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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
“The Unique Love of Jesus”
Part 3
Matthew 28:5-8

Sunday PM
“Genesis”
Part 11
Genesis 9:12-16

9AM and 5PM



Jesus And Women

Sunday, as we come to lesson # 3 in our current preaching series, we revisit the way Jesus valued and dealt with the women of His day. I think you might be surprised at the culture of that time and the view that was taken of women and the manner in which they were treated. Jesus violated those cultural norms in so many ways as He invited women into the close circle of His companions. It is so interesting and important to look at some of these stories and to understand a love that came to and for everyone in His own special way.

I hope we are all being blessed by taking a fresh look at the outcast, the downtrodden and those on the fringes of the society of the day and how Jesus came to challenge and to change it all. I also hope we are watching carefully and listening closely to what the Word is teaching us so that we might become more like Him!

Jim Brown



January continues to bring a roller coaster of weather with very cold weather toward the end of this week. In our spiritual life, we will always find warmth in our hearts when serving our Lord. The familiar story we read in John 13, Jesus, aware of His divine authority, chooses to perform a humble act of service. This act is an example of the need for humility and the importance of serving others with love and compassion. As Jesus rose from the table and laid aside His garment, He wraps a towel around his waist, takes up the basin, and kneels before one of the disciples. He unlaces a sandal and gently lifts the foot and places it in the basin, covers it with water, and begins to bathe it. One by one, one grimy foot after another, Jesus works his way down the row. You can be sure Jesus knows the future of these feet he is washing. These twenty-four feet will not spend the next day following the master, defending his cause. The twenty-four feet that walked with Him during His ministry, in the coming hours will flee from Him. Only one will not abandon him in the garden. He will not make it that far, that is Judas. It was love and humility that kept Jesus on his knees in this upper room. It was same love and humility that kept Him on the cross at Calvary. Let this passage challenge us in our attitude toward our service. We are excited about this Sunday and looking forward to seeing you.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



THE NEW SCHOOL SEMESTER is officially off and running, and with it comes a fresh rhythm for our students and families. As schedules fill up and routines settle in, this is always a good time to pause and be intentional about what shapes our weeks and our lives.

UPDATED YOUTH CALENDARS are now available and can be picked up in the Lobby, in The Lighthouse, or on the youth news board. These calendars are a helpful way to stay connected and informed as we move through the semester together.

I also want to express sincere gratitude to those who volunteer to help host youth events throughout the year. Your willingness to open your homes, your wallets, and your schedules makes an enormous difference in the life of our ministry. Our Senior High Fireside on Sunday night was a great reminder of that. It was encouraging to be back together after Christmas break and to see our students reconnect so naturally.

THE FIRST FIRESIDE of the year is always the most difficult one to host because of the quick turnaround after the holidays. This year, Shelby and I decided to let Mi Cocina host the group, and it turned out to be a fun and memorable way to kick off the semester. We wrapped up the night with a lively game of kill ball in the Fellowship Hall, which was the perfect way to end the evening with laughter, energy, and togetherness.

IN OUR SUNDAY MORNING High School Bible class, *Walking With Jesus*, we are taking a chronological walk through the life of Christ by studying all four Gospels together. Week by week, we are not only learning what Jesus did, but also paying close attention to how He lived, how He loved, and how He called people to follow Him. As this new semester begins, my prayer is that our students do not simply add Jesus into already busy schedules, but that they learn to walk with Him through their school days, friendships, challenges, and decisions. When we walk with Jesus, we are shaped by His steps, guided by His voice, and strengthened by His presence. There is no better path to follow as we move forward together.

Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 14

LIGHTHOUSE

JOSEPH & SARAH ISENBERG

JANUARY 16

5TH QUARTER

JANUARY 25

JR HIGH FIRESIDE

BRYSON CHESSOR

JANUARY 28

LIGHTHOUSE

AMELIA SLAVINSKI

JANUARY 30

5TH QUARTER

FEBRAURY 8

SR HIGH SUPER BOWL PARTY

FEBRAURY 11

SWEETHEART

LIGHTHOUSE

SENIOR GROUP

FEBRAURY 13

5TH QUARTER

FEBRAURY 19

JR & SR HIGH

PRAYER BREAKFAST



SAVE THE DATES!

SUMMER CAMP 2026

DAY CAMP

June 8-10 Finished 1st-4th \$75

DAY CAMP JR

June 11-12 Pre-K (age 4)- Finished Kindergarten \$50

MINI-MERIBAH

June 14-17 Finished 1st-Finished 5th \$150

YOUTH WEEK

June 21-26 Finished 1st-Finished 5th \$225

TEEN WEEK

June 28-July 3 Finished 6th-Finished 12th \$225





STEWARSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

January 11, 2026

\$ 21,438.02

Camp: \$ 216.25

Budget: \$14,978.00



January

Kool-Aid Canisters
Refried Beans
Rotel Tomatoes

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Donna Blackwell who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jean Reeves who passed away. Her funeral will be January 19, 2026 at 12 P.M. at McDonald Funeral Home in Centerville. Visitation will be from 10-12 prior to service.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Robert Hall who passed away. He was the brother of George (Nanette) Simmons.

Charles Horner writes: "Thanks very much for the Sunshine Bag. It is appreciated very much."

Lauren McDonald and Family write: "Church Family, Thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, flowers, food, gifts, and acts of kindness during my father's sickness and passing. We are truly blessed with a wonderful church family. Thank you again for your support during this hard time."

Martha Loveless writes: "Thank you all so much for the cards and prayers when I had my accident. Also, thank you for the Sunshine Bag. It was full of treats and love."

Alice Jones writes: "I am so thankful for all the prayers for me and my medical staff during my procedure, and the texts to check on me afterwards. Prayer is so powerful and God is So good. I'm so grateful."



Cory & Nicole Martin and Family have moved. Their new address is:

4422 Carter Drive
Nunnelly, Tennessee 37137



...Aydelyn Martin had heart surgery January 13th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...Alice Jones is recovering from a heart procedure and doing well.

Home: Doug True, Janet Barber, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Martha Weber

Nursing Home Life Care Center: David Talley, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Regina Elkins, Bobby McCoy, Pam Griggs, Cathie Copley, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Maeve McDonald, Joggenna McDonald, Dale Thomas, Renee Clavette, Ed Sullivan, David Talley, Bobby Stone

St. Thomas West: Woody Woodruff

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital:
Steve Atkinson

Welcome Harper!



Jean Qualls has retired from serving as Educational Director. We greatly appreciate Jean and her service for 36 years.

Harper Shelton will now assume the responsibilities of that position. Harper just recently graduated from Freed-Hardeman University, majoring in Kinesiology and Secondary Education.

Her plans are to teach in our school system.

She will be a blessing as a teacher and Educational Director for our church family. Let us give her our support and encouragement.

Ladies' Day
Centerville Church of Christ
March 14, 2026
Speaker: Cindy Colley

Any lady that wishes to help With Ladies' Day please meet in room 110 on Sunday, January 18 at 4 P.M.



Our Elders

Place
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Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton

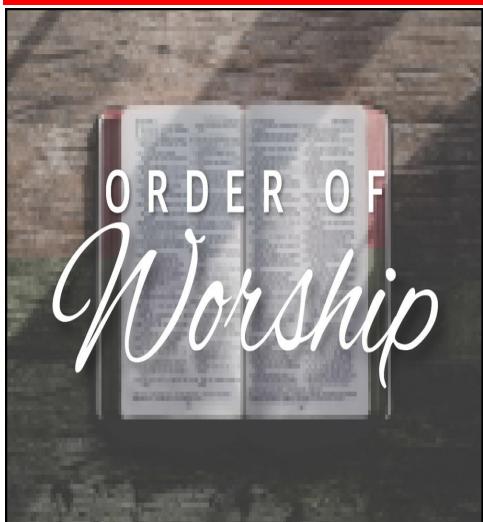
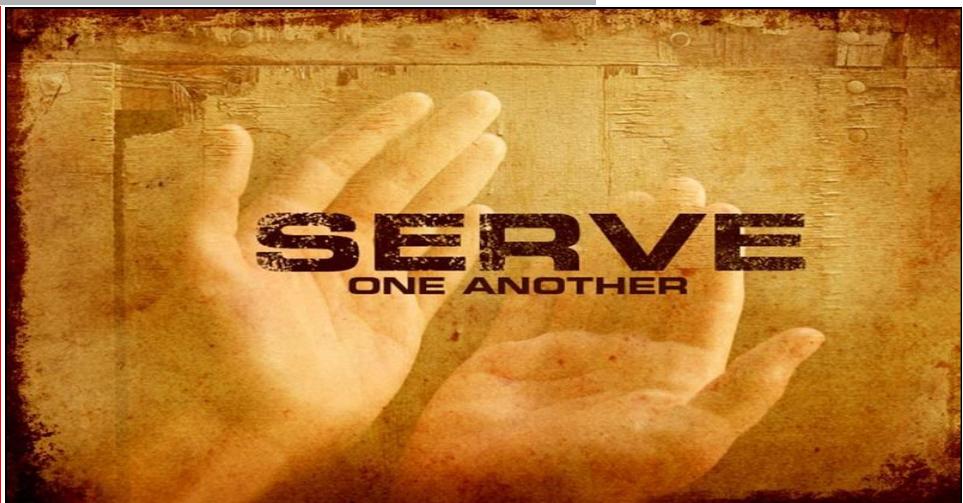


Shane Willis



If you are unable to deliver Meals On Wheels on your assigned date, please contact George Bragg the night before at 931-729-4978 so he can get a replacement.

Special Thanks To All Who Volunteer To Help Make This Program A Success!



READ SCRIPTURE

January 18

Jonathan Longworth

ELDER'S PRAYER

January 18

Wayne Qualls

COMMUNION PREP.

January 18

Cory & Nicole Martin

January 25

Brett & Heather Martin

PRAYER WEEK OF JANUARY 18

S.M.W.
Alan Potts

S.M.D.
Tony Powers

S.E.W.
Brad Garland

S.E.D.
Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S.
Robert Bowman

W.E.D.
Randy James