



CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"The Bronze Serpent"
(Numbers 21:4-6)

Sunday PM
"There Is Only One Way"
(Matthew 7:21-23)

9AM and 5PM

EVANGELISM
THE WORD OF THE CHURCH

When my kids were little, I use to love to hear Renee sing to them. She would sing many different types of children's songs but the ones I really loved were the ones that taught them about God. There was one song in particular that I still hear in my mind that she would sing, the song goes like this: "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that my God cannot do." Wow! What a message, fitting for young and old alike. The question is, do you believe that? Can you honestly say that your God is so big, so strong, and so mighty and that there is nothing that He cannot do?

The children of Israel sang a song very similar. When they crossed the Red Sea, they sang "*The Song of Moses*": "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him, The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name." (Ex. 15:1-3)

They sang about God's power, His majesty, and His holiness. They sang about how the inhabitants of Canaan were all trembling and full of dread and terror because of God's marvelous works in Egypt. But somehow along the way they had forgotten that song. When they went in to spy out the land, they forgot about the God who had destroyed Egypt and Pharaoh's armies. They focused on their enemies instead of their God.

The lesson for us is simple: Don't focus on your problems. Focus on God. Keep your eyes on the One who has never failed his faithful servants who called upon his mighty name. The one we sing about, "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!"
God Bless -Todd



**Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Psalm 29:2

**Let Worship unto God be a top priority for you and
your family Sunday. See you at 9:00am**



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 in the lobby before worship service. Appointments will be made on January 22, January 26 and January 29. *There will be someone in the lobby before each service to assist you with this. Make your appointment ! Apt. scheduling will end January 29.*

Church Directory



Update

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR APT. FOR YOUR PICTURE?

Carter's Corner...



WE HAD A wonderful crowd for our first Lighthouse of the new semester last week, with almost 50 students in attendance! Shelby and I hosted the first Lighthouse ourselves to give parents a little extra breathing room as everyone adjusted to the start of a new school semester. It was a fantastic evening, filled with food, energy and fellowship, and we are excited to see that momentum continue in the weeks ahead.

DO NOT FORGET about the combined Junior and Senior High Fireside coming up next Sunday, January 26. It will be hosted by Will and Jackson McDonald and promises to be an encouraging evening of fellowship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Lighthouse Bingo Night on Wednesday, January 29. Our Seniors Ministry will be providing food and hosting the event, making it a memorable night for everyone. With fun, big prizes, and plenty of competition, this is a night you will not want to miss!

WITH VALENTINE'S DAY just around the corner, we are starting a four-week devotional series designed to help parents talk to their teenagers about love. This series will continue until the week of Valentine's Day and will explore love from a biblical perspective, incorporating statistics and wisdom to encourage meaningful conversations.

As we begin, it is important to reflect on what love truly is. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Paul describes love as patient, kind, and selfless, among other virtues. These qualities set the standard for godly relationships and stand in stark contrast to how love is often portrayed in media and culture.

Recent studies show that 92% of teens say they want a healthy, loving relationship, but many admit they feel unsure about what that looks like. This is where you, as parents, can make a difference. Share stories from your own life—examples of love that reflect patience, kindness, and sacrifice.

This week, ask your teenager what they think love is. Listen without judgment, and then share what the Bible says about the qualities of true love. Open these conversations with prayer, asking God to guide your family as you grow in understanding and reflect His love in your relationships.

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Martha McCord who passed away. She was the mother of Randel (Stephanie) McCord, grandmother of Ashley (Matthew) Halliburton, and aunt of Tiffany (Chris) Peters.

Thank You

Brenda Scott Carroll writes: " I want to say thank you to the church for the Christmas bag of treats. Thanks also for the grocery bag. That was a thrill for many of us. Thanks also to the Tulipwood Board of Directors. Thank you for the work that you all did."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 19, 2025:

\$ 16,617.74

Camp:

\$ 192.52

Budget: \$14,186.00



Thoughts and Prayers

...Faye Dotson was in a car accident January 15th and is recovering from hip surgery at Vanderbilt Hospital. She is doing well.

...Wayne Qualls will have oral surgery Friday, January 24th at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Don Luther is at St. Thomas Hickman Hospital for IV antibiotics due to edema in his leg.

...Mark Isenberg, father of Kevin, is at home. He is trying a different medication.

...Janis Rediker is making slow and steady progress as she recovers at St. Thomas West.

...Martha Loveless will have an outpatient procedure on January 25th.

...Jody Loveless will have outpatient surgery for a kidney stone January 24th.

...Brenda (Powers) Smith is dealing with pneumonia and could use prayers.

...Barbara Parsley: 1005 Radford Drive Russell, KY 41160

...Jimmy Krueger will have knee cap replacement surgery on January 31.

...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garland, got a good report from recent scans.

...Mary Spencer, sister of Mina Dressler, has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Chris Love, brother of Letitia Allen, will have heart valve replacement Monday, January 27th.

Grief Series

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY AT 7:00 PM



SPEAKER: BILL McDONALD



A Reception was held Sunday, January 19, 2025 honoring Matthew & Cissy Dotson. We cannot thank them enough for the love they have shown for the Centerville Church and their service to her.



Recovering from surgery or other illness: Jason Dotson, Wayne Qualls, Larry Gilbert, Bobby Joe Smith, Janis Rediker, 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

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

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Place Stamp Here



Congratulations to Betty Brece for winning the *Chili Cook-Off* and Brook Austin for winning the *Brownie Bake-Off*. Special thanks to everyone who participated!

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Morrison-Nicks Scholarship Fund in memory of Jerry Bates by the following: Charlie & Susan Bonds, Mr. & Mrs. Warren Hamner, Randy & Kim James
 ...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Dorris & Margie Claud by Debbie Anderson.
 ...a Memorial has been given to Day School and Morrison-Nicks Scholarship Fund in memory of Dorris & Margie Claud by John Plemmons, Jr.

Preside

January 26

George Garland

(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 26, 2025

Major Qualls

Elder's Prayer

Mike Goodpasture

Communion Prep.

January 26:

Crystal & Kailey Cannon

Prayer Week Of January 26, 2025

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
George Simmons

S.E.W.
Chris Peters

S.E.D.
Jim Prince

W.E.B.S.
Marshall Spencer

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs



January Items:

Toilet Paper
 Paper Towels
 Bar soap
 Plastic wrap