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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"2024 Theme"
(Galatians 6:9-10)

Sunday PM
"Keeping The Main Thing, The Main Thing"
(Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)

9AM and 5PM

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!

There is something about the calendar turning the page from December 31st to January 1 that brings some expectations that the new year is going to be better than the last. While that is a good thought, and certainly a positive expectation, we should understand that just thinking it will be better isn't enough to make it better. We must determine in our minds, attitudes, and actions what we are going to do to make it a better year. Remember the definition of the word insanity – "doing something the same way every time and expecting a different outcome". We want a different and better year, then what will we do differently this year to ensure the change that will make it a better year.

One big question for us to ask is, what gives our life meaning? The right answer is where are we spiritually? Who we are in God's eyes. We're created in God's image. God has prepared an eternal home for us. Getting there, and hopefully taking others with us, is what life is all about (Eccl. 12:13). Serving God here is tied to our getting there (Rev. 2:10). Teaching others this truth is part of serving God here.

As the Lord's church here in Centerville, if we're not careful we can also get caught up in the material side of life. Our facilities are beautiful and important, but they are only a means to an end, providing a comfortable and convenient setting in which to worship God, study His word and teach others the gospel. We need to focus on getting souls in the seats, people who need to hear the gospel. We need to reach out to them in effective, purposeful ways. We need to realize our own need to be at every service and on the importance of us and our children being involved in a Bible class. We need to pray for and reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who no longer attend or who only attend sporadically, because we love them and want them to be in heaven someday.

So, here we are at the beginning of another new year. The opportunity to reflect on the positive changes we want and, in some cases, need to make in our lives. This coming Sunday we will not only present our theme for the year, but also talk about what each of us can do to be more in 2024. Time is passing quickly, our days are getting shorter, but we have work to do. Precious souls are at stake. Our own souls may be at stake. Let us use this year wisely, redeeming the time we have to squeeze out as much good as we can for the cause of Christ. Let us use our time in such a way as to be able, when our time is up, to feel good about the way we used it, better yet that the Lord will be pleased with how we used it. Let us use this year in every way to God's glory. God Bless -Todd

January Celebrations



Bobby Mayberry
92 Years Old
January 14, 2024



Bobby Roder
94 Years Old
January 21, 2024



Ken & Tina Dickerson
Married 56 Years
January 19, 2024



Barbara Wood
85 Years Old
January 30, 2024



Bobbie Lowery
83 Years Old
January 19, 2024



Thank You

Charles & Reba Horner write: "We want to thank our church family for the cards, calls, and food that we received during my surgery and recovery. We thank you for the love, kindness, and concern shown to both of us. Thanks again..."

Karen Phillips writes: "Dear Church Family, Thank you for your calls, texts, cards, visits, prayers during my recent diagnosis, surgery, treatments, and recovery. Gary and I appreciate your kind acts and continued prayers. Thanks also for the Sunshine Bag. In Christian Love..."

Loretta Cunningham writes: "Thank you very much for the nice fruit basket I received. It was so nice to be remembered. Thank you also for sending me the church paper each week. I really enjoy it. May God Bless you and bless the Centerville Church of Christ."

Carla Robbins writes: "Many thanks for the delightful treat bag filled with fruit, homemade cookies and snacks. It was such a nice surprise and very much appreciated! Thank you for your kind thoughts and deeds."

Betty Banks writes: "Thank you for the beautiful throw given to me by the church. Thanks for everything you have done following the death of my sister."

The Family of Francis Qualls writes: "We want you to know how much we appreciated your support during the time of our loss. The visits, food and prayers are very much appreciated." *Lonnie Qualls, Cecil & Donna Qualls, John and Connie Fennell*

Shirley DeVore writes: "Thank you for thinking of me for the fruit basket. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is appreciated more than you know. In Christian Love..."

Becky Gatewood writes: "How extremely thoughtful of you to remember me with a Sunshine Bag filled with a variety of delicious snacks during the holiday season. Gary and I both enjoyed everything that was included, and it certainly provided "sunshine" to our day. Much love and appreciation..."

John & Wanda Givens write: "We appreciated the sunshine basket, Christmas cards, anniversary cards, calls and gifts we received. Your many kindnesses helped to make the holidays special for us. Thanks to all of you."

Charlene Hunt writes: "Thank you to everyone who prayed for me, sent me cards and food during my recovery time from hip surgery. I love you all and I appreciate you so much."

Pam Tooker writes: "Thank you so much for the sunshine bag."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

December 24, 2023

\$ 20,873.08

Camp: \$ 311.00

December 31, 2023

\$ 26,460.48

Camp: \$ 208.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Ladies' Involvement in memory of Judy Rogers by Chug & Johnnie Ruth Elrod.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Stephen Dotson and Wayne Rediker by Don Luther.

Prayer Requests

Tina Dickerson requested prayers for forgiveness and strength as she confronts life's challenges.

Janice Rediker requested your continual prayers for comfort and strength as she adjust to the tragic death of her husband Wayne.

The Senior Group's next outing... will be January 9, 2024. We will go to Log Cabin Restaurant in Hurricane Mills, TN. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jimmy Mathis who passed away. He was the uncle of Karen Phillips.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Brenda Bates Harrington who passed away. She was the sister of Betty Banks and aunt of Vicky Smith.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dylan Staggs who passed away. He was the son of Mike Staggs and grandson of Ruth Staggs.

Please Pray For:

...James Aydelott will have knee replacement surgery January 12, 2024.

...Tommy Buchanan is on hospice care at Life Care.

...Donna Qualls (Cecil) has been diagnosed with pancreatitis. She had a procedure on Tuesday and will have surgery Wednesday or Thursday to remove her gall bladder. She is in St. Thomas West.

...Lonnie Qualls, father of Cecil, is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital with pneumonia. He is better.

...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garlan, is having treatments for cancer.

Ann Spencer:
AHC Decatur County Nursing Facility
Rehab. Wing Room 500 726
S. Kentucky Avenue
Parsons, TN. 38363

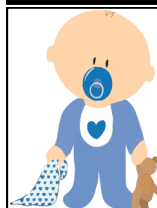


The Shepherd's Pen


There was no better way to conclude the year 2023 than in worship to God. The attendance was good Sunday, with visitors in our midst and we appreciate them worshipping with us. Let us enter the new, unknown year under the guidance of God's merciful and loving hand. We look back on the road we have traveled and ask God to illuminate the road ahead with His guiding light. What we have learned from the past year is much more important than the time within it. **Psalm 32:8, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye."** God has done so much in our lives, filling it with purpose and significance. Not everything we experienced was joyous, but we found strength and comfort knowing God would never leave us or forsake us. As we reached the end of 2023, we embrace in amazement and humbly confess that God did all things well. With this assurance, we can bid farewell to the old year and step into the new year 2024 with peace of mind. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders


A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Will & Kendra Mayberry on the birth of a son December 18, 2023. Rowdy Mack Mayberry weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and is 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Brent & Lana Beard and Lonnie Mayberry. Great grandparents are Edgar & Barbara Beard.



HELP FILL THE NEED

Donate blood!  American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Centerville Church of Christ
Outreach Center
 Front Room
 138 North Central Avenue
 Centerville, TN 37033
 Monday, January 8, 2024
 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Tennessee
Children's Home



Chili Cook-Off
 January 14, 2024
 In the Fellowship Hall following 5 P.M. Worship

January Items
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Men's Deodorant

Ladies' Day March 16, 2024
 Ladies, There are sign-up sheets on the table in the foyer for anyone who would like to help with adopting a table and /or donating a door prize. Please see Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.

Those To Serve In January

<p>Preside <i>(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)</i></p> <p><u>January 7</u> Gary Baker</p> <p><u>January 14</u> Jim Hudgins</p> <p><u>January 21</u> Cecil Qualls</p> <p><u>January 28</u> George Garland</p> <p><u>Left Side</u></p> <p>Andy Weber Shaun Lawson Aden Weber Jagger Lawson</p> <p><u>Right Side</u></p> <p>Kevin Isenberg Joey Hunt Joseph Isenberg Sam Gilbert</p>	<p><u>Communion Prep.</u></p> <p><u>January 7</u> Randy & Kim James</p> <p><u>January 14</u> John & Debbie Bradley</p> <p><u>January 21</u> Sam & Cindy Chessor</p> <p><u>January 28</u> Crystal & Kailey Cannon</p> <p><u>P.M. Communion In Chapel</u></p> <p>Kevin & Joseph Isenberg</p>	<p><u>Life Care Center</u></p> <p>1/7: Jeremy Qualls 1/14: Gethlyn Gardner 1/21: Matthew Dotson 1/28 : Daniel Dressler</p> <p>Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</p> <p><u>RADIO ROOM January</u></p> <p>Media Director: Gaylon Cude Video: Major Qualls Sound: Chris Peters Mac/Keynote: Braydon Chessor</p> <p><u>Meals On Wheels</u></p> <p>1/3: Wayne & Carolyn Chessor 1/10: George/Mary Sue Bragg 1/17: Nancy Leathers 1/24: Shirley DeVore 1/31: Sam Chessor</p> <p><u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u></p> <p><i>Bible Hour: Gaylon & Tabitha Cude</i> Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Major Qualls, Will McDonald, Gwyneth Richardson, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Hailie Tilley Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Soup</p>	<p><u>Prayer Week of January 7</u></p> <p><u>S.M.W.</u> Dr. Eddie Boone</p> <p><u>S.M.D.</u> Brad Garland</p> <p><u>S.E.W.</u> Chris Teet</p> <p><u>S.E.D.</u> Jeremy Qualls</p> <p><u>W.E.B.S</u> John Bradley</p> <p><u>W.E.D.</u> Chris Peters</p>	<p><u>Read Scripture</u> January 7: Cory Martin</p> <p><u>Elder's Prayer:</u> January 7: Gary Gatewood</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> Debbie Bradley</p> <p><u>BAPT. CLOTHING:</u> Brenda Jacobs</p> <p><u>USHERS:</u> Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor</p> <p><u>Greeters</u></p> <p>John & Debbie Bradley Justin Beard Mark & Shela Chessor Robert & Juanita Bowman</p>
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