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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
“The Unique Love of Jesus”
Part 5
Luke 23:39-43

Sunday PM
“Genesis”
Part 12
Genesis 9:28-29

9AM and 5PM



Jesus And Those Far Away From God

This week we are scheduled to complete our current 5-week preaching series, 'The Unique Love Of Jesus.' There are so many people all around us who are far away from God. We know them. We like them. We would like to see them change their minds about Jesus, but so often we just don't know what to do. In Jesus' own day, He too was surrounded by those 'far away' from God. There were those who were 'of' the world, but there was also the religious establishment, who, even though they believed they were the chosen of God, were actually very far away from Him. How did Jesus deal with these people? Was He angry, indignant, compassionate, forgiving or something else? It is the right place for us to end this series by simply looking at how Jesus dealt with sinners of all kinds and all persuasions. May we think carefully about what we read and what we see in Him as we finish these lessons. I hope this week gets better for us all and look forward to seeing you again soon.

Jim Brown



The last several days have been a challenge. The winter ice storm has put a halt to any daily normal routine. With trees and power lines down, the majority of the county has dealt with the power outages and adjusted to functioning in the darkness. We express a thank you to the MLEC folks! They have and continue working countless hours restoring power to everyone. We appreciate their commitment and dedication to serving this county. In the days before electricity, an old farmer asked a young man he had hired, why he carried a lighted lantern when he went to call on his best girl. The farmer exclaimed, "When I went courting, I never carried one of them things, I always went in the dark." "Yes, the young man said sarcastically," and look at what you got!" Light is essential to our daily lives. Would we try to walk at night on a strange and unfamiliar path without some source of light? When considering our spiritual walk, we walk in darkness without God's light. That light is Jesus Christ. *"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* (II Corinthians 4:6) Jesus said, ***"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."*** (John 8:12) Jesus shed light when the world saw the example set in His life and the message He delivered. To follow his message and example is to receive and seize the light He gives. That light is our purpose that God has established in our lives. To walk in that light, we must walk *"In Step With The Savior"*. We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. *Your Elders*



Carter's Corner...

THIS WEEK HAS LOOKED DIFFERENT THAN ANY OF US PLANNED. With the winter storm affecting travel and safety across our community, we were unable to gather for worship on Sunday, and all scheduled youth events for the week have been cancelled. While we missed being together, we are thankful for the care shown toward families during these conditions.

I WAS THANKFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY to worship with my family at home on Sunday—powerless and all. It did my heart a lot of good to hear my children sing and talk with me about their favorite Bible stories. Cade shared that his favorite was "*Daniel and the Lions' Den*", and Ansley's was "*Jonah and The Big Fish*." Those simple moments were a reminder that faith is often formed and strengthened in quiet, unplanned settings.

EVEN WHEN EVENTS ARE CANCELLED, ministry does not stop. The church is still at work when believers check on neighbors, reach out to those who may be isolated, and look for opportunities to serve. Some of the most meaningful ministry happens in moments like these—when needs are close to home and compassion is practical.

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE is to be intentional about ministering where you are. Make a phone call. Send a message. Help someone who needs it. Pray with your family and for others. Let this unexpected pause become a chance to reflect the care of Christ in simple, tangible ways. When gatherings resume and routines return, may we do so reminded that ministry is not confined to a calendar—it is a way of living. Have a warm, safe, and great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 25

JR HIGH FIRESIDE
CANCELLED

BRYSON CHESSOR

JANUARY 28

LIGHTHOUSE
POSTPONED
AMELIA SLAVINSKI

JANUARY 30

5TH QUARTER
TBD

FEBRUARY 8

SR HIGH SUPER
BOWL PARTY

FEBRUARY 11

SWEETHEART
LIGHTHOUSE
SENIOR GROUP

FEBRUARY 13

5TH QUARTER

FEBRUARY 19

JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST



2026 SR HIGH RETREAT
CARRY THE FIRE
MARCH 12-15 GATLINBURG \$125

A campfire burning brightly in the foreground, with a forest and mountains in the background under a sunset sky.

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Sympathy



David Talley

1938-2026

We express our sympathy to the family of David Talley who passed away. David faithfully served as a deacon at the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. He devoted countless hours to Camp Meribah, where he assisted with mapping and installing water and sewer lines, contributed to numerous improvement projects, and authored an extensive history of the camp. In addition to his beloved wife, Jane, David is survived by his children: Lisa (Terry) Barber, Jenny (Chris) Teet, Carol Talley, and Andy (Kristi) Talley.

He was a devoted and cherished grandfather to Nick (Ali Jimerson) Batts, Travis (Jennifer) Barber, Lucas (Kayla) Barber, Grady (Annie) Teet, Grayson Talley, and Anna Grace Talley. He was also blessed with eight great-grandchildren: Emma, Gunner, and Hartley Batts; Bentley and Brady Barber; Harper Rowe; and Hayston and Hutton Barber.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Janet Plunkett Houston who passed away in Alaska. She was the niece of Margaret (Jerry) Yates and cousin of Cheryl (Thomas) Chesson and Michael (Shirley) Bryant.

Ladies' Day
Centerville Church of Christ
March 14, 2026
Speaker: Cindy Colley
Ladies: Please sign the list in the lobby if you can provide a sheet cake for the day.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

NA

Camp: NA

Budget: \$14,978.00



February

**100% Bottled Grape Juice & Apple Juice
Canned Fruit
Pineapple, Peaches, Oranges
Pop Tarts
Instant Oatmeal**

Drop-Off Shower



There will be a drop-off shower for Chance & Rachael Atkinson Sunday February 1st and Sunday February 8th. It's a girl! You may leave your gift in the lobby!

Chance & Rachael are registered at Amazon.



Please Pray For:

...Bobby McFarlin suffered a stroke and is in Vanderbilt Hospital.
...Regina Elkins' surgery has been moved to February 10.
...Floy Shipp is recovering from surgery and doing well.

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

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Recovering from surgery or other illness: David Thomas, 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, Bobby Stone

St. Thomas West: Woody Woodruff

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital:
Steve Atkinson

Maeve McDonald
St. Jude's Children's Hospital
262 Danny Thomas Place
Memphis, TN. 38105 Room # 319



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Outreach Center Front Room

Monday, February 9, 2026
2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

To schedule an apt., please visit: RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: CentervilleCoC

February Celebrations



Coleen Williams
90 Years Old
February 6, 2026

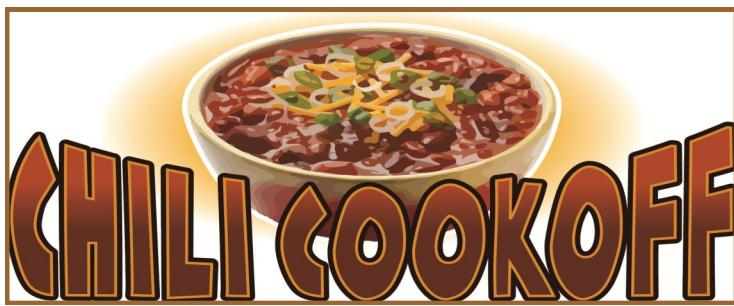


John Thomas Givens
91 Years Old
February 24, 2026



Ken Dickerson
82 Years Old
February 21, 2026

Place
Stamp
Here



..Is Cancelled
Due To Weather

Those To Serve In February

Preside

February 1
Randy Wright

February 8
Jeremy Qualls

February 15
Slater Springman

February 22
John Bradley

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

Left Side

Brett Martin
Cory Martin
Ray Qualls
Chris Scott

Right Side

Kriston Slavinski
Thomas Chessor
Michael Bryant
Ron Jenkins

P.M. Chapel

Sam Brown

Communion Prep.

February 1
Keith & Judy Matlock

February 8
James & June Aydelott

February 15
Jonathan & Misty Aydelott

February 22
George & Mary Sue Bragg

Read Scripture

Keithen Harris

Elder's Prayer
Craig Shelton

Greeters For February

Ann Hooten
Calvin & Dee Hoover
Dr. Richard & Becky Mears
Cory & Nicole Martin

RADIO ROOM

Media Director:
Andy Weber

Video:
Clay Chessor

Sound:
Braydon Chessor

Mac/Keynote:
Bryson Chessor

Prayer Week Of Feb. 1

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.W.
Shaun Lawson

S.E.D.
Jeremy Qualls

W.E.B.S
Brett Martin

W.E.D
Joseph Isenberg

Bible Hour: Harper Shelton,
Major Qualls, Wyatt Aydelott,
Joseph McCauley, Sarah
Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins,
Lillian Jenkins, Merfy Qualls

Hungry Hound Pantry Item:

Soup

Life Care Center

2/1 : Jeremy Qualls
2/8 : Robert Bowman
2/15 : Daniel Dressler
2/22 : Daniel Dressler

Tulipwood Service:
John Bradley

Meals On Wheels
Feb. 4: Leslie Hudgins
Feb. 11: Glenda Delk
Feb. 18: Martha Loveless
Feb. 25: Ken & Tina Dickerson

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40
Please Contact George Bragg If You
Are Unable To Deliver Meals

USHERS: Ronald Coates, Monty
Dunn, Don Chessor