

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Todd Parsley



Sunday was a very good day at Centerville. We had several visitors at both services, our annual 4th of July Celebration was well attended Sunday evening (preachers count says 300+), and Kennadi McClung was baptized into Christ Sunday after evening service. That in of itself makes for a great day!

Our participation at each service this year continues to improve, and we are thankful for all who are making worshipping God a priority in their lives. In every congregation of the Lord's church there are Christians who attend every service of the church whenever possible, God surely is pleased with our commitment in doing so. But there are also some Christians whose attendance is infrequent and almost nonexistent other than on Sunday morning. I've always wondered what justification people will tell God for not being faithful in their attendance. I believe it makes a real difference in the spiritual life of the Christian and in the spiritual life of the congregation.

The command not to forsake the assembly is found in Hebrews 10:25. The command to edify one another and fulfill our responsibility to build one another up is clear in Romans 14:19; 15:1-3 and Hebrews 3:12-14. Simply our presence alone encourages others that are in attendance. Jesus has commanded us to put the kingdom of God first. We all have priorities, and we must learn to put them in the right order. Many good faithful Christians avoid scheduling events and other circumstances that would cause them to miss a service. We are also told that attendance is necessary to help us grow and develop spiritually. Hearing sermons and attending Bible classes helps us to grow and mature as Christians (Hebrews 5:12-14). Even our songs are designed to teach as well as praise (Col. 3:16).

Paul said the Lord's church is like a body, needing every individual part to do its share (Eph. 4:15-16). Christians are to set a good example and faithful attendance helps to provide that good influence to others, and for those in the world (Matt. 5:14-16). It does help in influencing our friends and relatives when they see our conviction and faithfulness to God in our devotion to the church.

What is your attendance like? Are you redeeming your time wisely? May each of us continue to use as much time as possible in service to the Lord and His people. See you at the next service, Right?

God Bless -Todd





This summer at Camp Meribah was a huge success. Each session was full of campers, many fun games were played, great devos were given, and lifelong memories were created. Most importantly five campers obeyed the gospel by making the decision to be baptized during the few weeks we had on the Hill.

Our camp theme this summer was Good Days, which was taken from 1 Peter 3:10-12. We had many awesome guest speakers for our campers who came and spoke on nine actions that help us love life and see good days: Stay Focused, Speak Wisely, Tell the Truth, Resist Evil, Do Good, Seek Peace, Get Along, Live Right, and Pray. Along with our twice-daily devotionals, we offered bible classes and cabin devos to continue to explore the theme of Good Days and spend more time in God's word with our campers.

Camp Meribah is founded upon three main principles—faith, fellowship, and fun. We know that each session of summer camp is a success if we can introduce campers to Jesus and sow seeds of the Gospel, allow campers to spend time together around positive Christian role models, and have lots of fun along the way. We will have more specifics next week, but for now, just know that Camp Meribah 2024 was an exceptional month filled with faith, fellowship, and fun! In Him, Carter & Weston





The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a good day! A wonderful day of worship! Good attendance Sunday morning and Sunday evening! There were several visitors, and we appreciate them being with us. A great crowd in attendance for our annual 4th of July Celebration! The fireworks show was spectacular! A thank you to all that organized, set-up, cooked, and cleaned-up, making the evening enjoyable. Sunday *Jim Brown* will be our guest speaker. We welcome Jim and Angela. This church family is special to them, and they are to us. Mark your calendar for August 11th - 14th. Our gospel meeting with 11th - 14th. Our gospel meeting with Bryan McAlister. Bryan, Mendy, and family plan to be with us during that time. Postcards will be available next week to mail out invitations. In a passenger plane flying high above the clouds, we view through the tiny airplane window mountain ranges, cities, and a patchwork quilt of the countryside. Imagine what God's view of the entire earth must be view of the entire earth must be like. In our minds God is looking down on us from very high up, but the reality is God is always in our midst. We are not an insignificant dot of landscape as seen from an airplane window, but God's view of us is clear and personal. Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; therefore, you are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:6-7) Let sparrows." (Luke 12:6-7) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Memorials

...With due respect appreciation for the Gatewood and Spencer families, a donation has been given to the newly established Becky Gatewood Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund by

James and June Aydelott.
...a Memorial has been given to the India Missions Fund in memory of Becky Gatewood by Jimmy & Cathie Copley and Ashley Thomas. ...a Memorial has been given to the

Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Becky Gatewood and Katherine Hoover by Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.

Carolyn Cnessor.
...a Memorial has been given to the Becky Gatewood Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund by the following: Ken & Debbie Jenkins, Tony & Cathie Duncan, Joel & Paula Oswalt, Randy & Jackie Deitmen, Gary & Portice Baker, Shirley Device Betty Murphysio Landow DeVore, Betty Murphree Langley.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

June 30, 2024 \$ 13, 524.02

Camp: \$ 263.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

...Gospel Meeting at the Rocky Valley Church of Christ Speaker: Michael Crowder July 7-10, 2024 Bible Study 10 A.M. Worship: 10:55 A.M. Sunday-Wednesday 7:30 P.M. Lunch served after Sunday morning service.

...Gospel Meeting at the Liberty Lincoln Church of Christ July 21-26, 2024 Speaker: Michael Crowder Sunday Morning Bible Study: 9 A.M. Worship: 10 A.M. Sunday Evening: 7:30 P.M. Monday—Friday: 7 P.M. Lunch Sunday Following Sunday morning service.



Lisa Dotson has moved. Her new address is:

129 Torridon Drive

Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452

Centerville **Church Of Christ** Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wednesday: 7 P.M.



...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garland, will have scans and biopsies in the coming days.

...Arch McCord, father of Tiffany Peters, had surgery Sunday. ...Ava Johnston, mother of June Roder and Tammie Dotson, is in ICU at Maury Regional with pneumonia.

...Leon Gilbert is recovering at home. ...Pat Hill, mother of Christy Wells, is recovering from surgery and doing

...Brenda Carroll is recovering at home.

...Faye Dotson will have replacement surgery July 10th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Anita Allen has requested prayers for 2 of her friends who have been diagnosed with cancer.

...Reda Springer is in NHC in Dickson recovering from injuries due to a car accident. She is doing better.

...We have been asked to pray for Beth, the mother of Dr. Mani's fiancé. She is having complications following having a stent implanted in her heart.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Randy Prince, Reda Springer, Tyler Colgan, Kathy McDonald, Jimmy Krueger, Jean Greer, Marilyn Warren, Helen Bryant, Corbin Barr, Martha Scaife

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Lorrie O'Guin, Gethlyn Gardner, Ashley Halliburton, Pat Hill, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Jimmy Mullins, Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Baptisms



🧱 🔊 We rejoice with Merfy

Qualls who was baptized June 25, 2024 in Mill Creek by her grandfather Wayne Qualls. Merfy is the daughter of Jeremy & Meredith Qualls. ... We rejoice with Zoie Chilton who was baptized June 25, 2024 at Pinewood Church of Christ by her father. Zoie is the daughter of Chris & Jennifer Chilton Jennifer Chilton.

...We rejoice with Daniel Carl who was baptized June 27, 2024 by Cameron Peters.

...We rejoice with Kennadi McClung who was baptized Sunday, June 30, 2024 by Carter Hoover. Kennadi is the daughter of Cory & Nicole Martin and the granddaughter of Donna Martin.

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Those To Serve In July

Preside

<u>July 7</u> Brad Davis

July 14 Jim Hudgins

<u>July 21</u> Gary Baker

July 28 Matthew Dotson

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55

<u>Left Side</u> Andy Weber Aden Weber Kevin Isenberg Joseph Isenberg

Right Side
Brandon McCauley
Joseph McCauley
Daniel Dressler
Marshall McCauley

P.M. Chapel
John Bradley

Communion Prep.

<u>July 7</u> Keith & Judy Matlock

July 14
James & June Aydelott

<u>July 21</u> Jonathan & Misty Aydelott

July 28 George & Mary Sue Bragg

<u>USHERS</u>:

Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor



Life Care Center

July 7: Jeremy Qualls July 14: Robert Bowman July 21: Matthew Dotson July 28: Daniel Dressler

Tulipwood Service: John Bradley

RADIO ROOM JULY

Media Director: Gaylon Cude Video: Major Qualls

Sound: Chris Peters

Mac/Keynote: Braydon Chessor

Read Scripture:
July 7: Weston Elkins

Elder's Prayer: Wayne Qualls

Meals On Wheels

July 3: Shirley DeVore July 10: Joy McDonald July 17: Jean Oualls

July 17: Jean Qualls July 24: Sam & Cindy Chessor

July 31: Jane Talley

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40
Please Contact George Bragg If You
Are Unable To Deliver Meals

Prayer Week of July 7

S.M.W. Philip Jacobs

<u>S.M.D</u>. Matthew Dotson

> <u>S.E.W</u>. George Bragg

<u>S.E.D</u>. John Bradley

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Chris Peters

<u>W.E.D</u>. Brad Davis

NURSERY: Cassidy Orton

BAPT. CLOTHING: Lori Woods

Greeters

Mark & Shela Chessor Thomas & Cheryl Chessor Marvin & Glenda Dorton Jim & Lesley Hudgins