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As I write this article our Vacation Bible School is in full swing. A big thank you to Jean Qualls for all her dedication and hard work she has put into VBS over the years. Thank you to all our teachers and many volunteers as well for all you do. VBS at Centerville has been and will continue to be a blessing to many!

In the chapters 24 and 25 of the book of Matthew, Jesus addressed two very important events. He starts by dealing with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (24:4-35), and He continues by dealing with His return (24:36-25:46). Jesus presents all this information because He wanted His followers to be prepared for these great events. According to historical records, the temple was destroyed in 70 AD when the Romans turned Jerusalem into ruins. However, concerning His return, it obviously hasn't happened yet, and no one knows the day or the time when it will occur. Consequently, the Lord in scripture has repeatedly warned His followers to be prepared and to stay prepared.

As He concluded His discussion of His return in Matt. 25:31-46, He emphasized the fact that a separation takes place. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (vs. 31-33). Those on the Lord's right hand will receive a great reward (vs. 34-40). These are the ones who will have ministered to the Lord through the service they performed on behalf of others: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me" (vs.40). The reward given to these righteous people is described as "eternal life" or "heaven".

Those on the Lord's left hand will be punished (vs. 41-45). These are the ones who will have failed to minister to the Lord by failing to serve others: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me". The penalty assessed to these people is described as "everlasting punishment" or "hell". The proclaiming the Gospel of Christ has to it that there is indeed a final judgement and a final separation of what the Lord Himself warns about. Being a Christian is the greatest joy on earth that will reap the greatest reward you can imagine in heaven. But He also warns that being outside of Christ will reap the worst kind of punishment you could ever imagine. Stop and think about it often, count the costs Jesus says. Are we really preparing for heaven, Jesus tells us, heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

To be prepared for the Lord's return we must obey the Gospel, and we must remain faithful to Him. He wants us to use the blessings, talents, and abilities that He provides. He also wants us to be ministers to Him by taking advantage of opportunities to serve others. Are you ready for the Lord's return? If folks truly understood how great and wonderful heaven will be, and on the other side, how horrible and bad hell will be many more would be making the right preparation for that day Jesus himself tells us about.

Jesus loves you and He wants you to be saved and to be with Him in Heaven forever! God Bless -Todd



Sympathy



Joyce Mayberry

1938-2024

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Joyce Mayberry. Joyce and her late husband Bobby were members of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. Joyce is survived by her son Anthony (Cynthia), brother Billy Garner, grandson Jordan Anthony Mayberry and many Garner and Mayberry nieces, nephews and their children. The family would like to thank a special niece, Linda Bates Crosby, who helped take care of Joyce. Mrs. Joyce was a historian for Hickman County and loved doing research and genealogy. She also never backed away from a task even when it came to technology. She was always uploading historical photographs for future generations to learn the history of Hickman County families. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Ann Spencer by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Ralph Shelton, Ronne Martin and Ann Spencer by Charlie & Linda Shelton.

...a Camp Meribah Scholarship has been given in memory of Danny Galey and Guy Barber for Father's Day by Sherry Galey and Holly Stewart.

Prayer Request

Michael Ford has requested your prayers. He attends the services of the Jail Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

June 9, 2024

\$ 17,227.73

Camp: \$ 407.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Sympathy



Gerald McFarlin 1939-2024

We express our sympathy to the family of Gerald McFarlin who passed away. Mr. McFarlin is survived by his daughter Cecily (Chris) Haithcoat, son Gerald Forrest McFarlin, brother William Eugene (Wanda) McFarlin, grandchildren Tommy Haithcoat, Jesse Haithcoat, and Riley Haithcoat, along with 1

nephew.

Mr. McFarlin was a very humble man, he never wanted recognition for many aspects of his life. He was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for over 60 years and was the "Sign Man" for over 30 years. He manually changed the sign out front on the church property faithfully in all kinds of weather. He was also a member of the Tennessee National Guard and also worked for the Department of Human Services for 36 years.

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...We express our sympathy to the family of Katherine Hoover who passed away after a long illness. She was the mother of Calvin (Dedra) Hoover and grandmother of Carter (Shelby) and Christine Hoover.

Please Pray For:

...Jimmy Krueger had knee surgery Tuesday.

...Joe Halbrooks is in St. Thomas West for tests.

...Becky Gatewood is at home with Hospice care.

...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garland, will have a scan Wednesday. ...Shelby Prince has shingles.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Jean Greer, Marilyn Warren, Lonnie Mayberry, Helen Bryant, Corbin Barr, Martha Scaife, Trevor Buchanan, Al Parsley, Wayne Chessor, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Ashley Halliburton, Chris McCurley, Pat Hill, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Jimmy Mullens, Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

70th Birthday Party!



Join us as we celebrate the 70th birthday of John Plemmons, Jr. on June 23, 2024 from 1 - 3 P.M. at the Outreach Center. No gifts but cards appreciated.

Drop-Off Shower



There will be a Drop-Off Shower for Abby Pruett, bride elect of Griffin Elkins, on Sunday, June 16

Sunday, June 16 and Sunday June 23! You can leave your gift on the table in the lobby. Griffin and Abby will be at the 9 A.M. worship on Sunday, June 23. Let's shower them with gifts and send our best wishes!

Thank You

<u>Wanda Givens writes</u>: "Thanks to those who remembered my birthday in so many special ways. I love and appreciate all of you."

Joy Martin Deming writes: "Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the delicious meal after the burial of my brother Ronnie Martin. You touched my heart with your generosity and hospitality."



Gospel Meeting at the Chestnut Grove Church of Christ

June 16-19, 2024 Speaker: Sunday Morning: Matthew Dotson

Sunday night—Wednesday night Bill McDonald

The Shepherd's Pew Vacation Bible School is in progress. "Good Works Serve, Share, Seek." We have studied the story of "Jesus Washing the Disciples Feet", the "Paralytic Man" healed by Jesus, and will conclude with the "Parable of the Talents." The parable of the talents is one of Jesus' most famous parables. It is recorded in Matthew 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-27. In this parable, a rich man is traveling to a far country with plans to return at some point in the future. He leaves his affairs to his servants. When he returns, they are to give an account of their efforts. God expects us to use our abilities. As His servants we are to grow and use what we have been given as much as we can. In the parable of the talents, the faithful servants went to work with what they were given and grew. When they presented their results to the master on his return, they were rewarded. We are to seek ways to use our talents and glorify God. God expects more from those He has given more abilities, but that doesn't mean He expects nothing from those who had been given less. God expects all His servants to grow and use what they have been given as much as they can. Seek good work to use your talent and share it. What might seem a small gesture to you, could be significant to the person you serve. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Communion Prep.

June 16 Kevin & Leah Isenberg

June 23 Cory & Nicole Martin

June 30 Brett & Heather Martin

Read Scripture **Patrick Jones**

Elder's Prayer: Ken Dickerson

Prayer Week of June 16, 2024

<u>S.M.W</u>. Keith Matlock

Randy James

<u>S.E.W</u>. Alex Seagraves

<u>S.E.D</u>. Chris Peters

W.E.B.S Sam Chessor

Jim Hudgins

Preside

June 16 Sam Chessor

<u>June 23</u> Marshall Spencer

<u>June 30</u> Kevin Isenberg

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55

Left Side

Weston Elkins Randy Wright Colby Shelton **Cameron Wright**

Right Side

Jonathan Aydelott Wyatt Aydelott **Robert Bowman Trevor Buchanan**

P.M. Chapel

Michael Jenkins Logan/Landon