



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427
March 19, 2025 Volume XXXXV -Number 10



Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
Guest Speaker
Jim Brown

Sunday PM
Guest speaker
Craig Shelton

9AM and 5PM

EVANGELISM
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

The term "canon" comes from a Greek word meaning rule or standard. When applied to Scripture, it refers to the recognized collection of books that are divinely inspired and authoritative. The Bible consists of 66 books, these books were not chosen by men but were recognized by God's people as inspired fully by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21 says, "*knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*"

One of the most important questions regarding the Bible is how we know which books belong in it. The collection of books we call the Bible is known as the "canon of Scripture"; meaning the standard or rule by which God's inspired Word is recognized. Understanding the formation of the canon helps us appreciate God's providence in preserving His truth.

The Old Testament canon was recognized by the Jewish people long before Jesus' time. Jesus Himself affirmed the Hebrew Scriptures, referring to them as the "Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms" (Luke 24:44). The New Testament canon, consisting of the 27 books we have today, was written by inspired (God breathed) men, (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). The early church recognized these writings as authoritative because they came from God.

Some claim that the canon was the result of human decisions, but Scripture shows that God is the One who ensures His Word endures (Psalm 119:89; Matthew 24:35). The Bible was not assembled by councils but recognized by the church through divine guidance. By the second century, nearly all books of the New Testament were widely accepted, and by the fourth century, the complete canon was confirmed. The canon of Scripture is crucial because it affirms that we have God's complete and sufficient Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We do not need additional revelations or lost books, for God has given us "*all things that pertain to life and godliness*" (2 Peter 1:3). As we study and apply the Bible, we can trust that it is the inspired, inerrant, and preserved Word of God.

Let us always be thankful that God has revealed His will and preserved it for us today. May we continue to study, teach, and live by His Word! "*All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, but the word of the Lord endures forever.*" 1 Peter 1:24-25.
God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner...



OUR SR. HIGH STAY-CATION was an incredible weekend filled with fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth! We had a great group of 20 students, and despite busy schedules with practices, pageants, and other activities, everyone made time to be part of the experience.

We packed the weekend with rock climbing at Climb Nashville, bowling at Tenn Pin Alley, and a hibachi dinner, along with plenty of time at the lodge to play games, watch movies, and just enjoy being together. When storms rolled in Friday night, we made the most of it by spending the night in *The Lighthouse*, making memories and sharing time together like family.

Our theme for the weekend was "Peace Over Pressure", a reminder that in a world filled with expectations, stress, and constant noise, true peace is only found in Christ. Through devotionals and discussions, we focused on what it means to choose peace over panic, perfection, and performance—learning to rest in God's presence rather than the pressures of life.

It was a weekend well spent, and we are thankful for the time together! In Him, Carter





Please Join Us For

Ladies' Day & Tea Time
 Saturday, April 5, 2025
 10:00—1:00 P.M.
 Speaker: Ethel Crowder

*The Beautiful
 Role Of Women
 In The Church*

Five Points Church of Christ
 9040 Old Nashville Road
 Bon Aqua, TN. 37025
 RSVP Please call
 Anita Mangrum 615-587-4498
 to confirm the number of
 attendees.



REVEAL MEAL
 CSI: CENTERVILLE

(College Secret Involvement
 Ministry)
 Sunday, April 13th
 Fellowship Hall

Immediately following morning
 services & classes

(See Tina or Ken Dickerson for
 more information)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 16, 2025:
 \$ 18,971.33
 Camp: \$ 150.00
 Budget: \$14,978.00



March

Instant Potatoes
 Velveeta Cheese
 Baked Beans
 Kool-Aid (Canisters)

The Children's Home Food Truck
 Will Be Here March 27th



...Janet Barber and Faye Dotson are scheduled to return home on Wednesday, March 19th.
 ...Bobby McCoy has returned home after being in Maury Regional Hospital with pneumonia.
 ...Ann Hooten spent some time in the hospital due to Covid. She is at home.
 ...Jimmy Krueger will have knee surgery Friday.
 ...Tim Sanderson will have shoulder surgery April 1st.
 ...Shanon Irwin is very sick at home battling cancer.
 ...Renee Clavette, friend of Letitia Allen, has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatments.
 ...Brenda Smith is in ICU at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Danny Windsor who passed away. He was the father of Leah (Kevin) Isenberg and cousin of Ridonna (Mike) Goodpasture.
 ...We express our sympathy to the family of Danny Rosson who passed away. He was the cousin of George (Nanette) Simmons.



Congratulations...to

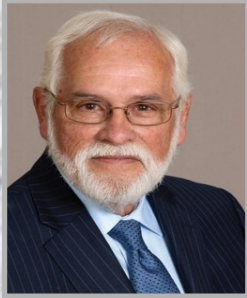
Ross & Leslie Martin on the birth of a daughter March 17, 2025. Adelyn Ruth Martin weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounces and is 19 inches long. She will have a stent implanted in her pulmonary artery at the end of the week and then will wait for another surgery in 4-6 months to correct the hole and the transverse artery and aorta. Proud grandmother is Diane Pinkerton.

The Shepherd's Pen

"In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (I John 4:9-10) Our God is too great for us to imagine. His magnificence and power surpass our understanding. We are limited in understanding His glory and deity. The one who created the universe with nothing but a word. There is a deeper aspect of God that is difficult to comprehend. Why would the creator of the universe set aside His glory and be born in a manger? What could possibly motivate Him to become obedient to death on a cross? Why is God's greatest glory shown in His willingness to save us? Because there is one thing as great as God's glory. His infinite, unlimited, and never-ending love. *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* (I John 4:11) Todd will be holding a gospel meeting beginning Sunday at Grinder's Creek congregation in Hohenwald. Our guest speaker for Sunday AM will be *Jim Brown* and *Craig Shelton* will speak Sunday PM. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Let the walls be filled with conversation and laughter and our worship a time of reverence to our compassionate God. *Your Elders*

Congratulations to our High School Boys Basketball team going to the State Tournament in Murfreesboro. Due to the game being scheduled on Wednesday, we will have a Devotional Service at 3:30pm in the auditorium for everyone going to the game. The 7:00pm service will be as scheduled.

Our Elders



Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

Place
Stamp
Here

Centerville Church Of Christ

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wed.: 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!

Preside

March 23
Gary Baker

March 30
Bill McDonald

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

Left Side
Brad Davis
Mark Chessor
Phillip Allen
Phil Griggs

Right Side
Daniel Dressler
Joseph McCauley
Brandon McCauley
Marshall McCauley

P.M. Chapel

Logan Jenkins
Landon Jenkins
Michael Jenkins

Prayer Week Of March 23

S.M.W.
Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.
Shaun Lawson

W.E.B.S
Sam Chessor

W.E.D
Patrick Allen

Read Scripture March 23

Gaylon Cude

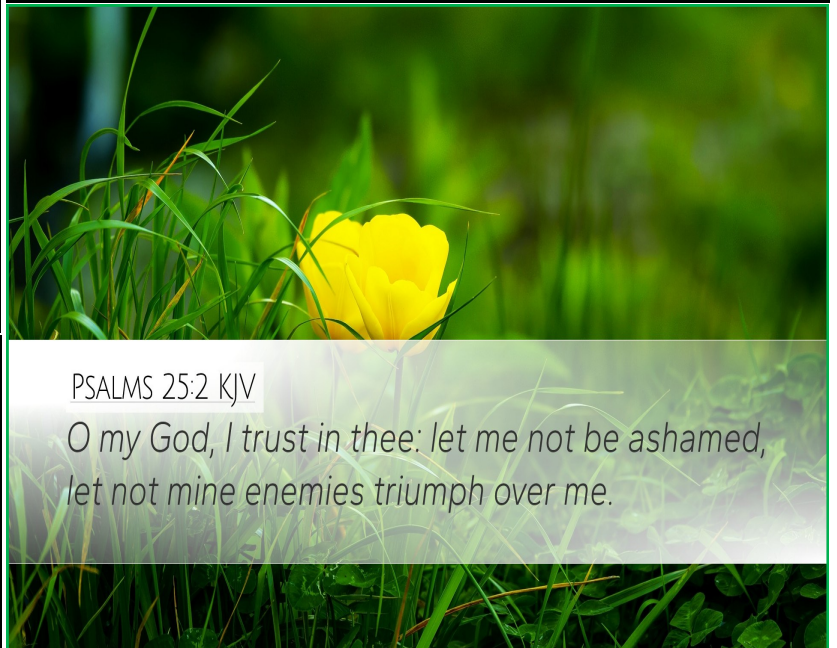
Elder's Prayer March 23

Shane Willis

Communion Prep. March

March 23
Mark & Shela Chessor

March 30
Monty & Amy Dunn



PSALMS 25:2 KJV

*O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed,
let not mine enemies triumph over me.*