through Jesus and the promises of His Word. Faith really does conquer the world (1 John 5:4). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

### Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Education Fund in memory of Winnie Copley Coleraine by Vicky Jones.

#### Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Floyd Powell who passed away. He was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ and a long time resident of Tulipwood.

### Baptism



We rejoice with Scout Akens who was baptized Sunday, January 30, 2022. Scout is the daughter of Kris and Jill Akens and was baptized by her father Kris.

#### A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Eric & Allie Hughes on the birth of a baby girl on January 28, 2022. Emmie Rae ighed 8 lbs 14 ozs

Hughes weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and is 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Chris & Cyndi Hughes and Chris & Candice Scott.

#### **50th Anniversary**



Happy 50th Anniversary! Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner February 26, 2022 STEWARDSHIP REPORT CONTRIBUTION January 30, 2022

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<u>Camp:</u> \$106.00

Budget: \$ 12,979.00

## **Thank You**

Angie Kelley (Daughter of Peter and Lynda Houston) writes: " I really appreciate all the cards and prayers from the church members. I am feeling much better and finally was cleared to go back to teaching my 8th graders. God never promised that life would not bring hardships, but he did promise to be there with us."

<u>Alan Potts writes</u>: " Dear Church Family, I just want to thank you all for the love shown to me during my recent surgery. Your kindness reminds me of what a special church we are a part of. In Christian Love..."

Susan Griggs writes: " Dear Christian Family, Thank you so very much for all your acts of kindness. The food, gift certificates, cards, thoughts, and prayers have all been so encouraging and means so much. Thank you again. In Christian Love...

Betty Litton and Priscilla Barber write: "We want to thank you all for the Sunshine Bag. We really do appreciate

being remembered." <u>Tulipwood Residents write</u>: " We want to thank the Centerville Church of Christ

to thank the Centerville Church of Christ for the Sunshine bags. We really enjoyed them. Thanks for all you do for us."

Mark & Shela Chessor write: "Dear Church Family,

"Dear Church Family, Oh how you teach us dear brothers and sisters. We learn again and again through life's trials and your practices of brotherly love and kindness. We grow in our practice of the same. Encouragement begets encouragement. Love begets love. God's perfect design of the Church Family! We make each other desire to be better, to grow. We are grateful for each of you. We are grateful for our ministers and elders. We look forward to the plans they have for us this year, plans to help us grow. We long to be in your presence and we pray that day will come soon. With you we are stronger. We pray for you all. With all love..."



...Claudine Morrison has been very sick at her home in recent days and has been placed on Hospice Care. ...George Peterson, father of Lesley (Jim) Hudgins, has been diagnosed

(Jim) Hudgins, has been diagnosed with brain cancer. ...Dorris & Margie Claud are much

...Dorris & Margie Claud are much improved and both are at the Waters of Springfield

704 5th Ave. East Room 121

Springfield, TN. 37172

Mark Chessor, is sick and in need of prayers.

...Randall Rummage, father of Renee (Todd) Parsley, spent a couple of days in the hospital. He is at home.

...Kevin Lawson, brother-in-law of Chris & Cyndi Hughes, is on a ventilator at Vanderbilt Hospital with Covid.

...Alice Farough, former member of the Centerville Church of Christ, is very sick and in need of prayers. She lives in Jackson. Her address is: 65 Dixie Lane

Jackson, Tennessee 38301

...Sellers Crain, an Elder at Rivergate Church of Christ and a preacher for over 50 years, is dealing with peripheral vascular disease in his legs and feet.

...Sean Finn, Franklin police officer, is on Life Support due to Covid.

<u>Rebeca Mears</u>: 1606 Gap Creek Road Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Dorothy Weatherspoon, Liz Bryant, Wendy Pace, Kari Pitts, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

<u>Please Pray For Those Who Are</u> <u>Dealing With Cancer</u>: Wendy Pace, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Carrie Mobley, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

#### The Chapel

We now have the capability to stream the worship services to the chapel. If you are a parent with a small child and need an area to access worship, rather than use nursery, please use this area.

**Your Elders** 

## The Shepherd's Pen





Sunday was another glorious day! A good day of worship unto God. There was a baptism in the afternoon. Scout Akens was baptized by her father, we are proud of her. The month of January has come and gone. We experienced more snow than we have in years and very cold temperatures. We await to see what February has in store. Through the month of February, we will be promoting our *March Series* with Jim Brown. More details will be

forthcoming. One of the greatest problems in the world today is failing to find God. Even in America, this great land of Bibles, the true God is unknown to many. This is not to say that they have not hear about God, but He is to them merely a character out of a book far, far, away. God is in their minds only as knowledge but are personally away from Him. How about you, do you personally know God? The song "*My God and I"* says, "*we walk and talk as good friends should and do."* The song closes, "*But God and I will go unendingly.*" This is the kind of relationship we need toward God. It is one God allows all to have that seek Him. David is called "*a man after God's own heart."* (Acts 13:22) How did he get this title? He felt God was near him. Whether at home, in the fields as a shepherd, or seated on the throne as King, God was by his side. In one of the Psalms he wrote, "*If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me."* (Psalm 139:9-10) Paul declared concerning God, "*He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being."* (Acts 17:27,28) How close is God to you? Can you personally say, "*My God and I?"* So, keep the faith, be *steadfast, immovable*, and *abounding!* God will see us through. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. *Your Elders* 

> <u>We need more Volunteers to Deliver Meals-On-Wheels</u>... This Volunteer work is very appreciated by many members of our

community who are in need of meals each day. Please contact *Wayne* heels *Chessor* at 931-626-6304 or the church office at 931-729-4201 if you can help.

Tennessee Children's Home	Fe Kool-Aid (	ebruary Items:	Pop-Tarts			
Those To Serve in February						
<u>Praver Week of</u> <u>February 6</u> <u>S.M.W</u> . Gary Baker <u>S.M.D</u> .	BOYS TO PICK I Febru 2/6: Landon Jenkin Jagger Lawson, Bo M 2/13: Boone Newson Bruin Dotson, Keegan 2/20: Macray Qualls	<u>ary</u> s, Logan Jenkins, cDonald n, Bryson Chessor, n Dotson	2/23: George & Mary Sue Brag	RADIO ROOM Gaylon Cude Patrick Allen Chris Peters Major Qualls		
Will McDonald <u>S.E.W</u> . Robert Bowman <u>S.E.D</u> .	2/20: Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson 2/27: Bo McDonald, Boone Newsom, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson		Bible Hour: Ryan & Lauren McDonald, John Jacobs, Westo Elkins, Will McDonald, Kate Peters, Ellie Aydelott, Sara Tru Stand Up For Jesus "Esther"			
Gethl <del>yn Ga</del> rdner <u>W.E.B.S</u> Sam Chessor	Please be up front by 8:50		Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans Greeters:	USHERS: Ronald Coates Monty Dunn		
<u>W.E.D</u> . Major Qualls	<u>Read Scripture</u> <u>February 6:</u> Colby Shelton <u>Elders' Prayer</u> Mike Goodpasture	<u>Preside</u> <u>February 6</u> Dr. Jerry Nash	<u>Greeters.</u> Wayne & Carolyn Chessor Bobbie Lowery Monty & Amy Dunn Joey & Charlene Hunt	Don Chessor <u>P.M. Communion</u> Braydon Chessor Clay Chessor SERVED IN THE CHAPEL		