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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Expecting More"
(Ephesians 3:14-21)

Sunday PM
"What to Expect When Expecting More"
(II Timothy 3:12-14)

9AM and 5PM



Sunday was a very unique day in the history of the Centerville Church of Christ. If you were here, you probably noticed something was different. We had a combined worship service with our brothers and sisters in India through amazing technology. I want to thank our crew that worked so hard to make sure this was possible for us to do. Although the circumstances were a little different, we still, along with Dr Mani and the congregation in India, worshipped our God in spirit and in truth. A little may have been lost in translation here and there, (I knew nothing they said) but none the less it was uplifting to us and to them. Dr. Mani sent this message afterward: "What a blessing y'all are to our lives and work here. Over 600 gathered here to worship with the family in Centerville".

I was moved to hear them sing hymns in their language and found it especially moving to partake of the Lord's Supper with them. I hope that we never take for granted the freedom to worship God. We are blessed beyond measure to live in a country that has given us this freedom. I feel like they understand more so than many in this country the courage it took the first century Christians as they gathered to worship and faced possible persecution and even death for doing so. Our Christian brethren in India do face real persecution when converting from Hindu to following Jesus Christ.

Were there some glitches with trying to combine with them across the world, sure! Though you may have noticed a few, I can assure you that God was pleased with our efforts and our/their worship was a sweet-smelling aroma to Him. Please keep Dr. Mani and the people of India in your prayers as they go about trying to teach Jesus the Savior to a lost and dying world. Keep praying that we here in this place will work even harder in trying to teach Jesus to a lost and dying world! It's worth it and He is worth it!

God Bless -Todd

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US!

Carter's Corner



MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, Spring time is starting to peak around the corner. I enjoy wintertime more than most people, but I am ready for the beauty of Spring, sunny weather, and baseball season! Spring time also means that it is retreat season, and both the Sr. High Retreat and Jr. High Lock-In are quickly approaching.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SR HIGH RETREAT DEPOSITS is this Wednesday, February 21st. The dates for our retreat are March 7-10 and we have a beautiful cabin reserved in Sevierville. We have a great weekend planned for our students as we take time to rest, enjoy the mountains, spend time in worship and devotion, and have a good time together. There is still plenty of room for others to go and, as always, do not let cost keep you from going. If you have any questions, be sure to reach out.

THE SIGNUP FOR THE JR. HIGH LOCK-IN is now available on the church website. Lock-In is scheduled for the night of March 22nd. This is always a favorite event for our middle schoolers, and we have some fun and exciting plans in the works for this year. Help us spread the word!

CAMP MERIBAH STAFF APPLICATIONS will be available starting March 1st. We are fortunate to have a great group of experienced staff planning to return year, but there are still a few spots that need to be filled, especially on the boys side of camp. Applications are only available by hard copy and must be picked up in at the church building. Help us make summer camp great by working with us!

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." - Philippians 4:8

In a world filled with negativity and challenges, it is essential to focus our thoughts on what is good and praiseworthy. When we choose to think positively, we set our minds on things that are above and keep eyes fixed on Christ. Let us meditate on the goodness of God and His blessings, for a positive mind leads to a grateful heart and a life filled with hope. Have a great week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 21

**SENIOR HIGH
RETREAT DEPOSITS**

DUE

(\$60)

FEBRUARY 25

JR & SR HIGH

FIRESIDE

BRETT & HEATHER MARTIN

FEBRUARY 28

LEAP YEAR

LIGHTHOUSE

WILL & JACKSON

MCDONALD

MARCH 1

CAMP MERIBAH

STAFF APPLICATIONS

AVAILABLE

MARCH 7-10

SR HIGH RETREAT

GATLINBURG, TN



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

Sympathy

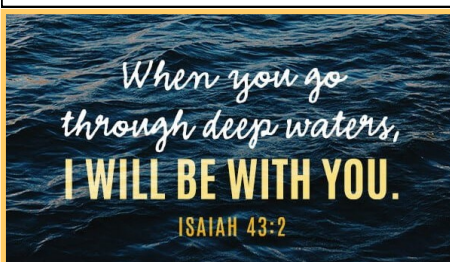


Carolyn Brown
1945-2024

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend Carolyn Brown on February 13, 2024. Carolyn had been member of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years where she and her late husband J.B. were loved by many. She is survived by children Teresa (Steve) Craft, Tammy Worley, Jack (Brenda) Brown, Matt (Jennifer) Brown, and Tina (Stacey) Malugin. Her beloved grandchildren Grant Brown, Tara Christie, Katelyn Cupp, Maley Brown, Luke Brown, Jake Brown, Keith Totty, Cory Totty, Tabitha Totty, Alexandria West, Olivia Craft and 17 great grandchildren. Special friend Kenneth Pruitt and his children Kenny, Tonya, and Kanyon.

...We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Loudean Qualls who passed away. To her sons Wayne (Jean) Qualls, Don Qualls, her adopted daughter Angel Donovan, 5 grandchildren Brian, Jeremy, Whitney, Alicia and Josh, 12 great-grandchildren Riley, Reagan, Major, Merfy, Macray, Emma, Gunner, Hartley, Sadie, Brianna, Addison and Drake, several nieces and nephews and a host of other loving family members and many friends.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Judy Ragan who passed away. She was the step-sister of Gethlyn Gardner.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 18, 2024
\$ 13,634.91

Camp:
\$ 228.25

Budget: \$13,989.00

Baptism



We rejoice with Claire Wright who was baptized by her father on Wednesday, February 14, 2024. Claire is the daughter of Randy & Jana Wright.



Ladies Day Meeting In The Chapel
Sunday February 25, 2024

Please Pray For Me.

...Trevor Buchanan was in a car accident and is in Skyline Medical Center Trauma Unit. He had surgery Monday.

...Ruth Staggs is in St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Caroline Odom, daughter of Caleb & Stevy, is undergoing tests.

...Randy Hammer, father of Nanette Simmons, is at home with Hospice care.

...Don Breece has been placed on Hospice care. He is the stepdad of John Bradley and uncle of Valerie McCoy.

...Renee Parsley met with a GYN Oncologist on Monday.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Al Parsley, Omer Drollinger, Ann Spencer, Sandy McFarlin, Wayne Chessor, Joanne Bragg, David Nash, Roy & Joyce Cochran

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Jerry Yates, Todd Chessor, David Talley, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

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

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Jessie Seagraves, John Fly, Floy Cochran, Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Ben Rediker to our Centerville Church of Christ Family!

Ben's Address Is:

3128 E. Beaverdam Road
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

Welcome!



The Camp Board is accepting applications for the position of part-time Camp Superintendent. If you are interested, contact Michael Jenkins at micljenk@gmail.com or 931.215.9115.



The Shepherd's Pen

It was a wonderful day this past Sunday! The joint worship service with our brothers and sisters in India was uplifting and an encouragement to them as well as us. The combined number for worship was at least one thousand with six hundred being our brothers and sisters in India. The Annual Fiesta Night was well attended Sunday night, a thank you to everyone that helped in some way. This Sunday the Budget Committee will present the 2024 budget prior to Bible Class. *"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."* (James 1:23-25) We live in a world filled with temptations and distractions that can challenge us in our obedience to God. As Christians, we can turn our thoughts and our hearts away from the evils of this world and turn toward God. Talking about God is easy, but living by God's laws is considerably harder. Our righteous words ring hollow unless we are willing to live obediently. As Christians, we must do our best to ensure our actions are an accurate reflection of our righteous words. We must demonstrate who we are, not only by our words, but more importantly by our actions. God will acknowledge your service and bless you. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

Save The Date CAMP MERIBAH 2024

Day Camp June 10-12 \$75.00 Mini-Meribah June 13-14 \$75.00
Youth Week June 16-21 \$225 Teen Week June 23-28 \$225

Prayer Week of February 25, 2025

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Calvin Hoover

S.E.W.
Sam Chessor

S.E.D.
George Bragg

W.E.B.S
Chris Peters

W.E.D.
Wayne Qualls

Communion Prep.

February 25
Andy & Jenny Weber

P.M. Communion
In Chapel
Brandon & Joseph McCauley

Preside

(PLEASE BE
ASSEMBLED UP
FRONT BY 8:55

February 25
Craig Shelton

Scripture
February 25

Brandon McCauley

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt
LOVE THE LORD THY GOD with all
thy HEART, and with all thy
SOUL, and with all thy MIND.
This is the FIRST and great
COMMANDMENT.
And the SECOND is like unto it,
Thou shalt LOVE THY NEIGHBOR
as thyself.

MATTHEW 22:37-39

THE SCRIPTURE
OF THE DAY