



# CENTERVILLE

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*Todd Parsley*

*"From Where I  
Sit"*

## FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will  
give you the crown of life."  
Revelation 2:10**

When Nathan the prophet came and rebuked David for his sin with Bathsheba, the bible says David's heart was cut. His realization of how great his sin was, cut him to the depths of his heart. The 51st Psalm is a prayer of David for repentance concerning that occasion. I find it hard to read these words sometimes without hurting myself, knowing the whole story and the pain that David must have felt. Among other things David says, *"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by your generous Spirit."* David knew that joy could be found in God's salvation.

There is joy in the remission of sins. *"Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38.) When sinners are washed, sanctified, and justified all sins are forgiven. The relief that comes from knowing there is forgiveness of sins should be a source of comfort and joy.

There is the joy of fellowship with God. *"Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."* (Acts 8:39.) True joy is having an understanding of our relationship with God and the fellowship that we share with Him is a source of comfort and joy in our daily lives. The man from Ethiopia did not ride alone. God was with him. What joy to have the fellowship of the Creator!

There is the joy of peace within. *"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you."* (Isaiah 26:3) The greatest peace life offers is peace with God. In fact, one does not have peace until he has peace with God. *"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."* (John 15:11.) Of all things that produce joy in our lives, full and complete joy is when one has found salvation in Christ. There is salvation in no other than Jesus Christ. Knowing that and obeying the Gospel is our true source of peace and comfort in a world ruled by evil and confusion. Do you have the joy of salvation today in your life? It is God's will for all to have the joy of salvation. That through obedient faith we can have the remission of sins, the joy of fellowship with God, and the peace that comes within.

God Bless -Todd



Thanks To Everyone For The Generous  
Donations To  
*The Tennessee Children's Home!*  
Thanks to Meredith Qualls for helping  
co-ordinate the items for pickup.

## Drop- Off! Baby Shower



There will be a drop off  
shower for  
**Cody & Katie Woods**  
on March 21st & 28th in the  
lobby.  
**IT'S A BOY!**

*WinGS*  
Women in God's Service

### **Wings Ladies' Class**

**At The Outreach Center  
At 10 A.M.  
Each Wednesday  
Hope To See You There!**

## Carter's Corner



WE ARE BLESSED to be a part of the church family here in Centerville. This statement is true for my family for many different reasons but it has proven itself again this past week with the outpouring of love that all of you have shown to Shelby and baby Ansley as you showered them with gifts celebrating Ansley's upcoming birth. I am sure that Shelby is working on a more formal way of saying "thank you" to everyone, but let me go ahead and extend my thanks to all of you that have prayed, sent cards, extended a word of excitement, showered with gifts, and loved our family as we anxiously await April 19th. We are honored to share our life and family with the good people of this congregation, and I am thankful to raise my children alongside all of you.

### *Upcoming Events*

March 24  
**Lighthouse**  
(Sara True)  
5:00-7:00

March 21  
**Jr. High Retreat  
Deadline**

March 26-27  
**Jr. High Retreat**  
Camp Meribah

April 4  
**Sparks & Intermediates**  
**Egg Hunt**  
After Sunday School

April 7  
**Lighthouse**  
(Bryce Hughes)  
5:00-7:00

THE JR. HIGH RETREAT is scheduled for this coming weekend! There have been many twists and turns leading up to this particular trip this year, and I am glad to see that the Jr. High students will get to enjoy a great time together. The Jr. High students missed out on their retreat last year due to the Covid lockdown, so we are trying our best to make up for lost time this year! We will begin at Camp Meribah this Friday night at 5:30 for an all-night lock-in retreat ending at 8:00 Saturday morning. We have a great group of kids and a great schedule of events planned which means all the pieces are in place for a big fun weekend! Pray for us this week that we can enjoy a successful, fun, and safe weekend together.

**Have a great week!  
In Him, Carter**

## INTO THE WILDERNESS

JR. HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 26 & 27

CAMP MERIBAH



## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Floy Gatewood who passed away. To her son Gary (Becky), daughter Earline (Bill) Warren, son Ronny (Judy), son Tim (Donna), son-in-law Glen DeVore, all grandchildren, family and friends, we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Terry James who passed away. To his wife Lisa, son Brandon, and sister Melissa (Jeff) Lovell we express our deepest sympathy.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Barry Anderson by Randy & Kim James.

## Thank You

The family of Walker Corbitt writes:  
"We want to thank our church family for all the prayers. There are no words to express our love and gratitude. God is so faithful to answer prayer. I know Walker was so near death and God heard all the prayers. Love to you all."

Ruth McFarlin writes: "Dear Church Family, Because of you I had a very unusual birthday. The cards were lovely with some funny ones. I also received a very tasty cake and a Happy Birthday song over the telephone. We look forward to returning to services soon. In Christian love..."

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**APRIL 4, 2021**



### CAN YOU HELP?

WE NEED  
SEVERAL DOZEN  
FILLED EASTER  
EGGS FOR OUR  
EGG HUNT ON  
APRIL 4TH  
FOLLOWING  
MORNING  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE.



## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**March 21:**  
**\$ 10,973.81**

**Camp:**  
**\$ 173.50**

**Budget:**  
**\$ 12,979.00**



### Placing Membership



We want to welcome  
**Baile White** to our  
Centerville family!  
Bailey's address is:  
1101 West 7th Street  
Apt. 5  
Columbia, TN. 38402  
Welcome!

Home: Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055  
Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221



Please Pray For:

...John Thomas Givens will be going to Life Care for therapy.

...Walker Corbitt, brother of Lynda (Peter) Houston, is much better and will be going to Huntsville to a rehab. for therapy.

...Kenneth Dotson, brother of Stephen, is recovering from surgery.

...Ruth Staggs is recovering from gall bladder surgery and doing well.

...Becky Coleman is recovering from gall bladder surgery and doing well.

...Tony Duncan is in St. Thomas West with Covid pneumonia.

...Earline Warren, sister of Gary Gatewood, is in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid.

...Hugh David & Gloria Love, aunt & uncle of Letitia (Phillip) Allen, are having health problems and would appreciate your prayers.

...Sue Crain, wife of gospel preacher Sellers Crain, will have a very serious eye surgery Thursday on both eyes.

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Betty Davis, Sue McNabb, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

### St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan, Sybil Jenkins  
NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Donna Pittman, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Donna Gaspard, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Hospice: Bobbie June Kittrell



# Jr. High Retreat

...March 26-27  
Jr. High Retreat at Camp Meribah

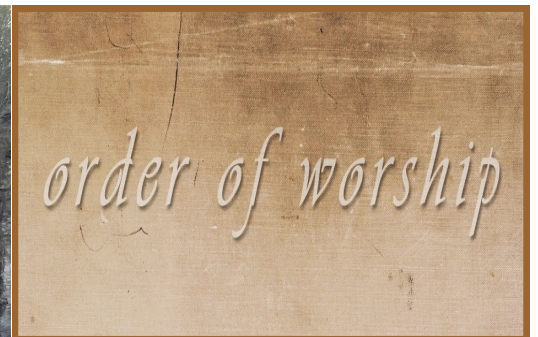
...March 29-April 2  
School System Spring Break  
Devotional in auditorium March 31st.  
No Classes



...April 4  
Easter Sunday Egg Hunt On The Lawn At 11 A.M.  
\*Can you help by Bringing filled eggs to be hidden that day?



...April 25th  
Outdoor Singing At  
The Rock Quarry At Camp Meribah 4 P.M.



Thanks To All Of the  
Volunteers Who Helped  
At Camp Saturday!  
We appreciate you!

Prayer Week  
Of March 28

S.M.W.

Randy Wright

S.M.D.  
George Bragg

S.E.W.  
Patrick Allen

S.E.D.  
Sam Chessor

W.E.B.S.  
Wayne Rediker

W.E.D.  
Chris Teet

Preside  
March 28

James Aydelott

Elder's Prayer  
March 28

Craig Shelton

Read Scripture  
March 28

Barry Shelton