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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Moments That Matter

Matthew Dotson

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Three Needs of This Church"
(Philippians 2:12-16)

Sunday PM

"Preaching Through Psalms"
(Psalm 19:7-8)

9AM and 5PM



What a blessing it was to be with God's people on Sunday! During our morning and evening services, we spent time studying what God's Word has to say about *expectations*. In a world where most people's expectations are continuing to be lowered, as Christians we must remember to hold ourselves to a higher standard in how we behave and live. Paul's words in Ephesians 3:16-21 remind us to expect more of *ourselves, our company, and our Savior*. So many in society today have minimized who Jesus Christ is, and we have to make a commitment to let his *high standard* motivate us to continue reaching for better spiritual living. May we constantly remember that we serve the Jesus Christ that is described in Ephesians 3:20-21, *"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

A couple of weeks ago our Young Adult Ministry (YAM) came together for our annual Valentine's Dinner (*see pictures*). We enjoyed some dinner and dessert in Dickson and had a fantastic time spending an evening together. These young people continue to be a blessing to our congregation and a positive light in a world that often seems so filled with darkness.

Ladies Day is rapidly approaching! On Saturday, March 16, I hope all of the ladies in our congregation can make plans to be a part of this special day—be sure to sign up in the lobby if you plan to attend. There are so many of you in our congregation who have already devoted countless hours to preparing for this, and you are very much appreciated for the hard work you are putting in. I know Sheila Butt will be a blessing to many on that great day!

How did you celebrate Presidents Day last week? If you're like most people, it probably didn't consist of an elaborate party. However, I think there are plenty of lessons to be learned from our nation's greatest leaders. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was quoted as saying *"Accomplishment will prove to be a journey, not a destination."* These words echo the words of Proverbs 14:23, *"In all labor there is profit, but idle chatter leads only to poverty."* In other words, if we want to accomplish great things then we must be invested in the "journey." Idleness will not lead us to earthly success, and spiritual stagnation will not lead us to Heaven. God gives us a perfect eternal destination, but He also expects us to work hard and find joy in our journey to get there. May we continue to make our moments *matter* by laboring for our Lord now, so that we may enjoy the "profit" of Paradise later.

God bless,
Matthew

Happy Belated Birthday!



Happy Belated Birthday Ken Dickerson!
80 Years Old
February 21, 2024

March Celebrations!



Jane Talley
82 Years Old
March 1, 2024



Dorris Claud
85 Years Old
March 20, 2024



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.

Carter's Corner



SPRING TIME MEANS THAT OUR STUDENTS become busy with lots of different activities going on in their daily lives. One of the best parts of Spring weather is all of the sports that begin to take place for our students. It is always a wonderful sight to see our students be involved in all the activities provided to them. Our HCHS basketball team has had a terrific season with our own Will McDonald having a good season and contributing to the team. The HCMS baseball and softball teams started their seasons last week and are comprised of nearly every junior high student in the youth group. Both middle and high school soccer teams are beginning to play and have students from our youth group, and a large group of our young children have been involved in Jr Pro Basketball and will soon start Dixie Youth Baseball and Softball. The list could go on and on! What a blessing to have so many opportunities for our young people to enjoy in school and our community, and what a blessing to see our young people display their talents and set a positive example for all to see. If you have the opportunity, pick up a schedule for your favorite Spring sport and take the time to go and support the young people in Hickman County!

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 28

LEAP YEAR

LIGHTHOUSE

WILL & JACKSON
MCDONALD

MARCH 1

CAMP MERIBAH

STAFF APPLICATIONS

AVAILABLE

MARCH 7-10

SR HIGH RETREAT

GATLINBURG, TN

MARCH 13

BIRTHDAY

LIGHTHOUSE

(JAGGER LAWSON)

MARCH 20

LIGHTHOUSE

CRAIG & MISTY SHELTON

MARCH 22

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 25-29

SPRING BREAK

WEEK

MARCH 31

SPARKS &

INTERMEDIATES

EASTER EGG HUNT

THE SENIOR HIGH RETREAT DEADLINE was extended to this Wednesday night, February 28, to ensure we gave time for the last few holdouts to attend. The retreat is just two weeks away (March 7-10), and we have plans for a great weekend to rest, relax, and refocus on our walk with Christ.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." As members of the body of Christ, we have a responsibility to spur one another on toward love and good deeds, especially as we anticipate the return of our Lord. In a world filled with trials and uncertainties, our words of encouragement can be a source of hope and strength for those around us. Let us be intentional about lifting each other, offering words of affirmation, kindness, and prayer, knowing that through our encouragement, we reflect the love of our Heavenly Father and strengthen the body of Christ. May we continually seek opportunities to encourage one another in faith, knowing that as we do, we fulfill the commandments of our Lord and bring glory to His name. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Carolyn Brown by Kenneth & Rutisha Cagle.

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Group in memory of Carolyn Brown by Liz Bryant.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Carolyn Brown, Bobby Mayberry, Hezekiah Springer and Loudean Qualls by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to Bennett's Blessings in memory of Carolyn Brown by Gary & Cindy Bailey.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Carolyn Brown by Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Care Fund in memory of Loudean Qualls by Randy & Kim James.

Area Events

...Area Wide Singing at the McEwen Church of Christ Friday, March 1, 2024. @ 7 P.M. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. 9704 Highway 70 East McEwen, TN. 37101

...19th Annual Area Wide Singing at the Plainview Church of Christ 14500 Highway 213-431 Hazel Green, Alabama

PRAYER REQUEST:

Jamie Stoltz asked for prayers in facing the challenges of life and living up to his expectations being more Christ like in his example.

His address is:
1301 Tanner Hollow Rd.
Pleasantville, Tennessee 37033

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 25, 2024

\$ 20,974.89

Camp: \$ 244.35

Budget: \$14,186.00

Thank You

Sandy McFarlin writes: " Thank you for the visits, cards, calls, and gifts cards during my recovery from knee transplant surgery."

The Family of Bobby Mayberry writes: " I cannot say enough thanks for all the kind deeds you have bestowed on Bob and our family. We are thankful for the visits, food, calls, and mental support you have given. I will always cherish the "Amazing Grace" throw you gave as a remembrance of Bobby. In Christian Love..." Joyce Mayberry & Family

The Family of Loudean Qualls writes: "On behalf of the family of Loudean Qualls we would like to express our sincere thanks for all the acts of kindness shown to our family. The many cards, texts, calls, prayers, visits, food, flowers, and lantern were extremely thoughtful and appreciated. We were so blessed by your expressions of love.

Wayne, Don and all the Qualls Family
John Givens writes: "Thanks to all who remembered my birthday and made it special."

Please Pray For:

...Jerry Yates will be having radiation treatments for lung cancer.

...Trevor Buchanan is at home. He is still dealing with a lot of pain.

...Ruth Staggs is at home. She has been diagnosed with liver and heart failure.

...Renee Parsley had surgery February 27 at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Charlotte Benson, mother of Lisa Dotson, is recovering at home from a procedure. Her surgery has not been scheduled at this time.

...Bobbie Lowery is recovering from Covid and pneumonia.

...Mark Isenberg, father of Kevin, has been in the hospital in Murfreesboro. He has returned home and waiting for tests results.

...Troy Parks is in Maury Regional Hospital. He has been moved out of ICU.

...Todd Chessor is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer and would appreciate cards. His address is: 105 Dorman Drive Columbia, Tennessee 38401

No Visitors At This Time

...Priscilla Barber is having a difficult time at home recovering from a fall. She would appreciate cards. Her address is:

Harmony At Brentwood
Apt. 421
9045 Church Street East
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Karina Cervantes to our work and worship!

Her address is:
1528 Bruce Drive
Bon Aqua, TN. 37025
Welcome!

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Don Breece who passed away. He was the stepfather of John (Debbie) Bradley and uncle of Valerie McCoy and Troy King.

Ladies Day 2024

"SEASONS OF SERVICE"

A Look at how we can serve God in the different seasons of our lives.

Saturday, March 16, 2024



CENTERVILLE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Registration Opens at 8:30 am

Event Starts at 9:00 am

All Generations Welcome



Sheila Butt, Speaker

Continental Breakfast and Lunch

See You There!

RSVP Preferred by March 4th
centervillechurchofchrist.org
and follow the link.



Tennessee
Children's Home

March

Cake Mix & frosting
Canned Peaches,
Pineapple, Oranges
Velveeta Cheese

**Donations are also appreciated to help purchase perishable foods such as milk, meat and produce.
Thanks for your help!**

YAM Valentine Dinner



PLACE
STAMP
HERE



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a beautiful, sunny day as we gathered for worship. Alan Potts, chairman of the budget committee, presented the 2024 Budget. The 2024 budget will require a weekly contribution of \$14,186. Thank you for your support and giving. 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. We should feel *blessed*, not *burdened*, when we give to God. We give *generously* not *grudgingly*. "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own." (I Chronicles 29:16) To give as we've been prospered is two-fold. We have spiritual prosperity because of Jesus Christ (John 3:16) and material prosperity through our daily blessings (James 1:17). Our act of giving demonstrates our trust in God's provision and enables God to pour out blessings upon us. "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 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) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

Those To Serve In March

Preside

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

March 3
Alan Potts

March 10
Randy James

March 17
Keith Matlock

March 24
George Bragg

March 31
Daniel Dressler

Left Side

Marvin Dorton
Phillip Allen
Phil Griggs
Keithen Harris

Right Side

Bryan Woods
Michael Jenkins
Mark Chessor
Don Qualls

Communion Prep.

March 3
Betty Breece

March 10
Patrick & Anita
Allen

March 17
Phillip & Letitia
Allen

March 24
Mark & Shela
Chessor

March 31
Monty & Amy Dunn

P.M. Communion
In Chapel

Heath Buchanan
Robert Bowman

Life Care Center

3/3: Jeremy Qualls
3/10: Gethlyn Gardner
3/17: Matthew Dotson
3/24: Daniel Dressler
3/31: Norman George

Tulipwood Service: John Bradley

RADIO ROOM MARCH

Media Director: Colby Shelton
Video: Patrick Allen
Sound: Finn Martin
Mac/Keynote: Marshall McCauley

Meals On Wheels

3/6: Shirley DeVore
3/13: Joy McDonald
3/20: Jean Qualls
3/27: Nancy Leathers

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

*Please contact George Bragg if
you are unable to deliver meals*

Prayer Week of March 3

S.M.W.
Scott Miley

S.M.D.
Dr. Eddie Boone

S.E.W.
Brett Martin

S.E.D.
John Bradley

W.E.B.S
Eric Coleman

W.E.D.
Edgar Beard

Read Scripture March 3

Daniel Dressler

Elder's Prayer:
March 3
Wayne Qualls

NURSERY:
Tara Chessor

BAPT.
CLOTHING:
Rachel Newsom

USHERS:

Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn,
Don Chessor

Greeters

Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton
Keithen & Laura Harris
Calvin & Dedra Hoover

Bible Hour: Jeremy & Meredith Qualls, Wyatt Aydelott,
Sam Brown, Major Qualls, Will McDonald, Gwyneth
Richardson, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Hailie
Tilley Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Corn