



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

"The Church of \_\_\_\_\_?"  
Copied

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM  
"The Tempter"  
(Genesis 3:1-5)

Sunday PM  
"The Beauty of Holiness"  
(Psalm 29:1-2)

9AM and 5PM



In 2006, there were said to be 216 different denominations in America and Canada (*2006 Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches*). It's sad to think about how much religious division and confusion there is in our world. But it gets worse. Not only are people surrounded by confusing choices in religion, people often further divide themselves from God by serving other common things in this life. Instead of going to a church that serves Christ, people "worship" a variety of other things. What other "church" might people be going to?

**The Church of Sports.** When is the last time we let a sports practice or game take first place over worship or Bible study? Or what about skipping church to watch the Super Bowl or Bible class to watch the World Series? What does this say about our priorities when we skip out on worship because of sports? What does this tell others about what we find most important? What message does this send to our children when we allow them to miss worship because of sports? Far too many people are allowing their lives to be dictated by the church of sports.

**The Church of Work.** We live in a fast-paced and busy society. Everyone has things to do and places to go. Everyone is busy. It has become one of the most used and most common excuses for people to skip out on the most essential priorities of life. When is the last time we allowed our employer to schedule us during times of worship and Bible study? Have we asked not to work during those times? Do we choose to skip out on church functions because we have "too much work to do"? Many people allow the church of work to become more important than the church of our Lord.

**The Church of Self.** I'm too tired. I need more sleep. I've had a bad day. I'm just not in the right mindset. I just don't feel like going. I don't get much out of worship. All of these are selfish excuses we tell ourselves, and sometimes others, in order to skip out on worship. Unfortunately, people end up going to the church of self first and God takes the back seat.

This blank could be filled with a variety of other answers. The church of Friends. The church of School. The church of Family. The church of Hobbies. We all know our excuses. We all know what we let get in the way at times. The trick is figuring out how to get past them.

Paul gives us the answer with this well-known statement, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (*Galatians 2:20*). See, if I'm a Christian then I am, in a sense, dead. The old me is no longer alive. That person who was more focused on sports, work, myself, friends, school, and so many other things is no longer living. Obviously, it makes no sense to let my old zombie self come back to take over. I must put that person to "death" daily and choose to let Christ reign in me (*Luke 9:23*).

We have a lot to work on when it comes to loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (*Luke 10:27*). Let's not give up. Let's stop attending those churches with no eternal benefit. Instead, let's rededicate ourselves to the one true church -- the church that Christ died for (*Ephesians 5:25*).

# Carter's Corner



**WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEKEND** with the youth group in Gatlinburg for our annual Sr High Retreat. We enjoyed a terrific time together in a beautiful cabin with gorgeous views, excellent meals, memorable moments, and uplifting devotionals. A weekend away to refocus, renew, and recharge was just what our young people (and adults) needed!

There is a lot going on, which is the common theme of everyone's lives as Spring begins and we head towards summer. With that being said, we will postpone our "Birthday Lighthouse," scheduled for this Wednesday night, and reschedule it for next Wednesday, March 20th. Be sure to note that change!

Enjoy the pictures from our trip. Have a great week! In Him, Carter



## Sympathy



**Betty Davis**  
1930-2024

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend Betty Davis. She and Bill were long time faithful members of the Centerville Church of Christ. They were married in 1958 and together they raised two children. As a beloved hostess, she enjoyed big family meals and often welcomed guests in their home. Her passion for cooking and baking transformed every gathering into a feast. She dedicated herself to packing and delivering treats to dear friends in the Nursing Home, at Tulipwood, and to friends confined to home. To her children, Brad (Monica) Davis Lynn (Walter "Bubba") Nelms of Germantown, Tennessee, brother-in-law Don Luther of Centerville, Tennessee, grandchildren, Louis (Macy) Nelms, Carter Nelms, Jackson (Kristie) Nelms, Savannah (Austin) York, Barrett (Holly) Davis, Lauren Messick and seven great grandchildren: Madden, Davis, Everett, Charlie, Emmy, Birdie, and Savannah. She also leaves several very dear cousins, nieces and nephews.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the India Bible Fund in memory of Betty Davis by Randy & Kim James.  
...a Memorial has been given to Bennett's Blessings in memory of Carolyn Brown and Martha Leath by Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.  
...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Loudean Qualls by Doug Shepherd.  
...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Betty Davis by Doug & Billie Sue True.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

March 10, 2024

\$ 13,343.79

Camp: \$ 450.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

## Thank You

Priscilla Barber writes: "Thank you all for the beautiful cards I have received since my accident. I am doing much better. Thanks for remembering me."

Tammy Worley, daughter of Carolyn Brown writes: "Thank you so much for the beautiful lantern you sent. Mom was a light to everyone she met."

The Family of Carolyn Brown writes: "Words cannot express how thankful we are for everything you have done for us since mom's passing. From visits at the hospital and funeral home, the gifts to us and the donations in mom's memory, and the delicious meal let us know how much you loved her. We are so very grateful for that love and support during such a difficult time. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. With our love, Teresa, Tammy, Jack, Tina, Matt and families."



**Area Events...Ladies' Day at McEwen Church of Christ March 23, 2024 "It's About Time"**  
Registration: 8:30 A.M. Program: 9 A.M. Speaker: Marlinia Rhodes  
Lunch To Follow

... 2024 Clearview Women's Fellowship April 27, 2024  
"Busy As A Bee"  
Registration begins at 8:30  
Lunch will be served at noon.  
Please RSVP by April 10.

Let us

*Pray*  
for you



...Martha Scaife, sister of Lori Woods, is having a difficult time due to ALS.

...Ezra Dickerson, grandson of Ken & Tina, had surgery Monday to have his tonsils and adenoids removed. He is doing well.

...Ann Hooten was taken to the hospital on Monday with problems with her esophagus. She is at home and feeling better.

...Jerry Yates will start radiation treatments on his lung March 13th.

...Ronnie Martin is recovering at home after having 2 stents implanted at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Ann Spencer is in Madison County General Hospital. She is recovering from wound care surgery.

...Ruth Staggs has been in Maury Regional Hospital. She is scheduled to come home on Tuesday.

...Bobby McCoy is recovering at home after being in the local hospital. There has been some adjustments made to his medication.

...John Smith had a procedure last week. He is doing well.

...Richard Clayton, nephew of Lori Woods, is on the active list for kidney and pancreas transplant.

...Keith Matlock will be having hip replacement surgery March 21st.

...Floy Shipp will be having back surgery March 26th.

...Brent Chesson, cousin of Karen Bridges, is in the hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. He is dealing with several health problems.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Trevor Buchanan, Randy Hammer, Al Parsley, Omer Drollinger, Ann Spencer, Wayne Chessor, David Nash, Roy & Joyce Cochran

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

**Home:** Ruth Staggs, Bobby McCoy, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Gerald McFarlin, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Jessie Seagraves, John Fly, Floy Cochran, Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley



**Tennessee**  
Children's Home

### March

Cake Mix & frosting  
Canned Peaches,  
Pineapple, Oranges  
Velveeta Cheese

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

***The food truck will be here March 21.  
Donations are also appreciated to help purchase perishable foods such as milk, meat and produce.  
Thanks for your help!***



## *The Shepherd's Pen*

Sunday was a good day! The attendance was good, the weather was good, and it was good to see some who had been sick back with us. This Saturday will be Ladies' Day with Shelia Butt speaking. It will be a wonderful day! Over 200 have pre-registered. Having a servant's heart means possessing a heart that is humble, selfless, and devoted to serving. A willingness to serve without seeking recognition or reward. Having a servant's heart means that no job is too small to be beneath us and any way we can help is significant. No matter how small the task, we should serve without complaint. If we find ourselves thinking that a task is beneath who we are, remember our Lord's example in **John 13: 1-17**. When Jesus rose from the Last Supper and began to wash the feet of His disciples, He was doing the work of the lowliest of servants. Jesus said, **"For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."** (John 13:15) The humility expressed by Jesus' act of serving with towel and basin foreshadowed His ultimate act of humility and service on the cross. Paul wrote in Philippians 2:8, **"He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."** It was written, Give me the heart of a servant, tender, faithful and true. Fill me with love, then use me, O Lord, so that the world can see You. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

*Your Elders*

### Preside

**(PLEASE BE  
ASSEMBLED UP  
FRONT BY 8:55)**

**March 17**  
Keith Matlock

**March 24**  
George Bragg

**March 31**  
Daniel Dressler

### Left Side

Marvin Dorton  
Phillip Allen  
Phil Griggs  
Keithen Harris

### Right Side

Bryan Woods  
Michael Jenkins  
Mark Chessor  
Don Qualls

### Communion Prep. March 17

**March 17**  
Phillip & Letitia  
Allen

**March 24**  
Mark & Shela  
Chessor

**March 31**  
Monty & Amy Dunn

### P.M. Communion In Chapel

Heath Buchanan  
Robert Bowman

### Prayer Week of March 17

**S.M.W.**  
Jonathan Aydelott

**S.M.D.**  
Michael Bryant

**S.E.W.**  
Brandon McCauley

**S.E.D.**  
Patrick Allen

**W.E.B.S**  
George Garland

**W.E.D.**  
Will McDonald

**Read Scripture**  
**March 17**  
Philip Jacobs

**Elder's Prayer:**  
Shane Willis



## **Save The Date** **CAMP MERIBAH 2024**

**Day Camp** June 10-12 **75.00**  
**Mini-Meribah** June 13-14 **\$75.00**

**Youth Week** June 16-21 **\$225**  
**Teen Week** June 23-28 **\$225**