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"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"The Greatest Dad"
(Psalm 128:1-6)

Sunday PM
"Be Not Afraid"
(Matthew 8:25-26)

9AM and 5PM

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As I write this, I'm watching all the kids being brought to Vacation Bible School. What a blessing it is to see these kids come in so excited and eager to sing and learn about Bible things. Most all of us surely remember as a child the thrill of going to VBS. I have so many fond memories of the many things I did and learned at VBS. That's what we try to do here. Some may ask, Is VBS worth all the time and effort? **ABSOLUTELY!** It is an opportunity to plant the seed of God in the hearts of young people and adults alike and pray that it will grow. We will never really know the good results that come from the years of having VBS. If just one soul is saved, now or in the future, then it is worth every minute and every dollar spent.

This year will be teaching following our theme for the year "SEEK FIRST" taken from Matthew 6:33. What an important thought to instill in the hearts of young people today. The world could sure use a dose of seek God first in all we do and say. As Matthew reminded us on Sunday night, we all will, just as Jesus did, face many temptations in life and the answer to overcoming them is to seek the counsel of God and His word. Seeking God first leads us down a path of following and doing things as God has written in the Bible. The kids will sing the song this week: The B-I-B-L-E, Yes that's the book for me! I stand upon the word of God the B-I-B-L-E, BIBLE!

May we always remember that God cannot lie, and God has promised us a home in heaven. John 14:1-4 is just one reminder of his promise; *"Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."* God has always had a plan and He put His plan as it pertains to us in effect over 2000 years ago when Christ died on the cross. Now, we His children, Christians, must share and plant that seed as we go through this life. Share the good news with someone. Remember, someone once shared it with you. Dear God, please open doors of opportunity for your word. Open our eyes to see those who are searching for You! Vacation Bible School is a wonderful opportunity to plant that seed in little hearts.

God Bless -Todd



Thank You

Rutisha Cagle writes: "Thank you all so much for the calls, cards and prayers. I deeply appreciate you thinking of me. I am doing well."

Kilee Jenkins writes: "Centerville Church of Christ Scholarship Committee, thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of the Morrison/Nicks Scholarship! It is deeply appreciated and will help fund my college education. I hope I will be able to reflect my time at CCOC by being a faithful Christian light while I am at college! Thanks again..."

Wanda Givens writes: "Thanks to all of those who remembered my birthday with cards, calls, and texts. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much."

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Will & Dominique Chessor on the birth of a son June 8, 2023. Jonah James Chessor weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and is

19.5 inches long. Proud Grandparents are Mark & Shela Chessor.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Rob & Hope (Parsley) Mitchell on the birth of a son June 10, 2023. Jaxton Scott Mitchell weighed 5 lbs. 14 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud

grandparents are Todd & Renee Parsley.

Memorial

...a donation has been given to Camp Meribah in honor of Gary & Becky Gatewood's 50th Anniversary by Michael & Vicki Frazier.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Betty Claud and Elizabeth Givens by Charlie & Linda Shelton.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Danny Galey and Guy Barber in Honor of Father's Day by Sherry Galey.

...a donation has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of Gary & Becky Gatewood's 50th Anniversary by Janet Barber and Sherry Galey.

**Worship With Us At The
Centerville Church Of Christ**

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class

Sunday Evening: 5 P.M.

Wednesday: 7 P.M. Classes For All Ages!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

June 11, 2023

\$ 12,208.31

Camp: \$ 254.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



Happy Birthday to Larry Talley on June 15, 2023! Larry is a resident of the Life Care Center.

Judy Rogers

Brighton Gardens Of Brentwood
103 Arcaro Place Room 152
Brentwood, TN. 37027

Mattie Ayers

Morning Pointe of Columbia
2050 Union Place Room # 109
Columbia, Tennessee 38401

Priscilla Barber

Harmony At Brentwood
Apt. 421
9045 Church Street East
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Bobbie June Kittrell

8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102
Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Margie Copley:

The Bridge in Columbia, TN.
851 W. James Campbell Blvd.
Apt. 218
Columbia, TN. 38401

Pray for Me

...Marilyn Nash is recovering from back surgery.

...Wayne Chessor will have back surgery June 27.

...Ken Jenkins, father of Michael (Michelle), is recovering at Vanderbilt Hospital. His address:

Vanderbilt University Medical Center
1211 Medical Center Drive
Room 1024 10 N Bed 24
Nashville, TN. 37232

...Nell Rochelle, grandmother of Heather Martin, is on Hospice care.

...Kenny Loveless, nephew of Margaret Yates, is having radiation at Ingram Cancer Center for his liver cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Daisey Beard, Floy Cochran, Don Luther, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Martie Davis, Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Kenny Loveless, Mary Nell Mayberry, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Betty Davis, Francis McClanahan, Tim Blackwell

Home: Glenda Teet, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Martha Weber, Billy Garner



LIFE-LINE

Daily Updates & Devotional Message

931-729-5055

Congratulations To Our *Summer Scholars* Who Successfully Answered Bible Questions!

From left: Bryson Chessor, Cade Hoover, Ensley Garland, Emberly Garland, Bo McDonald, Windsor Longworth, Jon Crewe Longworth, Claire Wright, Waverly Cannon, Ava Weber, Macray Qualls, Merfy Qualls, Jace Jenkins, Keegan Dotson, Mabry James *Not Pictured:* Landon & Logan Jenkins, Daisy Qualls, Bruin Dotson

PLACE
STAMP
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THE JAIL MINISTRY SUMMER SIZZLER IS SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH. PLEASE CONTACT DANIEL DRESSLER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.



The Shepherd's Pen

It was a great crowd Sunday evening as we kicked off *Vacation Bible School* with our Bible Times Meal. We appreciate everyone that worked to make this time of fellowship a wonderful evening. Vacation Bible School is in progress and started off with a bang! Over 300 in attendance on the first day. When you see children of every age, happy, excited, and enjoying being a part of VBS, we are reminded of the words of Jesus in Mark 10:14-15, "*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.*" Those who come to Christ must do so in a childlike humility, faith, and simplicity. Like children who trust their parents, we trust God. Faith is not about knowing everything or doing everything right. It is about knowing no matter what happens, even when life is terrifying, sad, and makes no sense our Heavenly Father will take care of us. When we witness the magnificence of God, experience the gift of salvation through Jesus, and begin to understand the wonder of His amazing grace, we become excitable children who trust in *His ways, His love, and His care*. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.
Your Elders

FANTASTIC WEEK AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Scripture June 18

Gethlyn Gardner

Preside
Daniel Dressler

Elder's Prayer:

June 18
Mike
Goodpasture

Prayer Week of June 18

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Cory Martin

S.E.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.
Shaun Lawson

W.E.B.S
James Aydelott

W.E.D.
Major Qualls