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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"The Unique Love of Jesus"

Part 2

Matthew 5:43-45

Sunday PM

"Genesis"

Part 9

Genesis 7:17-20

9AM and 5PM



Enemies Among Us

As we continue our current Sunday morning preaching series, we come to a hard subject that none of us really likes to face, the topic of those considered to be an enemy. How do I face it? How do I deal with this? How do I live in a world where so many around me seem to be an enemy of who I am and what I believe? Add to these questions the thought of being called to share Jesus with a world so opposed to so much of what I hold dear and I can easily find it much more comfortable to just stay in my own safe space and try to stay out of the path of a hostile world. Jesus had His own way; a different way of handling this. Such is what we will explore together on Sunday.

As we think about and talk about being like Christ in the way we seek to impact and evangelize our community, a discussion about how He dealt with His enemies is vital. Even though we don't like to think of it this way, Jesus had a lot of enemies! Despite this truth, He dealt with them all perfectly. I look forward to us opening the Word and coming to understand how He got that done.

Jim Brown



We appreciate Jim's lesson this past Sunday as he began the series *"The Unique Love of Jesus."* The many images we have of God in the scripture through the human face of His Son show God stooping down to our level. A father setting aside his dignity and running to welcome home a son who rejected him and squandered his money. The Son of God reaching out to touch the hand of a leper. Praising the generosity of a poverty-stricken widow. Having compassion for the weary and helpless. Jesus was willing to humble himself so He could help those who were in need. *This past year this church family assisted 10 homeless families with lodging and 3 with travel, 65 with utilities, 100 plus food boxes given, families needing clothing, fuel, and families affected by an unexpected tragedy* were given assistance. We do these things not because of who we are, but because of who He is. ***"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."*** (John 13:15) Paul's encouraging words, *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 2:5) We are excited about this Sunday and looking forward to seeing you.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



Arctic Blast 2 was a meaningful and memorable day for our students at Camp Meribah, marked by fellowship, fun, and a great deal of teamwork. With ongoing construction at camp and the challenges that come with hosting a winter event, many volunteers worked diligently behind the scenes to ensure everything was ready and safe. Their efforts allowed our students to enjoy a full day of activities, laughter, and time together in a Christ-centered environment. Arctic Blast 2 served as a reminder of the strength of our church family and the impact that shared experiences can have on our young people. We are thankful for everyone who helped make the day such a success and for the memories created together.





Thank You

Thanks for the Sunshine Bags has been expressed by the following:

Faye Dotson, Joe & Carol Bates, Brenda Jacobs, Bobby & Valerie McCoy, Linda Bates, Katherine Shelton, Margie Copley, Wayne & Carolyn Chessor

George & Mary Sue Bragg write:

"Dear Church Family, I want to thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and the food during the sickness and passing of my brother Junior Baker. Thank you for the Memorial donation to Camp Meribah in his memory. Without family, the trials of this life would be hard to bear. In Christian Love..."

Mary Katherine Bates writes:

"Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers, gift card and Sunshine Bag. I appreciate each one. It means so much to be remembered. In Christian Love..."

The Family of Farris Baker writes:

"Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, and love shown to us during daddy's illness and passing. We were so thankful for the meal provided after the service. The ladies were so kind and the food was delicious. Thank you to the church and all the families who have made donation in daddy's memory!"

James & June Aydelott write: "We would like to thank everyone for the cards, messages and gifts as we celebrated our anniversary."

Becky Coleman writes: "Operation Santa Claus would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who adopted a child for Christmas. We would also like to thank everyone who generously gave to help purchase gifts. There were many smiling faces on handout day. This would not have been possible without people like you who are willing to help others!"

The Family of Arch McCord writes:

"Thank you so much for the texts, calls, cards, visits, and many, many prayers that have been shared with my family during the hospital stay and passing. The church is full of kind and caring Christian brothers and sisters. It was a difficult time, yet it was made easier with your love. In Christian Love, Chris, Tiffany, Cameron, Nina & Kate, Loreda McCord, John, Mindy, Hannah, Eli & Rebekah McCord.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

December 21, 2025

\$ 16, 846.06

Camp: \$ 228.00

December 28, 2025

\$ 25, 291.33

Camp: \$ 236.00

January 4, 2026

\$ 15,009.02

Camp: \$ 430.00

Budget: \$14,978.00

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Ben and Anna Ballou on the birth of a son December 17, 2025. Barrett Hal Ballou weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and is 20 inches long. Proud grandparents are Charlie and Susan Ingram.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Gary Bearden who passed away in Bradford, Tennessee. He was the grandfather of Brett (Abigail) Capps.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Hattie Bell Mayberry who passed away. She was the great aunt of Tabitha Cude and aunt of Tony Powers.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jane Austin who passed away in Red Boiling Springs. She was the grandmother of Ben (Brook) Austin.

Please Pray For:

...Doug True is in Maury Regional Hospital. He had a blood transfusion and will have his pacemaker reprogrammed.

...Aydelyn Martin was hospitalized over the weekend for a UTI. Her surgery has been rescheduled for January 13th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. She has returned home.

...June Aydelott had cataract surgery Tuesday, January 6th.

...Maeve McDonald, infant daughter of R.E. and Hanna McDonald, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer and is in St. Jude's Hospital undergoing treatments.

Home: 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, Laura Powers, Pam Griggs, Cathie Copley, David Nash

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

St. Thomas West: Woody Woodruff

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital: Steve Atkinson

Happy 50th Anniversary!



We want to wish Eric & Becky Coleman a belated

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary! They celebrated it December 19, 2025. *Congratulations!*

Happy Retirement



Tennessee
Children's Home

Place
Stamp
Here

January
Kool-Aid Canisters
Refried Beans
Rotel Tomatoes

Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Songfest at the Walnut Street
Church of Christ January 24, 2026
2-4p. Praise and Harmony with
Keith Lancaster Growing Closer To
Our Savior 201 Center Avenue,
Dickson Tn 37055



Jean Qualls is retiring from her position as Educational Director. Jean has served the Day School as Director from 1979 until 1995 (17 years), Educational Director from 1990–present (36 years), and worked with VBS for 49 years. She has worked under Paul Rogers, Bill Perkins, Bryan McAlister, Todd Parsley, Matthew Dotson and Jim Brown.

If you could sum up her career with the church, it would start with humbleness. She has tirelessly worked behind the scenes for the Centerville Church of Christ for 49 faithful years.

She served the Lord in the most Christian example, quietly and fervently. She helped her husband Wayne when he was hired as the Educational Coordinator. She officially took the job once his Eldership began in 1990.

Jean's presence in the office will be missed by the office staff. Her words of encouragement and acts of service were greatly appreciated.

Save The Date...

Ladies' Day

Centerville Church of Christ

March 14, 2026

Speaker: Cindy Colley

READ SCRIPTURE

January 11

Keith Matlock

ELDER'S PRAYER

January 11

Mike Goodpasture

COMMUNION PREP.

JANUARY

January 11

Kevin & Leah Isenberg

January 18

Cory & Nicole Martin

January 25

Brett & Heather Martin

**PRAYER WEEK OF
JANUARY 11**

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
George Garland

S.E.W.
George Bragg

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Eric Coleman

W.E.D
Jeremy Qualls

ORDER OF
Worship