



# CENTERVILLE

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



We rejoiced this past Sunday as Lillian, Landon and Logan Jenkins were baptized into Christ. I know their parents Michael & Michelle were rejoicing as were the angels in heaven. As parents one of the greatest joys we can have is to witness our kids give their lives in obedience to the Gospel. Proud of this young family and the faithfulness they have shown to the Lord.

The story is told of a little boy who was sent by his mother to the store to get some groceries. His arms were heavily loaded as he left the store struggling to carry his sacks. As he was maneuvering out the door, holding it open with his sacks, a man rushed in, brushing him aside, knocking him to the floor and sending all that he had purchased, including his eggs, which were broken all over the floor. All the man offered was: "Don't stand in the way, son!" Just then, another man who had witnessed what had happened came to the aid of the little boy. He went into the store, got two new sacks and a carton of eggs and helped the boy pick up his groceries. He then drove the boy home. As they were driving along, the boy asked him, "Mister, are you Jesus?"

People can see Jesus in many ways. But, perhaps, none so effective as through the life of His people. Our mission is to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Fulfilling our mission involves introducing people to Jesus. At a feast in Jerusalem, a group of people approached Philip with a simple request. They said, "*Sir, we wish to see Jesus*" (Jn. 12:21). Jesus no longer walks the roads of this world. We can still introduce people to Him through His word and through our personal example. Surely, we will want to share our good treasure of hope with others!

Before we can be effective in reaching others, we must first apply the teachings of Christ to our own lives. Our love for God and others opens doors for reaching others. We often introduce people to Jesus by our example long before we can open the Bible and share the written word. Peter says, "*having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.*" (1 Peter 2:12). These words are reminiscent of Christ's own words in the Sermon on the Mount when He said, "*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven*" (Mt. 5:16). What the world needs now are shining lights pointing the way to the Lord. Let's keep shining the way as Christians!

-Todd

# Carter's Corner



**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER...**that's what I always say. We had a great Lighthouse this past Wednesday evening as we played "catch-up" after all of the sudden changes that have been made on our calendar this month. The students (and adults) were all happy to be back together after spending the beginning of the week stuck at home due to winter weather. A special thanks goes to Valerie, Doyle, and Carla Totty for hosting and being flexible with hosting the Lighthouse.

**CHANGE CONTINUES** this month, with the 5th Quarter scheduled for this Friday night being moved to Saturday night, January 29th, from 6:00-8:00. This Friday's home game has been changed to an away game, thus making us change the dates for our 5th Quarter. Nevertheless, we still have a fun night planned with our first ever "Nerf Night" 5th Quarter planned. Bryce Hughes and I have been hard at work making preparations for a 5th Quarter unlike any other that you will certainly not want to miss.

**THE COLD TEMPERATURES HAVE ME DREAMING** of summertime and warmer weather. Before we know it, it will be time to head up on The Hill for another great summer at Camp Meribah. Shelby and I are already hard at work making plans for another great summer for our young people. We are both feeling the pressure of filling the shoes of Clay and Tara as we set out to direct Camp Meribah this summer. Summer Camp at Meribah is one of the most important areas of ministry and outreach for our church family, I am excited to see what the summer has in store for us! More will be said about camp in the weeks and months ahead, but for now, I would like to share some dates with you:

March 1: Staff Applications Are Available  
 April 1: Camper Applications Are Available  
 June 13-15: Day Camp & VBS  
 June 16-17: Mini Meribah  
 June 19-24: Youth Week  
 June 26-July 1: Teen Week

**BUMPER STICKER THEOLOGY...** sadly, that is the method in which many people make their decisions about what the Bible teaches. Whether it be a post on social media someone has shared, something heard on tv, a phrase read on a t-shirt, sign, or advertisement, or something seen on a bumper sticker, it is becoming increasingly apparent that many Christians are beginning to draw conclusions on spiritual matters from the world, and not from the Word. I, like everyone else, enjoy a good one-liner that makes a profound statement. I enjoy watching a video or reading a post when someone is explaining the truths of God's word in an easy-to-understand manner. The challenge for us as Christians, however, is not to succumb to the pitfall of drawing our conclusions based on people, popularity, political policies, or personal opinion. It is easy to draw our conclusions based on the conclusions that others have already drawn, especially when we feel that we can trust the source. One of the great challenges of growing as Christians is learning to study and reach an understanding of God's word that is not influenced by outside sources. May we all strive to dig deeply into our Bibles to grow in our understanding and relationship with God (Hebrews 5:12-14). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 26  
**LIGHTHOUSE**

JANUARY 29  
**NERF NIGHT**  
 (FELLOWSHIP HALL;  
 6:00-8:00)

JANUARY 30  
**JR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
 (MAJOR QUALLS)

FEBRUARY 2  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
 (CUDE &  
 LONGWORTH)

FEBRUARY 6  
**SR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
 SARA TRUE

FEBRUARY 13  
 SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES  
**GLOW VALENTINE**  
**PARTY**

FEBRUARY 13  
**SOUPER BOWL**  
**PARTY**

MARCH 3-6  
**SR. HIGH RETREAT**

MARCH 25  
**JR. HIGH LOCK-IN**



**YAM**  
**Christmas Party**





## February Celebrations



**Coleen Williams**  
86 Years Old  
February 6, 2022



**John Thomas Givens**  
87 Years Old  
February 24, 2022



**Betty Davis**  
92 Years Old  
February 27, 2022

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**January 23, 2022**

**\$20,386.14**

**Camp:**  
**\$173.00**

**Budget:**  
**\$ 12,979.00**

## Thank You

**Douglas & Billie Sue True** write: " Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the Sunshine Bag of goodies. It is such a good feeling to be remembered. Hope we can get back to church services soon."

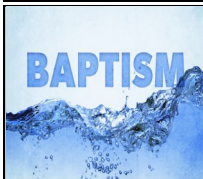
**Jimmy & Cathie Copley** write: "Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for the Sunshine basket. We appreciate you thinking of us. We are blessed to be loved by our church family. God Bless..."

**Sherry Galey** writes: "Centerville Church, Thank you so much for the fruit basket of goodies. I really enjoyed it and appreciate you thinking of me during the holidays. Happy New Year 2022 to all!"

## Area Events

...**Brushy Church of Christ** invites you to a special 5th Sunday Service. Speaker: **Larry Murdock** 9 A.M. Bible Class 10 A.M. Worship followed by fellowship meal. 1 P.M. Worship 774 Hwy. 48 South

## Baptisms



...We rejoice with **Lillian Jenkins** who was baptized Sunday, January 23, 2022 by **Matthew Dotson**. Lillian is the daughter of **Michael & Michelle Jenkins**.

...We rejoice with **Landon Jenkins** who was baptized Sunday, January 23, 2022 by **Matthew Dotson**. Landon is the son of **Michael & Michelle Jenkins**.

...We rejoice with **Logan Jenkins** who was baptized Sunday, January 23, 2022 by **Matthew Dotson**. Logan is the son of **Michael & Michelle Jenkins**.

## PRAYER REQUEST

...**Dorris Claud** is suffering with pneumonia, blood clots in his lungs, and a broken hip. His address: **TriStar Northcrest Medical Center**  
100 Northcrest Drive  
Room 127  
Springfield, TN. 37172

...**Margie Claud** is recovering from a mild stroke. She is in: **The Waters of Springfield**  
704 5th Ave. East  
Room 121  
Springfield, TN. 37172

...**Joyce Cochran**, sister-in-law of **Bobbie Lowery**, had surgery Tuesday.  
...**Alden Chilton** had hip surgery Tuesday at **Vanderbilt Children's Hospital**.

### Home:

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

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

**Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley**  
**St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:**  
**Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan**

**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

**Recovering from surgery or other illness:** **Susan Griggs, Alan Potts, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Liz Bryant, Wendy Pace, Kari Pitts, Alex Chambers, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer**

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

**Rebeca Mears:**  
1606 Gap Creek Road  
Elizabethton, Tennessee 37643

# Chili Cook-Off!



Special Thanks to  
Brandy Mayberry of Fish Camp  
for judging the competition!!

Congratulations to Leah Isenberg!  
Grand Champion  
2022 Chili Cookoff!



## **We need more Volunteers to Deliver Meals-On-Wheels...**

This Volunteer work is very appreciated by many members of our community who are in need of meals each day. Please contact *Wayne Chessor* at 931-626-6304 or the church office at 931-729-4201 if you can help.



## *The Shepherd's Pen*

This past Sunday was a wonderful day! The worship service was uplifting, a very informative presentation during bible class from Nathan Ferguson about the Chimala Mission in Tanzania, Africa, three baptisms in the afternoon, (very proud of Lillian, Landon, and Logan Jenkins), and closing the day with our annual chili cook-off. Congratulations to Leah Isenberg for winning the chili cook-off. We appreciate everyone that prepared chili and the good attendance. A wonderful evening! Lighthouses are favorite structures for artists and photographers. They stand sometimes for centuries and are fascinating. They are battered by hurricane force winds, pelted by sea spray, baked by the sun, and those giant stones cling year after year to the coastline. Lighthouses are pictures of steadfastness and endurance. They are a refuge and fortress. When David penned Psalm, he used words like *refuge, strong, or fortress* to describe God. *"Be my rock of refuge, A fortress of defense to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; Therefore, for Your name's sake, lead me and guide me."* (Psalm 31:2-3) *He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.* (Psalm 62:6-8) Lighthouses guide ships to safety by shining light out into the night, guiding the captains to shore. In a similar way, you might easily stray into dangerous waters if not for God's light shining on your path. So, keep the faith, be *steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday.  
*Your Elders*



## January Items:

**Hot Sauce  
Apple Juice  
Grape Juice**

### **Prayer Week of January 30**

**S.M.W.**  
Bill McDonald

**S.M.D.**  
Jonathon Aydelott

**S.E.W.**  
Eric Cannon

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

**W.E.B.S**  
John Jenkins

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

### **Read Scripture January 30**

Weston Elkins

**Elders' Prayer**  
January 30

Mike Goodpasture

### **Preside January 30:**

Matthew Dotson