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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Is Heaven Our Goal"
(Philippians 3:14-16)

Sunday PM

"To Be Like God"
(Ephesians 5:1)

9AM and 5PM

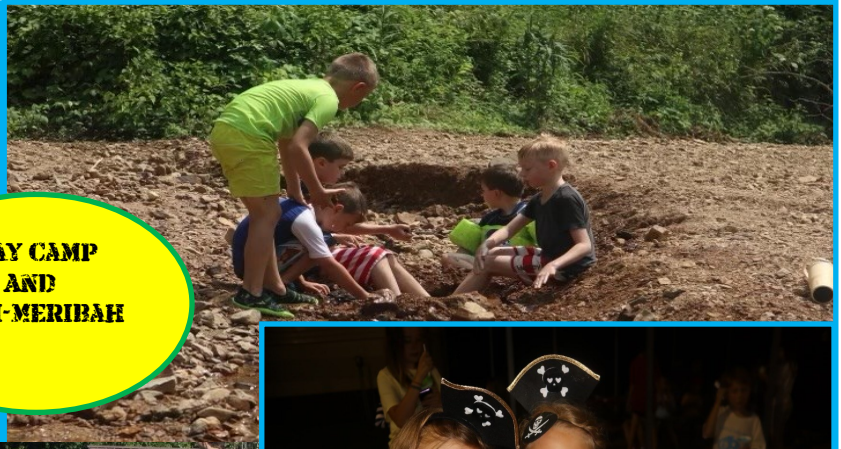


Sunday was Father's Day, and we again had a good number for worship. As far as my history of celebrating Father's Day this one didn't rate at the top for me. Why? I'm glad you ask! First, I was alone for the first time I believe ever on this day. Renee is away helping our daughter who recently gave birth prematurely and my grandson is still in the NICU. So, she needs to be there. Second, None of my kids live close to us and all have very active lives of their own and none of them were able to come and see dad. People forget that many ministers leave family to go be part of a congregation they feel they can be most effective in teaching and preaching the gospel. That's a sacrifice they are gladly willing to make. But, can make holidays and special family times difficult.

Third, was the passing of our beloved Judy Rogers on Sunday morning. What a wonderful Christian lady she was. Judy was so special to Renee and I, she always greeted us with a smile and an encouraging word. She would say often to Renee "I've been where you are and you're doing great" (preachers wives understand that statement). Judy was simply said...Special. Her history with Paul and this congregation is seldom matched in the church today. Both she and Paul will always be remembered here for all they have done to grow the Kingdom of our Lord in this special town and county. She like Paul, will be missed. But we can rejoice that she has gone on to her reward (Rev. 14:13).

Now, before you think that I'm looking for sympathy because my Father's Day didn't rate high on my selfish scale. Let me tell you I had a Great day! I was able to gather with fellow Christians to worship my God not once but twice. That alone was enough to fill the void of other things to make it a wonderful day. We shouldn't need "other things" to make the Lord's Day any more special than it already is. I truly miss the time when the Lord's Day was just that, His day! There weren't other things going on to pull us away or distract us from the purpose God gave for this day. Families should not have to choose between going to worship or some other activity. Finally, I finished my day by watching two of our young girls win a thriller of an all-star softball game, congrats to Sutherlyn Cude and Windsor Longworth and their teammates. Yes! I had a great day. I love this place and I love this church!

God Bless -Todd



**DAY CAMP
AND
MINI-MERIBAH**



**YAM SUMMER
COOKOUT**



Sympathy

STEWARDSHIP REPORT



Judy Rogers

1936-2023

By Susan Harber

Mom was a great encourager and supporter to every human. She traveled a 'long extra mile' to make lives better in her chapter of time. Mom witnessed six decades of history within Centerville and shared fabulous firsthand stories

with me. She was a friend to Minnie Pearl's mother, and they shared a razor-sharp memory of historical happenings in the county. Judith Ann Johns Rogers was born in 1936 in Lamar community within Rutherford County. She experienced a wondrous childhood on a large, scenic farm in Jefferson with very special parents Glendon and Emily Johns, who taught her honesty and integrity, along with an outpouring of great love. My grandparents were respected and admired for strong character and good example. She related to me 'I was the happiest girl living in Rutherford County.' Her brother Randy and sister Sue were tremendous companions, and her family thrived in a close-knit small haven full of fun and adventure. Judy could operate a tractor and rake hay as good as any farm hand. She attended Old Jefferson School and Smyrna High School where she thrived as cheerleader, a leading actress in Senior play, class officer and voted 'Best All-Around'. She also received a state award as a teenager for her tremendous skills with sewing and pattern-making. She was baptized in Stones River as a young girl and attended Old Jefferson Church of Christ where she met Paul Rogers, a 19-year-old handsome minister, when she was 16 years old. Their first date was in spring of 1953 followed by a wedding to Paul in the Auditorium at Smyrna Church of Christ on December 31, 1955 with a reception at Sam Davis Home. Her mother Emily, a master quilter and superb seamstress, hand-stitched mom's satin and lace wedding gown. Thereafter, Judy attended David Lipscomb College and was employed at Southern Bell Company in Nashville. Paul and Judy moved to Lewisburg, Tennessee in May 1956 where Paul was associate minister of the Church Street congregation of 700 members. In the fall of that same year, the powerful voice of a young physician Dr. Parker Elrod called Paul stating 'will you try out for preacher?' Paul had been recommended by an evangelist Willard Collins. Paul's salary for a growing family was \$85 a week and included a home to live within during his sojourn for a congregation of 345 members that held two morning services each Sunday. She was a 20-year old mother of Larry and just beginning her story in a newfound abode. On January 1, 1957, Centerville was Judy's new home where she became an active member of Centerville Church of Christ for 66 years and served as a beloved preacher's wife for 48 years. Her homes through six decades were on Perry Street, North Central Avenue (next door to church) and the beautiful Grinders Switch farm (1977). Judy was active with the Centerville Church of Christ hand-quilters meeting on Wednesdays and stitching gifts of goodwill at both the former building on College Street and present-day Outreach Center. She exemplified great compassion for others from the first day of life and held a caring nature toward mankind. She was a nursery attendant during Vacation Bible School for 50 years and had great joy working with children. She participated in a Thursday night Visitation Team with Centerville Church of Christ for 25 years that met within individual homes. She also began a sour dough ministry in 1980 for all in need and hand-delivered 300 loaves a year. Judy was employed in several establishments in Centerville including Town Crier, and she served as a secretary at Hickman County Junior High School for principal Grant Coble. In a current day, Judy was in her 33rd year of reading the Bible all the way through. She was an amazing individual with a heart of gold. (continued page 4)

CONTRIBUTION

June 18, 2023

\$ 12,847.83

Camp: \$ 213.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Please Pray For:

...Jaxton Scott Mitchell, infant grandson of Todd & Renee Parsley, remains in the NICU due to his premature birth. He is doing well.

...Dwight Himes, uncle of Anita Allen, is in Maury Regional recovering from strokes.

...Marilyn Nash is recovering from back surgery at home.

...Emma Matlock, granddaughter of Keith & Judy, is recovering from an appendectomy and doing well.

...Marilyn Seagraves is recovering from surgery at home.

...Wayne Chessor's back surgery has been postponed until July 6.

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

Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital
Room #3214

2201 Children's Way Suite 1221
Nashville, TN. 37212

...Kilee Wright, 6 year old friend of Todd & Renee Parsley, is recovering from surgery for a brain tumor. She is doing well.

Memorial

...A memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Betty Jo Claud by Carol Temple Passage.

...a donation has been given to the Outreach Ministry in honor of Gary & Becky Gatewood's 50th Anniversary by Dottie & Tammy McClearen.

...a donation has been given to Camp Meribah in honor of Gary & Becky Gatewood's 50th Anniversary by Betty Litton and Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Judy Rogers by Mary Katherine Bates.

THANK YOU to all the VBS teachers, refreshment workers, pageant actors, Joy McDonald, costume helper, and to everyone who helped clean up. It is a team effort to carry on VBS and our church family unselfishly worked to make it a success! Thanks again,
The Church Staff

Area Events ...Gospel Meeting at the Rocky Valley Church of Christ June 25-28, 2023.
Speaker: *Bryan McAlister*

...**Columbia Avenue Church of Christ** 177 Columbia Avenue Centerville, TN. 37033

PICK-UP PARKING LOT COMMUNITY PICNIC
Saturday, June 24, 2023 10 AM-NOON for more information call: 931-729-0100



Judy is so missed by family, church members and many friends; yet her legacy of goodwill 'continues on' as far-reaching over an incredible lifetime. The joy of her life entailed six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. She was a delectable cook and loved preparing big feasts for her family. She also invited every soul near and far into her living room to discuss their hardships and pain, and she offered magnificent prayers. Her two steadfast friends of 66 years include Mary Katherine Bates and Betty Davis, who remain in Judy's heart as exceptional.

Judy exemplified great compassion for others from the first day of life and held a caring nature toward mankind. She is predeceased by a loving husband Paul Rogers, who was widely respected as minister of Centerville Church of Christ. They were a team and powerhouse for all that is good and honorable. Her father related on her wedding day 'you will have a wonderful family life at any town or city in this country. Find others who are 'like you' and hold them near.' I will miss mom, who was my role model, mentor and friend. Judy is special for all time and forged Centerville as a better place to live.



She is survived by her sister, Sue Fox of Murfreesboro, Tennessee and her brother, Randy Johns of Spencer, Tennessee. She is also survived by four children: Larry (Janet) Rogers of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; David (Alison) Rogers of Franklin, Tennessee; Susan (Dwayne) Harber of Smyrna, Tennessee; and Emily (Lowrie) Webber of Brentwood, Tennessee. She was a beloved grandmother to Carson (Lindsey) Rogers, Rachel (Matthew) Rose, Lauren Rogers, Rebecca (Drew) Bracey, Katherine Harber, Dr. Michael Harber, Olivia Webber, and Grant Webber. She was also blessed with two great-granddaughters, Lila Bracey and Rosalyn Bracey.



Visitation with the Rogers' Family will be Sunday, June 25, 2023 from 1-3p at the Centerville Church of Christ. Service at 3p with burial to follow at the Centerville Cemetery 194 Briggs Street

...We express our sympathy to the family of Nell Rochelle who passed away. She was the grandmother of Heather Martin.



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!

Sunday Night, July 2, 2023 Following 7:30 P.M. Worship
Hot Dogs, Popcorn, Cookies, Drinks, Snow Cones, Fireworks!
Please Bring Cookies or Brownies!



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! The attendance was good, the worship service was uplifting, but our hearts were also saddened by the death of Judy Rogers. She was a lady of ladies! You were always greeted with a smile and left her presence feeling encouraged by the words from her lips. She loved her church family and saw the best in everyone. There is a poem penned by Crystal Foy entitled "An Admirable Woman" that depicts the character and example of Judy. *"There is a woman who always keeps her head up high. Her eyes sparkle like a bright star in the sky. She has the stamina, beauty, and courage that one would admire, Even the love and happiness one inspires. She is a woman that one can always count on, And a woman that sees no wrong. Her beauty shines from the inside out, It flows like a journey down a long route. Her smile shines beautifully like the sun rising over the horizon, And her intelligence, wisdom, and hard work are not surprising. She is a genuinely caring woman who goes the extra mile to help one in need or broken hearted, And throughout all her hard work, No one ever sees her fall apart."* Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.
Your Elders

Scripture
June 25
Don Roder

Preside
Derek Newsom

Elder's Prayer:

June 25:
Wayne Qualls

Prayer Week of
June 25

S.M.W.
Mike Elkins

S.M.D.
Michael Bryant

S.E.W.
Cameron Peters

S.E.D.
Randy James

W.E.B.S
Eric Coleman

W.E.D.
George Bragg