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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Distractions"
(I Peter 3:15-16)

Sunday PM
"Lessons from Proverbs on Success."
(Proverbs 16:1-9)

9AM and 5PM



Do you use a calendar? When I was in college, I was taught the importance of keeping a day timer journal every day to manage my time more wisely. Maybe you still are like many in previous generations, and you still use that coveted printed one (mountains scenes or birds) that hangs on the refrigerator that you hand write everything of importance, or you are like the masses today and you use some kind of electronic device to keep your calendar. Regardless of which form of a calendar you use, we see the importance of marking out time in our schedule as not to miss important events. Have you done that with church activities? Is every Sunday and Wednesday marked with "attend church", even if on vacation as to make sure we don't schedule something of less importance during that time that would create a conflict within us in deciding what we are going to do.

There are many important events that we should put on our calendars such as birthdays, anniversaries, kids' school events, ball games, etc. None of those events/dates are more important than the ones that deal with our faithfulness to the Lord. As His children, living to seek first the kingdom of God, our schedules should reflect our commitment to Him and to His Church. We fill our lives with so many things. I certainly am not saying that is a bad thing, but when we fill our schedules with so many things that it gets in the way of our faithfulness in attending worship and other church activities, then our schedule and our priorities need to be adjusted. I once had a conversation with a member who was telling me about their upcoming vacation with excitement and how they had planned every detail of the trip for every day. I asked, "Where are you going to attend worship?" the response is probably no different than many, "I haven't thought about that". You see any thing wrong there? Maybe you would answer as one member told me, "I'm on vacation and the Lord will understand if I miss worship", will He really?

Yes, calendars are important to keeping up with important dates and to help us manage our schedules in such a way to utilize our time wisely. Does your schedule reflect your faithfulness to God? Is there time marked on your calendar for God that nothing else is going to interfere with your "Seeking First the kingdom of God" ?

"But if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."
Joshua 24:15

God Bless -Todd

Thanks Mrs. Martha!



A special award was presented to *Mrs. Martha Loveless* on Sunday, March 19, 2023 for her 45 years of service to our Day School. Award presented by *Matthew Dotson*

Day School Director



The Day School is accepting applications for the position of Director. Applications may be picked up at the church office and returned by April 7, 2023.



The Shepherd's Pen

There was a good number in attendance Sunday for worship and bible class. Spring has officially arrived, and the weather forecast looks to be supportive as temperatures are warming up. Congratulations to Martha Loveless on her retirement from Day School. Forty-five years of service! We appreciate her dedication and love toward our kids. Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:29, *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."* We are to avoid speaking words that are unwholesome, corrupt, or harmful to others. Instead, we should speak words that are good, edifying, and gracious to those who hear. In the mid-western states, you can find the honey locust thorn tree. It is a great provider for shade but has one drawback. Long, sharp thorns. A prick from the thorn can cause a very painful wound that can lead to swelling, infection, and slow to heal. A careless word is like the thorn of the honey locust thorn tree. It can prick causing a deep wound that can lead to infection of bitterness and even more problems. We should consider the love and mercy of God before allowing thorny words to hurt others. It is very important we control our tongue and use it for God's glory. We honor Him by choosing words that express mercy and kindness." *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.*" (Ephesians 4:32) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.
Your Elders

Carter's Corner



WHAT A FANTASTIC WEEKEND our Sr High students had on the Sr High Retreat two weekends ago. I hope you enjoyed the pictures from our trip in last week's Messenger, but I wanted to write to you this week and let you know that we had a very safe, fun, and uplifting weekend for everyone involved. The Sr High Retreat has always been a highlight for our youth program, and I am thankful for the opportunity provided for us each year to take time away from our busy lives and focus on our relationship with Christ. This year's theme was entitled "You Got This" and included messages about assurances we have as Christians from God's word. A big word of thanks goes to Shelby and our chaperones (Joey & Charlene Hunt and Jonathan & Kim Jenkins) for all their help in making the trip a success!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 22

BIRTHDAY

LIGHTHOUSE
SARA & JOSEPH
ISENBERG

MARCH 24

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 27-31

SPRING BREAK
WEEK

MARCH 31

CAMP MERIBAH
STAFF APPLICATIONS
DUE

APRIL 5

LIGHTHOUSE
KILEE & ANNA KATE
JENKINS

APRIL 9

SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES EGG
HUNT

APRIL 13

JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

APRIL 16

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
HAILEE HALLIBURTON

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT is one of the biggest nights of the year for our Jr High students as we prepare to host the annual Jr High Lock-In. We will begin in the Lighthouse this Friday at 8:30 pm and finish at 7:00 am on Saturday. There are still plenty of spots available for this event, and we encourage all of our Jr High students to help spread the word! We have a lot of great activities planned for our students and hope everyone will attend!

THE DEADLINE FOR SUMMER CAMP STAFF APPLICATIONS is quickly approaching. We have already received many applications for both new and returning staff, but there is still room for a few more staff members this year. Don't wait to ensure your information is turned in before the March 31st deadline. You can pick up an application in the church office, main lobby, or the Lighthouse. We want you to be a part of Camp Meribah this summer!

IT'S TIME TO START PREPARING for our annual Sparks & Intermediates Easter Egg Hunt! We are just a few short weeks away from one of the longest-held traditions in our youth program. Our egg hunt will occur on Easter Sunday (April 9th) following Sunday School. As always, we are in need of candy and filled eggs for our egg hunt. You can drop your donations by the church office any time during the week or place them in the marked box in the lobby.

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Psalm 34:1). Praising God is a constant act of worship that should be a part of our daily lives. When we choose to praise Him during our trials and tribulations, we acknowledge His power over our lives. As we lift our voices in praise, we also create an atmosphere of joy and peace that can change our perspectives and circumstances. Let us make the decision to praise God at all times and in all circumstances, for He is worthy of all our praise and adoration. Have a great week! In Him, Carter



You are invited to a
Bridal Shower for
Lexi Hudgins, bride elect of
Zach Rominske
on March 26, 2023 at the
Outreach Center
from 1-3 P.M. *Lexi and Zach
are registered at Target,
Walmart, and Amazon.*
*Registered State of Alabama



CENTERED SISTERS MINISTRY

There will be a "Refreshment"
Gathering **Sunday, March 26 at 3:30
P.M. in the Fellowship Hall**

Names for this year will be drawn at
that time!
(See Tina Dickerson if you have any
questions.)

Thank You

Judy Rogers writes: "I am so grateful
for thoughtfulness during my illness. I
continue to recover and am much
improved every day. My church is very
special to me, and I love you all."

James & June Aydelott write: "Thanks
to all who have so kindly prayed,
messed, called and otherwise
shown concern for us due to a recent
medical procedure."

Brenda Scott-Carroll writes: "I want
to say a big thank you for the gift bag
at Christmas. It's lots of work and
effort to put it all together and
delivered. Your work is not forgotten."

Leon Gilbert writes: "Thank you for
the prayers, cards, calls and food
following my surgery. Also thanks for
the beautiful lantern following the
death of my brother. In Christian
love..."



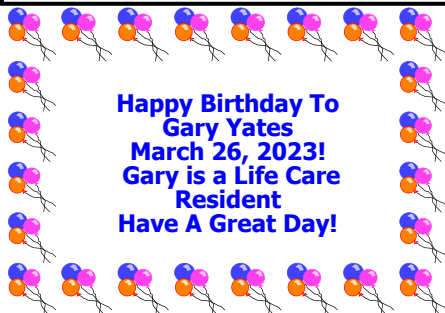
STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

**March 19, 2023
\$ 21,255.00**

Camp: \$ 274.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



**Happy Birthday To
Gary Yates
March 26, 2023!
Gary is a Life Care
Resident
Have A Great Day!**

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the
family of Betty Jo Truett who
passed away. To her daughter-in-
law Lisa Truett, son Mark (Tina),
granddaughter Tara (Clay) Chessor,
grandson Caleb (Paige), grandson
Kent (Macy) Truett, all great-
grandchildren, family and friends
we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the
family of Wanda Qualls who passed
away. She was a member of the
Upper Sinking Church of Christ and
the grandmother of Stephanie
(Hunter) Lane and Megan Qualls.

Memorial

...a donation has been given to Day
School in honor of Martha Loveless
and her many years of dedication
teaching our children.

...a Memorial has been given to the
Youth Fund in memory of Betty Jo
Truett by Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash.

AREA EVENTS...

...3rd Annual Gateway Celebration
in Song at the Hilldale Church of
Christ Friday, April 14, 2023 7 P.M.
to Midnight

...Men's Bible Study at the Jackson
Heights Church of Christ Saturday,
April 15th 9-12 with Shawn Bain
1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN.

...Friends & Family Day at the
Twomey Church of Christ April 23,
2023. Sunday Morning Bible Study:
9a; Worship: 10a Followed by meal
Sunday Eve.: 12:30 p



**Please Pray For Those Who
Are Sick And Shut-In...**

Please Pray For:

...Maty Hunt will have surgery Friday,
March 24th to correct her labrum tear
in her hip.

...Winnie Aydelott, mother of James,
is dealing with declining health.

...Randy Hammer, father of Nanette
(George) Simmons, is in VA Hospital.

...Jeanette Barnes, grandmother of
Elizabeth Boone, is out of the hospital
and is in rehab.

...Arch McCord, father of Tiffany
Peters, has returned home.

...Gary Gibson, step-dad of Alice Anne
Jacobs, is recovering from quadruple
bypass surgery in Memphis.

...James Stoltz's surgery was
postponed until next week.

...Mary Nell Mayberry, daughter of
Delton & Barbara, has advanced stage
cancer. She is waiting for tests results
to see what treatments are needed.

Recovering from surgery or other
illness: Kay Shaw, Dottie Cavendar,
Betty Banks, Dr. Jerry Nash, Mark
Vaughn, Dan Wallace, David Nash,
Linda Shelton, Reba Horner, Ann
Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are
Dealing With Cancer: Juanita
Bowman, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin
Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy
Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Bryan
Williams, Carey Hight, Liz Bryant,
Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves,
Mark Chessor

Home: 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 & Juanita
Garner

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

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis
McClanahan, Tim Blackwell

**Turn In Updated Membership
Profiles to the office. Thanks!**

Christian Fellowship Ministry

Provide opportunities for fellowship for both members and those outside the church. This group assists in the preparation and clean-up for special activities of the congregation. These include holiday meals, special series during the year, family meetings, and other scheduled congregational fellowships.



Jonathan Aydelott
931-994-2027



Mark Chessor
931-994-2112



Sam Chessor
615-330-1194



George Garland
931-670-4372



Andy Weber
931-209-6069

Transportation Ministry

To maintain and monitor scheduled mechanical service to all buses and assure tags are renewed as required. Provide service to those who need transportation to and from the church building and other places as deemed necessary.



John Bradley
931-994-7358



George Garland
931-670-4372



Wayne Rediker
903-340-5328

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

**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! Please Join Us!**



**.....March 24 Jr. High Lock-In
...March 27-31
 Spring Break School System
...March 29 Devo Only No Classes**



**Thank you for your help in supplying the
Tennessee Children's Home with supplies.
Special thanks to Meredith Qualls for helping
organize the monthly supply list.**

**Scripture
March 26**

Monty Dunn

**Preside
March 26**

Randy Wright

**Elder's Prayer:
March 26**

Mike Goodpasture

**Prayer Week of
March 26**

**S.M.W.
George Bragg**

**S.M.D.
Chris Peters**

**S.E.W.
Wayne Chessor**

**S.E.D.
Alex Seagraves**

**W.E.B.S
Keith Matlock**

**W.E.D.
Garth Richardson**