



# CENTERVILLE

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



Do you like to wait? Are you a patient individual? How long do you like to wait? Has this ever happened to you, how do you respond? You are at a traffic light, it turns from red to green. The person in front of you is clearly distracted, and your lane is the only one not moving. How long do you wait before you blow your horn? (Maybe you like to blow your horn) or, you are seated at a restaurant, ten minutes pass, and no one has come by your table to get your order. The restaurant is busy but not covered up. They should've come to the table by now. How long do you wait before you leave or ask to talk to the manager? While in some cultures time is viewed very differently, many cultures are very laid back and time doesn't mean what it does to our society and to many of us. We are a very fast-paced oriented society. We expect things to happen now rather than later. So, when we are forced to wait, we are putting our patience to the test. How long will we wait? Didn't someone say, "good things come to those who wait".

Peter, in his second letter brings to our attention that in the latter days there would be mockers saying, *"Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation"* (2 Pet. 3:4). These that Peter mentioned were mocking God and using it as evidence to His contrary. However, it is still a question we might ask. How long God before You come? Peter reminds us of some facts to help keep things in perspective. The first is that the world has been destroyed once already. *"For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men"* (2 Pet. 3:5-7). We know from genealogies in the book of Genesis that the time from creation to the flood was roughly 1,656 years. How much during that time was God's patience tested? The second fact is that God does not see time as we do. *"But do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day"* (2 Pet. 3:8). We must remember that time as we count it was created for this world, and He is not bound by it. It was hundreds of years from the promises given to Abraham until they were brought to fruition. It was thousands of years before the messianic prophecies were fulfilled. We need to remember God is playing the long game. Finally, Peter reminds us that we serve a patient God. *"The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance"* (2 Pet. 3:9). God is waiting for us. He hasn't blown the trumpet yet. But knowing that He will, Peter reminds us how we should live in holiness for a day that will for sure come. It may not come in our lifetime here on this earth, but whether we are living or are in the grave the promise of His coming is where our patience and understanding is waiting and hoping and trusting in His promise.

God Bless -Todd





*Carter Hoover*



*Harrison Kelley*

**21 OF US** are getting used to the Tennessee humidity again after a great week of VBS in Craig, Colorado. We are so blessed to have had a successful and safe week spending time with our fellow Christians in Craig, who welcomed us with open arms. We had a 3 day total of over 250 people at VBS, hopefully planting seeds that will grow and multiply. We were all greatly encouraged and uplifted by the faith of the people at the Craig Church of Christ, and we hope to be reunited with them one day. We appreciate your prayers and support through this process. Here are some pictures from the trip.

- In Him, Carter and Harrison





## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Bennett Schmid by the following: Wayne & Jean Qualls, Joe & Pam Horton, Larry & Jan Walker, Terri Gay, Richard Gay, Mansel Smelser, Kesia Smelser.

...a memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Melinda DeVore by Russell and Tina DeVore.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Huston DeHaven (husband of Tabby Carrigan) by Doug & Billie Sue True.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Tommy Pickard by Doug & Billie Sue True.

## Area Events

...*Gospel Singing* at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ Friday, July 29, 2022 at 7 P.M. 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN. 38401

...*Elders, Deacons, Preachers, Christians Seminar* West Fayetteville Church of Christ 24 Boonshill Road Fayetteville, TN. 37334 *Super Thursday* August 4, 2022 *Men* 3:00 Scotty Sparks *"Encouraging Preachers & Teachers"* 3:50 P.M. Glenn Colley

*"The Elders Role"*  
4:40 *"The Deacons Role"*  
Ladies 3:00 P.M. Celine Sparks  
*"Encouraging Preachers & Preachers Wives"* 3:50 P.M. Cindy Colley

*"Elders Wives/Unsung Heroes"*  
4:40 P.M. Nancy Hixon  
*"A Godly Woman"* 5:25 Supper  
6:15 P.M. Mike Hixon  
*"Who Needs Encouraging?"*  
7:05 P.M. Glenn Colley

*"Strengthening Our Homes"*  
...The Elders at East Main Church of Christ in Murfreesboro invite all men to the *16th Annual Men's Seminar* on August 13, 2022 from 8a-1p. "Do All In His Name" RSVP by Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 2p via EastMainCoC@bellsouth.net or 615-893-6180 x 3

...The Fall 2022 session of Nashville School of Preaching will begin August 22, 2022 and conclude November 17, 2022. Classes are held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings from 6-9:30 P.M. at Crieve Hall Building at 4806 Trousdale Drive, Nashville. For more information go to the website or call 931-922-8032.

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**July 10, 2022:**

**\$ 10,831.78**

**Camp: \$ 235.66**

**July 17, 2022:**

**\$10,776.77**

**Camp:**

**\$209.00**

**Budget:**

**\$ 13,532.00**

## Thank You

Jimmy & Cathie Copley write: "Dear Church Family, We appreciate the kindness, love and support shown to us during the passing of our sweet Bennett. Thank you for the beautiful afghan, cards, calls, texts, visits and food during this time. Please continue to pray for our family that we find peace and healing in the months to come."  
Wayne Rediker writes: "Church Family, Thank you for the prayers, thoughts and many cards. The gift cards are much appreciated."

## Sympathy

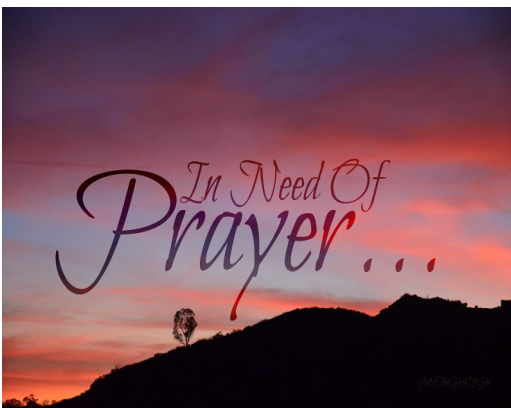


*Robert Gilmer*

1936-2022

...We express our sympathy to the family of Robert Gilmer who passed away. To his children Troy (Susie), Tracy (Kevin), Trevor (Melissa), brother and sister-in-law David & Jane Talley we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Tommy Pickard who passed away. He was the husband of Debbie and father of Devin (Angie) and Bart Pickard.



...Betty Davis is now at St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home.

...Gerry Parker, brother-in-law of Renee (Todd) Parsley, is very sick in Centennial Hospital with heart problems.

...Carey Hight, friend of Cassidy Orton, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor and will be undergoing treatments.

...Melvin Roberson is struggling with health problems.

...Ruth McFarlin was unable to return home.

...Rebecca Mears is at home. *No Visitors requested at this time due to risk of infection.*

...Danny Skelton is recovering after having a stent implanted in his heart.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Amy Douglas, Billy & Juanita Garner, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Jill Akens, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Donna Blackwell, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

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9045 Church Street East  
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8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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

**Worship With Us**



## The Shepherd's Pen

One day a man was watching a bird perched on a limb that was blowing in the wind. The tiny bird sat there being tossed and jerked about without a care in the world. The tiny bird calmly sitting on his limb singing at the top of his voice. Listening you can almost understand the words of the bird's happy song. *"You can blow mister wind, but I'm still gonna sing. And if you do blow me off, I've still got my wings."* When we look at life in a realistic way, we recognize there will be disappointments, heartaches, and failures. We will weather many winds that blow. How will we withstand the storms? Will we give up and be consumed by fear? Will we be like the tiny bird that sings through the storm with confidence that should we fall, God has given us wings? *"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."* (Isaiah 40:31) There are two ways we can face life. We can face it with faith, trust, and God's guidance, believing that the wind is forceful, but God is stronger, or face it alone. The psalmist David wrote, *I will lift up my eyes to the hills - From whence comes my help? My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.* (Psalm 121:1-2) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through. *Your Elders*

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### Mark Your Calendar.....

August 7, 2022 A.M.

#### **Sunday School Promotion Day**

**2022 Byron E. Bates Teacher Of The Year Award Presented**

August 7, 2022 P.M.

**Back To School Watermelon Roast  
Following 5 P.M. Worship At Camp Meribah**



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### **Prayer Week of July 24**

**S.M.W.**

John Bradley

**S.M.D.**

Cameron Wright

**S.E.W.**

Brad Davis

**S.E.D.**

Eric Coleman

**W.E.B.S**

Jeremy Qualls

**W.E.D.**

Gethlyn Gardner

### **Preside July 24**

Wayne Rediker

Scripture  
Joseph Isenberg



**The Centerville Church of Christ will be  
collecting money on Sunday, July 24th to  
help with the annual school supply drive.**