

# CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Moments That Matter

Matthew Dotson



The story of the Centurion's servant being healed by Jesus (Luke 7:1-10) is a beautiful one. Because of the Centurion's great faith, a man who was near death was allowed to *live!* In a similar (albeit very different) way, our faith should positively impact the lives of others. Are we, like the Centurion, the *Representation* of Righteousness? We should all know that Jesus is the *Rewarder* of Righteousness and will give us an eternity in Paradise if we can live out our faith. At the same time, we must be sure we are a worthy *Recipient* of Righteousness, just as we hope the healed servant was. Christ died for our sins, and we simply have to accept Him as our Savior in order to receive salvation. There is much to be learned from the Centurion, Savior, and Servant.

Opportunities abound to be involved! If you haven't looked in the lobby lately, I encourage you to do so. There are usually a wide variety of different "sign-up sheets" for upcoming service projects along with various events taking place. If you're willing to take communion to one of our shut-ins, then you're encouraged to sign up to do so. If you'd like to be involved in our Centered Sisters ministry, see Mrs. Tina Dickerson. If there is anything else you may want to find more information about, contact our office anytime during the week. We promise: there is a place for YOU to be involved here at Centerville!

And don't forget about our work day, coming up on Saturday, March 18! This will begin around 8:00am at the church building, and all are invited to come lend a hand. A special "thank you" goes out to those of you who helped volunteer their time and efforts last weekend at Camp Meribah. As the hymn says, "There is much to do, there is work on every hand!"

Most of us are familiar with the "Great Commission" issued by Jesus: "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). We often forget that we have all been commissioned to make disciples. We often wait until a "big event" at church (Friends Day, Gospel Meetings, Fellowship meals, etc.) to extend a hand of hospitality toward another. The reality is that we should be inviting our community into our worship each and every week. And so, with that in mind, I want to encourage everyone to INVITE someone to worship this coming Sunday: friend, neighbor, co-worker, classmate, anyone! May we use the few Sundays we are given (and they are few) to make as many disciples as we can. These moments matter, especially when you consider the souls of others. I hope to see you, and more, on Sunday!

God bless, Matthew





#### **CENTERED SISTERS MINISTRY**

There will be a "Refreshment" Gathering Sunday, March 26 at 3:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Names for this year will be drawn at that time!

#### Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Georgia Moss by Doug Shepherd.

#### **Thank You**

The Family of Joe Thomas Shipp writes: "We truly appreciate your kindness, prayers, and all you did for our family during this sorrowful time. Love and God Bless You..." Shirley Shipp & Family

The Family of Georgia Moss writes: "Thank you for the beautiful lantern."

<u>Judy Rogers writes</u>: "I am so grateful for thoughtfulness during my illness. I continue to recover and am much improved every day. My church is very

#### **Sympathy**

...We express our sympathy to the family of Walter Gilbert of the Brushy congregation who passed away. To his wife Lois, sons Mark and Paul Gilbert and brothers Samuel (Ophelia) and Leon (Elaine) Gilbert we express our deepest sympathy.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

#### **CONTRIBUTION** March 12, 2023 \$ 14,412.80

Camp: \$ 468.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



#### March

**Cake Mix Frosting** 13 or 39 gallon garbage bags

The Children's Home Truck will be here on March 16th. Thanks so much for your Support!

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Jim Gadberry, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Larry Talley

<u>St. Thomas Hickman Nursing</u> <u>Home</u>: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan, Tim Winnie Blackwell St. Thomas Hickman Hospital: Arch McCord

...Spring Gospel Meeting with Anthony Booker April 2-5, 2023 at the McEwen Church of Christ Sunday A.M. Bible Class 9 A.M. Worship: 10 A.M. Followed by lunch and 6 P.M. Worship Monday-

Wednesday 7 P.M.

...Ladies' Day at the East Main
Church of Christ 216 East Main Street Murfreesboro, TN. 37130 April 15, 2023 "The Well-Dressed Christian Woman" Speaker: Traci Sproule 9-11:30 A.M. Registration and light breakfast at 8:15 A.M. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 A.M.

RSVP by Monday, April 10th by email at

EastMainCoC@bellsouth.net or by phone at 615-893-6180 Ext. 3



#### **Please Pray For:**

...Randy Hammer, father of Nanette (George) Simmons, is at home.

...Jeanette Barnes, grandmother of Elizabeth Boone, is in ICU at Centennial hospital.

...Janet Barber is recovering at home. ...Leon Gilbert is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

...James Stoltz, father of Melissa Sanderson, will have a stent implanted in his heart in the coming days.

...Deanie Bryant is recovering from

surgery.

...Xavier Gordon, a middle school student, is recovering from eye surgery. The surgery went well and his family is very appreciative of the prayers.

...Margie Copley has been undergoing cataract surgery.



#### The Shepherd's Pen

A wonderful day Sunday! The time sprang forward, but the weather has decided to wait a while longer before it should spring forward. Just around the corner is the Wednesday Night Series for the adult auditorium class with Mark McInteer. It will begin next Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The series title, Israel to Babylon "Cultural Challenges Never Change." In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, lighthouses were widely used to warn ships of the hazardous coastlines. In the dark treacherous weather, the constant beam from the lighthouse helped guide ships into safe harbors. As a Christian, our life is to be a lighthouse to this dark world. Paul wrote, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8) Like a lighthouse, you can shine as a constant example of God's light and can warm those around you of spiritual dangers. Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) Gosfelv to the Book that is others safely to the Rock that is Jesus. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you. Your Elders

#### **Lend -A- Hand Ministry**

This ministry's goal is to give assistance to those senior members of our church family whose circumstances in life have changed. If you are a widow, widower, elderly couple or individual who lives at home and occasionally may need assistance with small home maintenance issues, this ministry is available for you. It can be a task as simple as changing a light bulb or running an errand.





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### **Meals on Wheels Ministry**

To provide delivery of meals to shut-ins through the Senior Citizens Center. Providing a schedule and follow-up with those volunteering to deliver.



Wayne Chessor 931-626-6304

We are featuring the *Deacons* and the *Ministries / Committees* they oversee.

Join Us On Wednesday Nights....

## Israel To Babylon

"<u>Cultural Challenges</u> <u>Never Change</u>"

Wednesday Night Series 7pm

March 22nd - April 26th

Speaker: Mark McInteer





.....March 24 Jr. High Lock-In ...March 27-31

Spring Break School System

March 29 Devo Only No Classes

Scripture March 19

Sam Chessor

<u>Preside</u> March 19

**Brad Davis** 

Elder's Prayer:

March 19

**Craig Shelton** 

Prayer Week of March 19

<u>S.M.W</u>. Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D. Corey Martin

<u>S.E.W</u>. Eric Cannon

<u>S.E.D</u>. Brandon McCauley

> <u>W.E.B.S</u> Edgar Beard

<u>W.E.D</u>. Weston Elkins