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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



It was wonderful Sunday to worship our God! I was encouraged by the presence of many and the desire to be together as a family, to fellowship with one another and to honor, praise and glorify our God. There are many things going on here at Centerville and we would love for you to plug into a bible class or any other groups that are active here.

All of us if we live long enough have experienced some form of illness or the illness of a loved one. All of us have at some level experienced the problems of life and the disappointments it sometimes holds. Just the problems that come about in our day to day living can many times overwhelm us to the point of being discouraged, depressed and feeling totally alone. There is no one living who can escape some form or level of pain, sorrow and disappointment.

When Jesus was around on the earth, He was always sensitive to what the people were going through both mentally and physically. Examples such as, when Jarius' daughter died, Jesus cared (Matt. 9:18-19). When He came to the tomb of dead Lazarus, the bible says; *"Jesus wept"* (John 11:35). In Mark 10:46-52, Jesus in His triumphant entry into Jerusalem paused long enough to restore the sight of a blind man. Yes in His very own hour of trial, suffering and the death He was about to die on the cross, our Lord still found time to reach out to His apostles in loving reassurance. He was so aware of what sorrow they were going to experience after He was gone, that he wanted to prepare them for it. He said to them, *"Let not your hearts be troubled..."* (John 14:1-4).

How does Jesus instruct us today on how to deal with the sorrows and troubles of this life? Do we ever see anywhere in scriptures a type of denial or a type of dishonest pretense that "all is well"? Does Jesus ever suggest to us to escape our problems we need to lose them in drugs, alcohol, or to be bitter, critical and blaming others about life? Certainly NOT! We have a loving Savior who wants to take our troubles that we are experiencing and work everything out for our own good and benefit. Paul said in Romans 8:28; *"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"*. If God could do this for Joseph and his family (Gen. 50:19-21), then He can certainly handle the troubles that we face today.

Brethren, let us as Christians receive and believe what Peter said in 1 Peter 5:7; *"cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you"*. Isn't it GREAT to be a Christian!!

God Bless -Todd

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner to our Centerville Church of Christ family. Their address is:

110 East Ward Street
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

Welcome!



Join Us For
Fiesta Night

February 20, 2022

Following 5 P.M. Worship
in the Fellowship Hall

Meal Provided
Please Sign-Up For Desserts

Carter's Corner



THIS ARTICLE IS COMING TO YOU from the campus of Freed-Hardeman University, as Matthew and I have traveled to Henderson to enjoy a time of renewal and encouragement at one of my favorite places. It is always good to spend time growing in knowledge and wisdom of God's word, and even ministers need to be reminded from time to time of the importance of being students of God's word.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 13

SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES

**GLOW VALENTINE
PARTY**

FEBRUARY 13

**SOUPER BOWL
PARTY**

FEBRUARY 16

**SWEETHEART
LIGHTHOUSE**

FEBRUARY 27

JR. HIGH FIRESIDE

MARCH 3-6

SR. HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 25

JR. HIGH LOCK-IN

THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS PACKED this past Sunday night as we hosted one of the largest Sr. High Firesides of the school year. A special thanks goes to Sara True and Ray and Shelda Qualls for hosting and making the night a great success.

THE CLOCK IS WINDING DOWN to the deadline for this year's Sr. High Retreat in Gatlinburg. Registration is available online only through our youth group's web page, and all registrations are due by Wednesday, February 16. Don't miss out on one of the greatest weekends of the year!

OUR SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES will be having a Glow Valentine's Party this Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall from 3:30-4:45. Gather up your kids for a time of fun playing together and sharing snacks in the Fellowship Hall before evening services.

OUR ANNUAL SOUP-ER BOWL party is set for this Sunday night following services. We have a new location for our watch party this year, as we will be breaking in McDonald Funeral Home's new crematorium with our Superbowl party. Everyone should bring their favorite finger foods to share, as well as a can of soup for our food pantry. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



LIFE-LINE

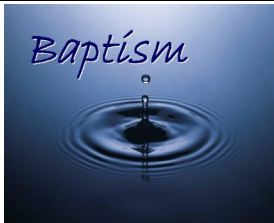
Daily Updates & Devotional Message

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Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Curtis Warf who passed away.
 ...We express our sympathy to the family of Mac Breece who passed away.
 ...We express our sympathy to the family of Carrie Mobley who passed away after a battle with cancer.
 ...We express our sympathy to the family of Wendy Pace who passed away after a battle with cancer.

Baptism



...We rejoice with Gracie Orton who was baptized Sunday, February 6, 2022 by Bryan McAlister. Gracie is the daughter of Lee & Cassidy Orton.



CENTERED SISTERS

There will be a Salad Supper/
 Reveal Meal
 Thursday, February 24th at 6pm
 Outreach Center

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 6, 2022

\$ 14,373.38

Camp:
\$ 155.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

Gage Dotson writes: "College Secret Family, Thanks for the support and great gifts! I love them!"

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Dan Elkins by Chug & Johnnie Ruth Elrod.

...a Memorial has been given to the Fellowship & Hospitality Fund in memory of Bobby Breece by Chug & Johnnie Ruth Elrod.

*Keep
 Praying*



...Charlie Shelton has been diagnosed with flu and Covid.

...Priscilla Barber has been dealing with a lot of back pain in recent days.

...Chandler Rowe, son of Marty & Teresa Hickerson Rowe, will have surgery Wednesday to remove a bullet from his shoulder. He is a Williamson County Deputy.

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

...Nancy Leathers is dealing with shingles.

...Keith Matlock is dealing with shingles; Keith & Judy have been diagnosed with Covid.

...Dona Decristifaro, cousin of George & Nanette Simmons, is in ICU at Horizon Medical Center.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Sellers Crain, Alice Farrough, Angie Atchison, Claudine Morrison, Amy Sanders, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Liz Bryant, Kari Pitts, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Jimmy Griffin, George Peterson, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

Rebeca Mears:
 1606 Gap Creek Road
 Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643

Dorris & Margie Claud:
 The Waters At Springfield
 704 5th Avenue East
 Room 121
 Springfield, TN. 37172

Home: John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401

"Bought Back"



*Lessons Learned about Jesus
 based on the life of Peter.*

Each Wednesday in March 7pm

Speaker: Jim Brown



The Shepherd's Pen



Sunday was another wonderful day! The attendance was up! A good day of worship unto God. There was another baptism Sunday afternoon. Gracie Orton was baptized into Christ. We are proud of her and appreciate her love for God. We have had five precious souls baptized within the past three weeks. To God Be the Glory! This first full week of February will give us a taste of Spring with plenty of sunshine and warmer temperatures. ENJOY! This Sunday we will present the budget for 2022. Looking forward to another year of opportunities to serve our Lord and grow together spiritually. Walking through the building the other day and stepping into the classroom of the 1st and 2nd grade, written on the chalk board, by one of the children, "I Love Church." When we come together as the church to worship our God, do we leave with a tender and humble heart of a child saying, "I Love Church." Jesus said, *"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."* (Matthew 18:3-4) We as Christians are the body of Christ, the church. Paul writing to the church of Ephesus wrote, *"Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her."* (Ephesians 5:25) Do our priorities in this life say to the world "I Love Church." When the church comes together to worship our God, is that appointed time etched in stone of our priorities or is it always negotiable? Being *steadfast, immovable* and *abounding* is only possible if we have a love for Christ and the Church. So, keep the faith, be *steadfast, immovable*, and *abounding*! God will see us through. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Your Elders

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Do You Need Rent Assistance?

If So, The Salvation Army Is Here To Assist!

Requirements:

1. Reside in the following counties: Williamson, Dickson, Hickman, Sumner, or Cheatham
 2. Lower Income Families
 3. You must be at risk of eviction with proof of the evictions process being started.
- *If you qualify based on eviction status we may be able to assist with other utilities.*

The Salvation Army has reserved a space at the South-Central Agencies office for rental assistance. The event will take place on February 14, 2022 from 1-4 P.M.

101 College Avenue
Centerville, Tennessee 37033



February Items:

Kool-Aid Canisters Pop-Tarts

Prayer Week of February 13

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Riley Qualls

S.E.W.
George Bragg

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Edgar Beard

W.E.D.
Randy James

Preside February 13:

Philip Jacobs

Read Scripture February 13

Corey Martin

Elders' Prayer

February 13

Craig Shelton