



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Harrison Kelley

*From The Heart of The Moments  
That Matter...*

## FAITHFULNESS

**“Be faithful until death, and I will  
give you the crown of life.”  
Revelation 2:10**

**(Matthew)** It's hard to believe that summer is already drawing to a close! As usual, it's been a busy and uplifting season at the Centerville Church of Christ. Vacation Bible School, Camp Meribah, Bible classes, worship services, and other fellowship gatherings have kept our congregation and community involved in a number of different works. We have welcomed new guests on multiple occasions, and I believe they were each welcomed with open arms and warm hearts. What a blessing it is to have so many *willing servants* at Centerville who make such outreach opportunities possible!

The summer has also kept our Young Adult Ministry active and involved in a number of various activities. It's been extremely encouraging to experience record-setting attendance in Bible class and share dinners together on Wednesday evenings before worship. These young adults continue to be focused on growing in spirit and in truth, a great joy to witness. For more on what this group of young people has been up to, I'll turn things over to our summer intern, Harrison Kelley...

**(Harrison)** This past week, Matthew and I spent Wednesday through Saturday with 28 of our fellow YAM's on what we called a "Yamily Vacation." We made the 9 hour drive to Sandusky, Ohio, to visit the roller coaster capital of the world, Cedar Point! This amusement park is full of some of the biggest rides in the world, which was a blast, and the rest of the trip was, of course, filled with other fun and memorable moments because of our "Yamily." The family, companionship, and support that we provide for each other is really what makes these trips worth going to. That idea of the family we create for each other is what our devotionals focused on throughout the week. I'll let Matthew say more about that...

**(Matthew)** Last week we enjoyed devotionals together (in a cabin that was NOT built to hold 30 people), rode dozens of roller coasters, ate good food, laughed until we cried, celebrated Luke Worsham's birthday, and even visited the boyhood home of Mike Elkins! I wanted to say a special "thank you" to Cissy, Jeremy and Meredith Qualls, and Philip Jacobs for helping drive and make sure the weekend ran smoothly. Our young adults are fortunate to have so many people who care about them and their spiritual well-being.

As Harrison alluded to, the blessing of being together as God's children is one of our richest gifts. During our time away, the YAM's focused on King Solomon's wise words from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, *"Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up."* No matter where we go in life or what we do, it's *vital* that we find Godly people to share our life with. They will be there to encourage us when we're struggling, hold us accountable when we know we can do better, and they will help us reach our ultimate goal of going to Heaven. As God's people, may we seek to spend our moments with those who love us like *family*. God bless, **Matthew and Harrison**

## Carter's Corner



WE ALL HATE TO ADMIT IT, but the summer is beginning to come to a close. It always seems that after Independence Day passes, it is time to start getting ready for school to start. We have had a great summer over the past several weeks, highlighted by VBS, Summer Camp, and other great activities for both our youth group and church family. With the summer winding down, plans are being made for a great Fall Semester for our youth group

students. There is never a bad time to be a part of our youth program, but the beginning of a new school year is a great opportunity to begin for the very first time or renew your commitment to our youth program.

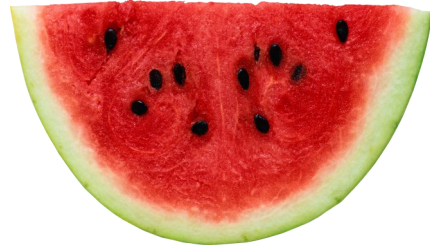
**HELP WANTED...**We need several hosts for our upcoming youth events this Fall. We are specifically in need of hosts for our Wednesday Lighthouse events that take place twice each month, and our Thursday morning Prayer Breakfasts that take place once every other month. If you'd be willing to hosts either of these events in the coming months, please reach out so that we can discuss further details.

**THE WEEK(END) RETREAT** is scheduled for this weekend for our Sr. High students at the Dotson Lodge. We are planning a fun weekend for our group of around 30 students to rest, relax, and fellowship before school starts, as well as plenty of fun activities to keep us occupied during the week. I hope that you will join me in praying for a safe, successful, and beneficial time together.

In Him, Carter



We rejoice with Jacob Krueger who was baptized Tuesday, July 13, 2021 by Carter Hoover. Jacob is the son of Jimmy & Holley Krueger.



**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT  
AUGUST 1, 2021  
WATERMELON ROAST  
5 P.M. WORSHIP  
AT CAMP MERIBAH  
FOLLOWED BY WATERMELON!  
PLEASE JOIN US!**



## Yam's "Family Vacation" A Great Weekend!





## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Norma Jean Anglin who passed away. She was the aunt of John (Debbie) Bradley.

## Thank You

### Susan Dotson writes:

"I appreciate so much the encouragement and care that you showed me during my recent illness. Thank you for your calls, texts, and cards. I am especially grateful for your prayers. Love in Christ..."

Mina Dressler writes: "Thank you for the beautiful wall plaque with the cards, words of comfort and concern at the passing of my brother. Centerville is a wonderful, loving congregation. In Christian Love..."

Harper Shelton writes: "Thank you for the Senior Sunday recognition and the bible that was given to me. Also, thank you to the Scholarship Committee for the scholarship money for my four years at Freed. I appreciate everything this congregation has done for me, especially the youth group. This church holds a special place in my heart and always will. Thank you for everything you do for this church and the people in it. In Christian love..."

Wendy Pace writes: "Members of the Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for get well cards and the gift card to Fish Camp. It was very much appreciated. I can't thank you enough for thinking of me. I ask for your continued prayers as I have a long fight ahead of me. With Love..."

Renee Parsley writes: "Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the cards, calls, texts, flowers, food and prayers during my recent illness. I am thankful and blessed to be part of this loving family. In Christian love..."

Wayne & Carolyn Chessor write: "We want to thank everyone for the cards and calls for our 58th Anniversary. It meant a lot to us and we really appreciate your thoughtfulness."

## Prayer Request

### From the Jail Ministry:

Jeffrey Hammond writes: "I am a recovering addict and I am asking for you to pray for me to be able to go to a rehab. facility. I need a faith based rehab. Please remember me in your prayers."

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**July 11: \$ 11,817.00**

**Camp: \$ 295.00**

**July 18: 14,392.25**

**Camp: 192.00**

**Budget:**

**\$ 12,979.00**

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Phillip Dotson, Fred Bowman, David King, Jamie Qualls, Jamie Stoltz, Caleb Barker, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Luther Brown, Wendy Pace, David Dansby, Kenneth Dotson, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Floy Gatewood.

## PHILIPPIANS 4:6

In nothing be  
anxious but in  
everything by  
prayer and  
petition with  
thanksgiving  
let your  
requests be  
made known  
to God

## PRAYER Requests

...Ruth Gardner is recovering from heart bypass surgery at NHC Dickson.

**812 North Charlotte  
Dickson, TN. 37055**

...Brenda Jacobs is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

...Joey Hunt is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

...Lonnie Gilliam will see his cancer doctor this week.

...Keith Barber is recovering from a stroke in a rehab. facility in Franklin.

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

### St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

### NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

NHC 812 North Charlotte Room 212A

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

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

Home: John Thomas Givens, Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks



CS: CENTERVILLE  
(College Secret  
Involvement)

There are information sheets and a sign-up form on the table in the foyer for all who are interested in joining this effort again this year.

See Ken or Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.



*Avalon*  
HOSPICE

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Weekly Cookie Delivery  
Companionship Visits  
Light Housekeeping  
Contact April Tummins  
Volunteer Coordinator  
615-326-0135

# 150th + 1 Anniversary!

Mark Your Calendar!!! The 150th + 1 Anniversary Celebration of the Centerville Church of Christ will be September 19, 2021. If you have a special memory of the church that you would like to share, please write it down on a piece of paper and turn it in to the office or email:

[tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org](mailto:tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org).

Or Mail to:

Centerville Church of Christ  
138 North Central Avenue  
Centerville, TN. 37033

We would like to compile these memories to have on this special day. This can also include any old recipes that were used long ago. Submit your memories today!!

## School Supply Drive



Sunday, July 25th we will be collecting money to help children with school supplies for the upcoming school year. There will be men in the back of the auditorium to collect your donation. Thanks for your help!

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



TODDLER TIME



Prayer Week  
Of July 25:

S.M.W.  
Robert Bowman

S.M.D.  
Will McDonald

S.E.W.  
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.  
Brett Martin

W.E.B.S.  
Edgar Beard

W.E.D.  
Alex Seagraves

Read Scripture  
July 25:

Grady Teet

Preside  
July 25:

Brad Davis

Elder's Prayer  
July 25:

Mike Elkins

