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Moments That Matter

Matthew Dotson



Sunday was a blessed day to be together! When we awoke the sun was shining and the air was crisp. Our worship was uplifting and several visitors were in our midst. I hope you had an opportunity to meet some new faces. We closed the day with our annual "Fiesta Night" and a 50th Birthday Celebration for one of our elders, Craig Shelton. A special thanks to all of those who helped cook and decorate for the evening.

During our morning worship we studied about personal accountability and the importance of "Owning Up" to the mistakes we make and the sins we commit. The apostle Paul would write in 2 Corinthians 5:10, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."* Paul's words are a powerful reminder that every person, regardless of whether or not they follow God, will be *Required* to stand before God on the day of judgment. That judgment will be *Reflective* of how they lived their life, and it will bring with it eternal *Ramifications* (Heaven or Hell, there is no other eternal resting place). Though we live in a world where self-accountability is rare, it is vital for us to own up *now* so that we are prepared to give account before God when that great day arrives.

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). On Sunday morning we were briefed on our 2023 budget by Alan Potts. 2022 proved to be another generous year for our congregation, as your giving went above and beyond what was needed and expected. God is so very good to us, and how encouraging it is to witness His servants give with such cheerful hearts! You are to be commended for your constant generosity, and this goes beyond money. So many of you are willing to give in any way you are able. I hope you realize just how many lives are touched by your charitable hearts. We are truly blessed to have an abundance of selfless members at Centerville who gladly volunteer their time to help our church family and community any way they can!

Our Young Adult Ministry (YAM) enjoyed a lovely time together this past Saturday night as a few of us assembled for our annual Valentine's Dinner (*see picture on page 2*). A special thanks to those who were able to be a part of this enjoyable evening!

Robert A. Naumann, a long-time professor of chemistry and physics at Princeton University, was once quoted as saying *"The existence of the universe requires me to conclude that God exists."* When you look around at your very existence, do you come to that same conclusion? Are you able to see the fabric of God weaved throughout your life? Each of us should certainly be able to. The fact that we exist in such a blessed way (as we talked about Sunday night) should be a strong reminder that our God is more powerful than anything we are challenged with in our life. In all of our moments, may we choose to do as Paul said in Ephesians 6:10, *"Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might."*

God bless, Matthew

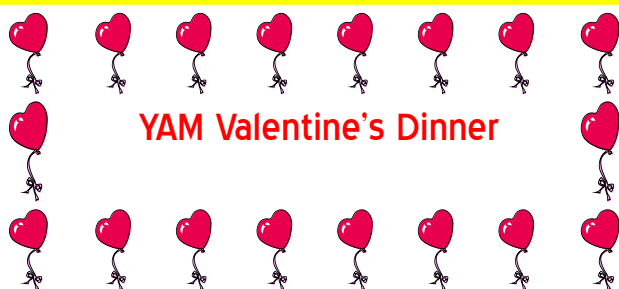


Any ladies who are interested in participating in the

Centered Sisters Ministry

Forms and information are on the CS Table.

(See Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.)



YAM Valentine's Dinner



Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

I HOPE YOU ARE PLANNING ON WORSHIPPING WITH US this Sunday morning, as I will be filling in for Todd Sunday morning and evening. I do not take the opportunity to preach as much as I should, but I am looking forward to speaking to our congregation on Sunday. It is my hope that we can all be both challenged and encouraged while spending time worshipping our great God!

NOTHING CAN QUITE CHANGE PLANS FASTER than a stomach bug. That was certainly the case for me last Wednesday night, as I fell ill with what Cade and Ansley had been passing around to each other for the last week. Because of that, our Prayer Breakfast scheduled for last Thursday morning was canceled. We are planning a make-up date soon and will pass the new date along to you when we can.

SUMMERTIME IS SLOWLY STARTING TO ENTER MY MIND as the seasons begin to change, which means that my thoughts are beginning to focus on another great summer at Camp Meribah. I wanted to share a few important dates with you as we start planning for a fun-filled summer on The Hill!

March 1: Staff Applications are made available
April 1: Online registration Begins
June 12-14: Day Camp & VBS
June 15-16: Mini-Meribah
June 18-23: Youth Week
June 25-30: Teen Week

Reading the Bible is an essential part of our spiritual growth and nourishment as Christians. It is through the Word of God that we learn about His character, His will for our lives, and His plan of salvation.

Psalms 119:105 tells us, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." When we read the Bible, we gain insight and understanding that guides us in our lives. It illuminates the path before us and helps us to navigate life's challenges. Let us make a commitment to read the Bible regularly so that we continuously grow in our relationship with God. As we do, we will gain wisdom, find comfort and encouragement, and be transformed by the power of His Word. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 22

**LIGHTHOUSE
MATY HUNT**

FEBRUARY 26

**JR HIGH FIRESIDE
JOSEPH ISENBERG**

MARCH 8

**LIGHTHOUSE
(JAGGER LAWSON)**

MARCH 9-12

SR HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 22

**BIRTHDAY
LIGHTHOUSE
SARA & JOSEPH
ISENBERG**

MARCH 24

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 27-31

**SPRING BREAK
WEEK**



EVENTS

...Area-Wide Singing at the McEwen Church of Christ Friday, March 3, 2023. 7 P.M. Refreshments and Fellowship To Follow.

...Ladies & Young Ladies Day at the Brushy Church of Christ March 18, 2023. 8:30 A.M.— Lunch "Being Ladies of Legacy— Pass It On" Cathy Powell & Katie Bell

Fiesta Night

A Great Night Of Food & Fellowship



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 19
\$ 12,614.80

Camp: \$ 132.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Madelyn Owens, Dr. Jerry Nash, Brenda Powers Smith, Evan Mathis, Mark Vaughn, Dan Wallace, David Nash, Linda Shelton, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Juanita Bowman, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Robert Worley, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Liz Bryant, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Janet Barber, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan
St. Thomas Hickman Hospital: Arch McCord, Faye Daniels



Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick And Shut-In...

...Guy Ward Davidson, brother of Corene Allen, is dealing with health problems. He is at Claiborne & Hughes Skilled Nursing and Rehab. Center in Franklin, Tennessee.

...Jordan Scott, son of Chris & Candice, suffered a dislocated ankle and broken bones in his leg Sunday night.

...Faye Daniels, sister of Ann Johnston, is recovering at home.

...Betty Banks is recovering from back surgery.

...Todd Parsley is recovering from triple heart bypass surgery at home.

No Visitors Please

...Jeanette Barnes (*Elizabeth Boone's maternal grandmother*) is much better and will be going to rehab. soon.

...Rachel Watts is now at home. She will continue taking treatments.

...Jimmy Mayberry will start treatments for Mantle Cell Lymphoma (MCL) at Vanderbilt soon.

Home: Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Martha Weber, Billy & Juanita Garner



The Shepherd's Pen

The Budget presentation Sunday was uplifting and positive. The Fiesta Night fellowship was well attended. A thank you to everyone that cooked, chopped vegetables, set-up, decorated, and cleaned up. In Acts 13:22 we read, "He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'" David was not a perfect man. He made mistakes and disappointed God several times, but God gave testimony David was "a man after My own heart." Have you ever wondered what that really means? What does that kind of heart even look like? What David wrote in Psalms 16:2 perhaps best captures that thought. "O my soul, you have said to the LORD, 'You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.'" David recognized that the only good in him was the God in Him. David's way of trusting God was not something that changed according to his circumstances. Many of the Psalms were written by David. They reveal his passion for God. David wanted to know God. "As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:1-2) David desired to be holy and to please God. In the Psalms we can read many of David's prayers. He prayed for "wisdom and forgiveness." (Psalm 39) He prayed for "help in time of trouble." (Psalm 43) He prayed for "repentance." (Psalm 51) He prayed for "safety." (Psalm 57) He prayed "to be restored in God's favor." (Psalm 60) He prayed for "mercy." (Psalm 86) We need to have conversations with God as David did because God desires that of us. David desired to be holy and he longed to know God. These are the marks of a man or woman after God's own heart. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you. *Your Elders*

Jail, Life Care, and Nursing Home Ministry

Provides regular worship services and bible study for inmates at the local county jail. Conducts services at both local nursing homes. (St. Thomas Hickman and Life Care Center) If you have a desire to be involved in this ministry, contact Daniel Dressler that oversees this work.



Daniel Dressler
931-994-2591



Tulipwood Ministry

Provides Sunday worship services including the Lord's Supper for those confined to this apartment complex sponsored by the Centerville Church of Christ.



John Bradley
931-994-7358



Brandon McCauley
931-215-6391

*In the coming weeks, we will be featuring the **Deacons** and the **Ministries / Committees** they oversee.*

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! Please Join Us!

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LIFE-LINE

**Daily Updates &
Devotional Message**

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Elder's Prayer:
February 26

Craig Shelton

Scripture

February 26
Joey Hunt

Preside
Jeremy Qualls

Prayer Week of February 26

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Major Qualls

S.E.W.
Philip Jacobs

S.E.D.
Brett Martin

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Will McDonald