



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*

### Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM  
"Greatest Command"  
(Matthew 22:37-39)

Sunday PM  
"Preaching Through Psalms"  
(Psalm 19:14)

**9AM and 5PM**



It seems to me that no matter how long someone might live, that most people are seldom ready for the end of their life to come. And when life ends before the usual expected time, we are obviously thrown into shock and grief. But even when someone has lived a full and long life, we are still filled with pain none the less. We weren't quite ready to say goodbye, and we likely never would have been.

Consider the life of Moses, after living 120 years on this earth he came to the end of his life. You might think that surely after 120 years that one would feel that the end would be a relief. Moses even says, *"I am no longer able to come and go"* (Deut. 31:2). But despite all of those years, and in spite of waning energy he said, *"O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand; for what God is there in heaven or on earth who can do such works and mighty acts as Yours? Let me, I pray, cross over and see the fair land that is beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and Lebanon"* (Deut. 3:24-25). Did you catch that? After 120 years Moses feels that God had only begun to show His greatness, and Moses is right. After 120 years Moses wants to see one more thing. I think I can imagine it, because I have watched my loved ones die and wanted just a few more moments with them. I just wanted to tell them one more thing or hear one more word of wisdom, one more time to say I love you, one more word of assurance from them. It's not even that they died before their time. It's that they died before MY time. They died before I was ready for them to go.

In Deuteronomy 34 the end comes for Moses. God allowed him to go to the top of Pisgah and see what he is missing out on. Do you think that was a cruel of God? I don't. In fact, as I think of it, I consider the notion of the last sight in this life being the thing I most want to see and yet cannot realize. Moses dies after seeing the promise land. But think what he opened his eye to? As Moses beholds the glory of God, can you imagine him thinking that he missed out on something? Perhaps, looking over that promised land wasn't a reminder that he missed out on, but a reminder that such was never the true land of promise. He died looking at a promise he missed out on and awoke to the only one that ever really mattered to begin with.

When we come to the end of our life here in this world, when we close our eyes for the last time, just think what we as Christians will see when we open them again in eternity in that great land of promise. Then we will know for certain, the reality of how beautiful heaven really is.

God Bless, Todd



## Carter's Corner



# FIESTA NIGHT

**February 18, 2024**  
**Following 5 P.M. Worship**  
**Bring Festive Desserts!**  
**Sign-Up In The Lobby!**



## Trampoline Park Fun!



## Thank You

Corene Allen writes: " Thank you so much for the Sunshine Bag you sent me for Christmas. I really did enjoy it. Thanks also for the cards, gift card, and every expression of kindness you have shown to me. I really miss church and everyone."

Ruth Staggs writes: "Dear Centerville Church, Thank you so much for the gift card to the Fish Camp. It was a thoughtful gift and so appreciated."

## Senior Outing



The *Senior Group's* next outing will be February 13, 2024. We will go to Jefferson's Restaurant in Fairview, TN. The vans will leave the parking lot at 4:30 P.M.

## Baptism



...We rejoice with Ava Weber who was baptized Sunday, February 4, 2024 by her father. Ava is the daughter of Andy & Jenny Weber.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Destiny Herren who suddenly passed away Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. She was a Freshman at Freed Hardeman University.



**Pop Tarts**  
**100 % Grape and**  
**Apple Juice**  
**Cooking Oil**  
**Hot Sauce**

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

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

February 4, 2024  
\$ 17,992.67

Camp:  
\$ 355.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

## UPCOMING EVENTS

...Ladies' Day at Walnut Street Church of Christ March 2, 2024. 9 A.M. Light breakfast will be served. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. Our day will conclude by 10:45 A.M. "Dear Younger Me" Speakers: Elva Gentry, Debra Mitchell, Allyson Harmon, Bethany Brunett \**There are many wonderful restaurants in downtown Dickson within walking distance that are great choices for lunch afterwards. We hope to see you there!* There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby for ladies who would like to go.

## Drop-Off Shower

For

Chance & Rachael Atkinson  
to welcome baby girl  
**Rhetta Katherine!**



**You may leave your gift**  
**in the lobby February**  
**11th & 18th!**

*Please*  
*pray for*  
*the sick*

...Bobby Mayberry is in the local hospital.  
...June Roder has a broken hip due to falling. She is recovering at home.  
...Bobby McCoy is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital. He is doing much better.  
...Todd Chessor had surgery Monday, February 5th to remove a mass from his pancreas.  
...Jessie Seagraves is recovering from gall bladder surgery at St. Thomas West.  
...Jack Ray and Sammy Windsor are both improving. They are grandfathers of Leah Isenberg.  
...Ruth Staggs is in St. Thomas Mid-Town. She has been diagnosed with liver failure and an infection.  
...Don Breece, step-father of John Bradley, is battling cancer.  
...Pat Garrett, grandmother of Paige Watts, is recovering from a stroke and is in St. Thomas West.  
...Omer Drollinger is in Maury Regional Hospital. He is a life-long friend of the Allen family.

### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Wayne Chessor, Joanne Bragg, Mary Katherine Bates, David Nash, Roy & Joyce Cochran

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

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

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

### Home:

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

### Dan Wallace:

Trevecca Center For Rehab. & Healing  
329 Murfreesboro Pike Nashville, TN.  
37210



**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](mailto:micljenk@gmail.com) or 931.215.9115.**



## The Shepherd's Pen

The month of February has brought several days of beautiful weather and a touch of spring fever has come upon each of us. The attendance this past Sunday was up and we appreciate the visitors that worshipped with us. Paul wrote the letter to the church of Philippi while in prison in Rome awaiting trial before Caesar. He wrote, *"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1:21) What does it mean "to live is Christ"? This was Paul's mission statement. Christ lived in Paul; he transformed his life. All his words and actions were an overflow of Christ living in him. The personality of Jesus Christ was the center and the circumference of his entire life. As his church *We live in Christ... For Christ... By Christ... Through Christ... and From Christ.* He is the beginning, the middle, and the end of life. He is truly the Alpha and the Omega. We are to be the ambassadors for Jesus Christ. *"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."* (II Corinthians 5:20-21) No matter how frustrated we may become at the events going on around us in this world, the world must see the righteousness of God in and through us. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

*Your Elders*



Over the past few weeks there has been some issues with the radio broadcasting of our worship services. WNKX has been upgrading the technology of their equipment and working through the kinks of that transformation. We appreciate your patience as we work to improve the quality of our broadcast.

### **Prayer Week of February 11, 2025**

**S.M.W.**  
Derek Newsom

**S.M.D.**  
Jim Prince

**S.E.W.**  
Colby Shelton

**S.E.D.**  
Matthew Dotson

**W.E.B.S**  
Marvin Dotson

**W.E.D.**  
Cameron Wright

### **Communion Prep.**

**February 11**  
Shaun & Jamie Lawson

**February 18**  
Randy & Jana Wright

**February 25**  
Andy & Jenny Weber

**P.M. Communion  
In Chapel**  
Brandon & Joseph McCauley

### **Preside**

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

**February 11**  
Mike Goodpasture

**February 18**  
Wayne Qualls

**February 25**  
Craig Shelton

### **Elder's Prayer: February 11**

**Ken Dickerson**

### **Scripture February 11**

**Shaun Lawson**

