



# CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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I hope you have already started on your one soul, one mission individual. Please make that person your priority for this year. We will begin soon, on Sunday evenings, to give you ideas and things that might help you to reach your one. But of all the things you will learn and do there is one thing that you must know. That is to never, never, ever apologize for the truth! Never be sorry for the Gospel and what it stands for. Paul said, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith’ (Romans 1:16-17).*

In a world where truth is often compromised for the sake of peace or popularity, Christians must remain steadfast in upholding God’s Word. As members of the Lord’s church, we are called to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), but that does not mean watering it down or apologizing for it. Jesus never apologized for speaking the truth, even when it offended others. In John 6, after teaching about being the Bread of Life, many of His disciples turned away because His words were difficult to accept

(John 6:60, 66). Yet, He did not soften His message to keep them from leaving. Instead, He asked the twelve, *“Will you also go away?”* (John 6:67). Jesus prioritized truth over popularity. As Christians, we must never apologize for upholding God’s truth. The world may reject or resist it, but our responsibility is to remain faithful. Just as Jesus, the apostles, and faithful Christians throughout history stood firm, we too must stand boldly, proclaiming the gospel without compromise. **“Open your eyes and see!” God Bless -Todd**

# Grief Series

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM



SPEAKER: BILL MCDONALD





## Chili Cook-Off

### Brownie Bake-Off

Sunday, January 19, 2025  
Following 5p Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Make Your Favorite Chili or Brownies and Join the Fun!

Sign-Up In The Lobby If You Will Be Participating!  
Kim Bates From Fish Camp Will Be Here To Judge!



## Church Directory

### UPDATE



We are updating our Directory! Pictures will be made on February 21 & 22 at the Centerville Church of Christ from 10 A.M. until 8 P.M. You can sign-up beginning Wednesday night, January 15 before service in the lobby. There will be someone in the lobby before each service for a couple of weeks to assist you with this.

## Carter's Corner...



THIS PAST WEEK brought us a beautiful blanket of snow that many of our students enjoyed during their unexpected break from school. It was the kind of "perfect" snow—deep enough to play in, breathtaking to admire, and quick to melt off the roads.

AS WE TRANSITION back into our regular routines, we are excited to begin the spring semester in the youth ministry. The spring semester calendars are now available for pick-up in *The Lighthouse*, on the Youth News Board, in the church office, or online at [centervillechurchofchrist.org/youth](http://centervillechurchofchrist.org/youth). A new semester is the perfect opportunity to get involved or to renew your commitment to being active in the church.

WE HAD AN incredible time at Arctic Blast to start the year, and we look forward to continuing that momentum with a full calendar of activities. This Wednesday at 5:00 PM, we will host our first Lighthouse of the new semester in *The Lighthouse*. This event is for both Junior and Senior High students, and we would love to see everyone there.

DUE TO LAST week's snow, we have combined this month's Firesides into one event for both Junior and Senior High students. Join us on Sunday, January 26, for a special combined Fireside hosted by Will and Jackson McDonald. It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and encouragement, so I hope you will not miss it.

THIS SEMESTER, WE are introducing a theme for the youth ministry: FearLess. Inspired by the call to stand firm in our faith and trust in God, FearLess is a reminder that we do not face life's challenges alone. Paul's words in 2 Timothy 1:7 set the tone for this theme: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."*

As we begin this journey together, let us focus on what it means to live fearlessly for Christ. What fears hold you back from living boldly for Him? This week, take a moment to reflect and pray for the strength to replace fear with faith.

In Him, Carter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 15

LIGHTHOUSE  
(HOOVER)

JANUARY 19

CHILI COOK-OFF &  
BROWNIE BAKE-OFF

JANUARY 26

JR & SR HIGH  
FIRESIDE  
(MCDONALD)

JANUARY 29

LIGHTHOUSE:  
BINGO NIGHT  
(SENIORS GROUP)

FEBRUARY 2

JR HIGH FIRESIDE  
(CHESSOR)

FEBRUARY 7

5TH QUARTER  
AFTER THE GAME TIL 10:30

FEBRUARY 9

SUPER BOWL PARTY  
(AT THE MCDONALD'S)

FEBRUARY 12

SWEETHEART  
LIGHTHOUSE  
(QUALLS)



## STAY IN THE KNOW WITH GROUPME

Join our GroupMe to receive info and updates on all things going on with the Youth Group.

CCOC Parents

CCOC Youth Ministry

CCOC Kids

# Sympathy



**Jerry Bates**  
1942-2025

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our friend Jerry Bates on January 12, 2025. Jerry & Linda have been members of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. Jerry served his country in the Army and Tennessee National Guard and worked alongside his wife Linda at Brece's Café and served on the Hickman County School Board. Jerry was preceded in death by his first wife Barbara Nickell Bates. To his wife Linda, his children Russell Bates (Ben Scott) of Nashville, Michelle Bates of Nolensville, sisters Wilma Bates Wade (C.W.), Kaye Bates Holland (Mac), brothers Don (Brenda) Bates, Rick (Mellie) Bates, all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

..We express our sympathy to the family of Cecilia Chandler who passed away. She was the daughter-in-law of (late) Kenneth & Barbara Chandler and niece of Corene Allen. ...We express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Chandler who passed away. He was the brother-in-law of Bobby & Valerie McCoy, brother of Clay, Freda Simerly, Jane Gilbert, and cousin of Cecil (Donna) Qualls.



## New Mission Material

...in the literature rack in the lobby. Books by Phil Sanders, etc. Informative materials. Help Yourself!

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 12, 2025:  
\$ 18,614.57

Camp:  
\$ 223.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

## Thank You

Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam write: " We are thankful and appreciated being remembered at Christmas with the bountiful and delicious gift bag! It was also a wonderful reminder of the good people and good things that Centerville Church of Christ does."

Thomas Chessor writes: " Thank you so much for the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers during my knee surgery and recovery. I am very thankful for my church family. With Love..."

Ann Johnston writes: " Thank you so much for the nice Sunshine Basket. It is very nice to be remembered."

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to The Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Neal Gilbert by Tony & Connie Mayberry.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Claud Teet by Doug & Billie Sue True and Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Dorris Claud by Doug & Billie Sue True and Ken & Tina Dickerson, Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Dorris Claud by Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Mattie Ayers by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Jerry Bates by Ken & Tina Dickerson and Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.



...Janis Rediker has improved in the last days as she recovers at St. Thomas West.

...Brenda Smith is dealing with pneumonia and could use prayers.

...Barbara Parsley, mother of Todd, did not have a heart ablation. She is at home dealing with afib and a fluid issue.

...Jason Dotson will have knee surgery January 15th.

...Ed Sullivan is undergoing treatments for bone marrow cancer.

...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garland, will have scans Wednesday, January 15th.

...Mark Isenberg, father of Kevin, is in Houston at the M.D. Anderson Center.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Wayne Qualls, Larry Gilbert, Bobby Joe Smith, Janis Reiker, Kathy McDonald, Shannon Briggs, Jamie Pendergrass

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Ed Sullivan, Owen Vander Horst, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, Davy Baker, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Lorrie O'Guin, Bobby Stone, Shanon Irwin

## Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Home: Reba Horner, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner



Liberty McCauley would love to get cards from the church!

Her address is:  
Liberty McCauley  
143 Replacement Ave. STE  
1 PMB # 1718  
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473

## Our Elders



*Ken Dickerson*



*Gary Gatewood*



*Mike Goodpasture*



*Wayne Qualls*



*Craig Shelton*



*Shane Willis*

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Stamp  
Here

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR**  
**EVERY SUNDAY AT 5 P.M.**

### Preside

**January 19**  
Mike Goodpasture

**January 26**  
Wayne Qualls

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

**Left Side**  
Kevin Isenberg  
Will McDonald  
Joseph Isenberg  
Jackson McDonald

**Right Side**  
Robert Bowman  
Heath Buchanan  
Don Roder  
Don Qualls

**P.M. Chapel**  
Randy Wright  
Cameron Wright

### Read Scripture January 19, 2025

Patrick Jones

**Elder's Prayer**  
Gary Gatewood

### Prayer Week Of January 19, 2025

**S.M.W.**  
Brad Davis

**S.M.D.**  
Brett Martin

**S.E.W.**  
Keith Matock

**S.E.D.**  
Joey Hunt

**W.E.B.S.**  
George Bragg

**W.E.D.**  
Patrick Allen

### Communion Prep.

**January 19:**  
Patrick & Alice Jones

**January 26:**  
Crystal & Kailey Cannon



## January Items:

Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Bar soap  
Plastic wrap