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Come Hear
Phil Sanders



Jesus: Our Only Hope

Sunday AM: Jesus and His Cross

Bible Class: The Essence of Hope

Sunday PM: Jesus and His Word

Monday: Jesus and His Church

Tuesday: Will Jesus Really Help Me?

Wednesday: Jesus and His Promises

Potluck Luncheon Following Morning Bible Classes

Gospel Meeting

August 6th - 9th

Sunday AM 9am

Bible Class 10:20am

PM Services 7pm



Sunday was a beautiful day. There was a good number in attendance as we assembled to worship God! The gospel meeting with Phil Sanders is just a couple of weeks away. The theme of the meeting is *"Jesus, Our Only Hope."* Sin creates a separation between us and God. Jesus is the only one who can eliminate that separation and bring reconciliation between God and us. *"That God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."* (II Corinthians 5:19) Jesus is our only hope! Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."* (John 14:6) Jesus is the way to God. In His perfect life and death on the cross, He became the only way to restore our relationship with God. Jesus is the *truth* from God. He revealed God to us. He revealed God's redemptive plan to us. Jesus demonstrated God's plan to deal with our sins by dying on the cross. Jesus is *life*. Jesus came to be that life giver. He conquered the ultimate result of sin, death. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you."* (I Peter 1:3-4) Jesus is life in the resurrection to eternal life in heaven. Paul writes, *"Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us."* (Titus 2:13-14) Sometimes in this fast-paced world we can lose sight of that fact, *"Jesus, Our Only Hope."* Let us all continue to invite, invite, and invite as we look forward to our Gospel Meeting! Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*



CAMP FACTS...

- *258 Campers
- *5 Different States
- *23 Churches Of Christ
- *60 % Of Campers Come From Churches of Christ
- *82 Campers From Our Congregation
- *15 % Campers With No Church Home
- *6 Baptisms
- *48 Scholarships Provided
- *30 Staff Members
- *42 Devotionals/Bible Studies
- *89 Degrees Average Temperature
- *400 Gallons Of Koolaid/Gatorade
- *8,000+ Meals Prepared



Carter Hoover

CARTER'S CORNER....CAMP MERIBAH 2023 has been a tremendous success. I have waited a few weeks to rest, recover, and reflect on Camp Meribah before I took the opportunity to update everyone on Summer Camp, but I am writing to you this week to inform you of all of the good that was accomplished this summer on The Hill. I hope you enjoy my favorite photos from the summer posted above also!

Each session was full of campers of all ages that enjoyed a week of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun on the Hill! The reviews from both our staff and campers have all been positive, and we were blessed to have safety and good weather this summer. I am proud of the results of Camp Meribah! We had a fantastic staff this summer of around 30 or so adults and young people helping us with camp activities. All of our staff are members of the Church, with the wide majority of staff being members from right here at Centerville. The staff is truly the heartbeat of Camp Meribah--their energy and love for campers is one of the main reasons why camp is successful every year.

A huge thank-you goes to Matthew and Ashley Halliburton. This is Ashley's second year of cooking for Camp Meribah, and she is an integral part of our camp. Matthew is "Mr. Fix-It" and worked

hard to ensure that our air conditioners kept running and that any maintenance issues around camp were fixed quickly. Camp Meribah would not have run as smoothly without their efforts. Be sure to tell them thank you when you get the opportunity.

Camp registrations increased by 5% this year, with every session either full or nearly-full. I am thankful to see increased growth at Camp Meribah showing that young people are still interested in spending their summers at Camp Meribah.

An increase in campers also came with an increase in demand for camp scholarships. We received 48 requests for camp scholarships this year (a 20% increase from last year), and we were able to meet each scholarship request this year due in large part to the generosity of so many people. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for supporting Camp Meribah!

The highlight of the camp is always the lives that are changed and positively affected by being around Christian examples. I am thankful for the six young men who gave their lives to Christ through baptism this summer and the countless other lives that were either strengthened in their walk with Christ and the seeds that were planted in the hearts of many other young people. Camp Meribah was a success and we have already begun making preparations for Camp Meribah 2024! In Him, Carter

Thank You

Tim & Melissa Sanderson write:
"Dear Centerville Church of Christ,
Thank you for your numerous
expressions of sympathy during
my mother's illness and death.
Your prayers and support were
and continue to be a source of
healing and encouragement to our
family. We love and appreciate
you."

Lottie O'Guin writes: " Thank you
for the cards and prayers on my
behalf. I am doing good."

Happy 80th Birthday!



Happy 80th Birthday!
Juanita Bowman
July 19, 2023

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

July 23, 2023

\$ 11,903.81

Camp: \$ 335.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the
Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in
memory of Judy Rogers by the
following: Grandson Michael Harber,
Smyrna Church of Christ, Jon &
Leann Cherry, Neil & Beatrice Jobe,
Jack & Cecile Allen.

Baptisms

We rejoice with James William Lewis,
Troy Bonestill, Wayne Sharpton,
Justin Daniels, and Michael Leanard
who were baptized July 22, 2023 by
members of the Jail Ministry.



...Susan Dotson will have her
pacemaker and defibrillator replaced on
Friday, July 28, 2023.

...Lonnie Gilliam fell at home on Monday
night and has a broken shoulder, arm
and 3 broken ribs. He will have shoulder
surgery July 26th at St. Thomas Mid-
Town.

...Keegan Dotson had tubes placed in his
ears on Tuesday, July 25th. The
procedure went well.

...Mary Nell Mayberry continues to
undergo treatments for cancer.

...Wayne Chessor will be moved on
Tuesday, July 25th to St. Thomas
Hickman Hospital.

...Doug True is recovering at home and
doing well.

...Louise Jones has been moved to
Encompass Rehabilitation Facility in
Franklin, Tennessee. *No Visitors Please*

...Stephen Dotson has returned home.
He will have a PICC line to continue
antibiotics for 6 weeks.

...Gerald McFarlin is scheduled to go
home on Wednesday.

...Chris Peters is recovering from having
a stent implanted in his heart. He is
doing well.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the
family of Louise Gordon who passed
away. She was a resident of Life Care
and the aunt/sister of Thomas (Cheryl)
Chessor.

...We express our sympathy to the
family of Mary Helen Pinkerton who
passed away.

YAM Cincinnati Blast



Upcoming Workday

Saturday July 29th

9:00 AM - Noon

Preparations for August 6-9

Meeting

Check & trim shrubbery areas as
needed. Cut & remove overgrowth east
end of bus garage parking lot. Fill, seed
& place straw mat on ditch paved
drains. Pressure wash as needed.

See Michael Jenkins, George Bragg, or
James Aydelott for details

August Celebrations!



Robert & Sandy Bryant
Married 64 Years
August 1, 2023



Sally Chessor
87 Years Old
August 2, 2023



Gerald McFarlin
84 Years Old
August 12, 2023



David Talley
85 Years Old
August 15, 2023



Betty Litton
88 Years Old
August 18, 2023



Dick & Linda Smith
Married 58 Years
August 21, 2023



A.J. Coates
95 Years Old
August 28, 2023



Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam
Married 64 Years
August 28, 2023



**IF YOU ARE FREE ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS,
PLEASE JOIN US FOR WINGS
(WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE)**

**WE ARE STUDYING THE BIBLE IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.
CLASS WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16th AT 10AM
IN THE OUTREACH CENTER
SEE TINA DICKERSON IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**



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Daily Updates & Devotional
Message
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Prayer Week of July 30

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Mike Elkins

S.E.W.
Kevin Isenberg

S.E.D.
Garth Richardson

W.E.B.S
Brad Davis

W.E.D.
Jackson McDonald

Scripture July 30

**Jonathan
Longworth**

Preside
Jeremy Qualls

Elder's Prayer:

July 30

**Mike
Goodpasture**

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Are We Comfortable?"
(II Corinthians 1:3-7)

Sunday PM
"Simplify"
(I Timothy 6:6-8)

9AM and 5PM



Communion... Beginning Sunday, August 6th, we will return to observing communion using trays. The Communion Kits will be available in the foyer if needed. We appreciated your support when we needed to transition to using the kits. As we transition back to the trays, we thank you and appreciate your support. Your Elders