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Moments That Matter

FAITHFULNESS

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

How wonderful Sunday was! This past Lord's Day brought with it a beautiful day of worship, as we had one of our largest crowds of the past year come together to praise our Heavenly Father. The singing was uplifting and the fellowship was a blessing to all. There were several visitors in our midst, along with some faces who we were glad to see once again. May our congregation continue to welcome visitors who come through our doors with open arms and kind words. I hope Sunday has you excited about the year ahead at the Centerville Church of Christ--to God be the glory!

Cards, cards, and more cards! After telling you all about my father's baseball card collection, I've been amazed by how many of you also have similar collections somewhere at home. Going through these items seems to take us "back in time" and reminds us of where we have been. I encourage you all to go through those old collections you have put together through the years. You never know what item of *value* you might discover!

Our Young Adult Ministry (YAM) continues to remain active. On Sunday mornings we are studying "The Challenges We Face..." as Christians in the 21st century, gaining wisdom from the pages of God's Word. I greatly appreciate Philip Jacobs helping me teach this series. On February 6, around 20 of us gathered together at the Lodge for our annual "Valentine's Banquet." This event is always one of the more enjoyable (and *entertaining*) gatherings of the year, and this one was no exception. The gentlemen cooked a delicious meal for the ladies (special thanks to Brad Garland, Griffin Elkins, and Kellen Beard). Griffin and Harrison Kelley also provided some live music, and the annual playing of "The Dating Game" transpired. Congratulations to Slater Springman and Reagan Qualls on being our 2021 champions!

On Sunday evening, we spent our time together discussing the "Things we *Don't* Want to Go 'Back to Normal.'" The new *Clarity* we have gained regarding what is most important in our life should stay with us. The new *Challenges* we have faced as a congregation should remind us that we must continually push ourselves to share the Gospel with others in new and innovative ways. The new *Commitments* we have made to our family, friends, and faith should most definitely become a part of our "new normal." Changes is certainly nothing new. Paul would remind the church in Corinth that Jesus Christ (and His ministry) had permanently changed the world. *"Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:16-17). May we, as individuals and a congregation, embrace the *new* changes to our lives which have made us stronger and more faithful Christians. May we continue to make all our moments *matter*.

God bless, Matthew

YAM Valentine Banquet



CENTERED SISTERS

Information Forms for those interested in this ministry this year are located on the Centered Sisters table in the foyer.

Forms need to be filled out and given to Tina Dickerson by Sunday, March 14th.

Names will be drawn during a | "Refreshment" gathering

Sunday, March 21st, 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

Baptism



We rejoice with Tristan King who was baptized Sunday, February 28, 2021 by Carter Hoover. Tristan is the grandson of Ernest Griffin.

Carter's Corner



Upcoming Events

March 4-7
Sr. High Retreat
Cedar Bluff, AL

March 10
Lighthouse
(John & Eli Jacobs)
5:00-7:00

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

March 21
Jr. High Retreat
Deadline

March 26-27
Jr. High Retreat
Camp Meribah

IT HAS BEEN A WEEK OF EXTREMES, as just a few short days ago we received nearly a foot of snow and ice, followed by almost another foot of rain several days later. I am confident that these vast swings in our weather can only mean that Spring is on its way to Middle Tennessee and I am looking forward to a great remainder of the school year with our students. Calendars for the Spring Quarter are now available for our students to pick up in the Lighthouse and on the youth news board this week. It is refreshing to begin making plans for several months ahead instead of only planning a few weeks ahead due to the uncertainty of COVID. We are doing everything we can to proceed forward responsibly and carefully going forward but I am thankful to see brighter days ahead and hope our students are excited to slowly see a return to our normal schedule of events.

RETREAT WEEK is upon us! Our group of over 30 students and adults are set to head to Lake Weiss in Cedar Grove, AL this weekend for a wonderful time of fun, food, fellowship, and worship together. We will be leaving from the Bus Garage

this Thursday at 5:30 pm and will return Sunday afternoon around 2:00 pm. Please pray for us that we may travel safely and make the most of our weekend together.

OVERCOME...That is the word our students will focus on during our periods of devotional and bible study this weekend. There are many challenges in our world today that can overwhelm us in our efforts to walk daily with the Lord. This weekend, our focus will be on the idea that when we are overwhelmed, we can overcome through Jesus. Jesus told His disciples in John 16:32-33 that the world will promise many dangers, distractions, and difficulties in living a Christian life. We should never forget, however, that Jesus also tells His disciples that while in the world we may have trouble, He has overcome the world. May we all seek to know and be connected to the one who has Overcome.

Have a great week!
In Him, Carter

Carter Hoover

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ruth Reece, Henrietta Rochelle, and Martha Leathers by Susan Dotson.

Thank You

Ruth Staggs writes: " Dear Church Family, A simple "Thank You" is not enough to let you know how very much I have appreciated all your many kindnesses during this health scare. Each call, card, offers of help, have all lifted me up. Suzette Potts' 3rd and 4th grade class made a whole packet of sweet cards. How wonderful is that! We have a great church family. In Christian Love..."

Jacob & Pat Petrowski write: " Thank you so much for all our prayers for Levi. His surgery went well and he is much better and seems to be improving everyday. Thank you also for the gift cards to Fish Camp. Jacob and I plan to take him there next Sunday. With much love..."

John Givens writes: "Thanks to all who remembered my 86th birthday. You helped to make it a special day."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 28th:
\$ 15,313.78

Camp:
\$ 243.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Please Pray For:

...Please keep Bobby Orton in your prayers. He has been sent home on hospice care from a recent cancer diagnosis. Bobby is the father of Lee (Cassidy) Orton and the brother of Karen (Gary) Phillips.

...Walker Corbitt, brother of Lynda (Peter) Houston, is in Vanderbilt Hospital. He is improving.

...Tony Duncan, of the Brushy congregation, hopes to return home on Tuesday.

...Jessie Seagraves is recovering from an infection in his legs. He is at home.

...Pam Griggs will have ankle surgery Wednesday.

...Terry James is in ICU at St. Thomas West.

...Donna Pittman, cousin of Charlene Hunt, has a broken femur and has blood clots in her leg.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Sanderson, spent a couple of days in Maury Regional Hospital. He is recovering at home.

...Gary Hogan, grandfather of Ben (Brook) Austin, is in Vanderbilt Hospital recovering from a heart transplant and doing well.

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

March Celebrations!



Ruth McFarlin
85 Years Old
March 14, 2021



Dorris Claud
82 Years Old
March 20, 2021

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Jo Hudgins who passed away. She was the sister-in-law of Barbara (Edgar) Beard.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Barry Anderson who passed away. To his wife Debbie, son Ben (Andrea) Anderson, daughter Ashley (James) Litton, all grandchildren, sister-in-law Margie (Dorris) Claud, we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mark Wright who passed away. To his wife Andrea, daughter Kelsey (Drew) Pierce, sister Angie (Tracy) Beard, brother Nickey (Tracy) Wright all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bobby Warren who passed away. He was the uncle of Christy (Randall) Wells.

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 Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Donna Roberts, Brad Sullivan, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Angie Lynn, Megan Arnold, Bobby McFarlin, Ruth Staggs, Gage Dotson, Donna Gaspard, Ritchie Teet, Randy Hammer, Jim Thrasher, Randall Rummage, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Mark Chessor, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Home:

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



The Shepherd's Pen



The first two months of 2021 have gone by quickly. We are in the month of March. Just a few weeks away from the signs of spring as things begin to blossom. On our church campus there are areas that need maintaining through-out the year. The areas are listed below. If individuals, families, or an adult bible class would adopt a particular area, trimming shrubbery, cleaning, mulching, and maintaining the area, it would be helpful and greatly appreciated. Any supplies needed will be provided. If you are interested, please contact anyone on the Facilities and Grounds ministry.

Area #1 – Upper Parking Lot Entrance (Swan Street) – shrubbery / landscaped area.

Area #2 – Around Bell Tower and in front of Outreach Center – landscaped area / shrubbery.

Area #3 – Main Foyer Entrance – pea gravel, mulch, shrubbery.

Area #4 – Landscaped area between Jerry Dixon Hall entrance and Day School/ Fellowship Hall entrance.

Area #5 – Lower Corner of Fellowship Hall and Landscaped area at entrance of parking lot in front of Fellowship Hall /Day School.

Area #6 – Beginning at Light House entrance to Jerry Dixon Hall entrance – shrubbery / pea gravel /area around AC units.

Area #7 – Kittrell Bus Garage – mulch / shrubbery.

Area #8 – Murphree Avenue entrance to Lower Parking Lot – mulch / shrubbery.

These properties belong to all of us. We ask you to volunteer your time and talents if possible.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

Looking forward to Sunday and the forecasted weather is looking to be beautiful. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!

Your Elders

Those To Serve in March

<p><u>Prayer Week of March 7</u></p> <p>S.M.W. Derek Newsom</p> <p>S.M.D. Jonathon Aydelott</p> <p>S.E.W. Robert Bowman</p> <p>S.E.D. Chris Teet</p> <p>W.E.B.S Wayne Chessor</p> <p>W.E.D. Cameron Wright</p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN MARCH</u></p> <p>March 7: Boone Newsom, Braydon Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson</p> <p>March 14: Keegan Dotson, Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins</p> <p>March 21: Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson, Jackson Mayberry, Walker Mayberry</p> <p>March 28: Jackson McDonald, Bo McDonald, Boone Newsom</p> <p><u>Please be up front by 8:50</u></p>	<p>Elders' Prayer: Gary Gatewood</p> <div> <div> <p><u>Bible Hour:</u> Jonathan & Hannah Longworth, John Jacobs, Weston Elkins, Hayden Harrison, Harper Shelton, Sidney Hudgins, Kate Peters, Ellie Aydelott</p> <p>Humility "Zacchaeus"</p> <p>Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Meals On Wheels</u></p> <p>3/3: Shirley DeVore</p> <p>3/10: Joy McDonald</p> <p>3/17: Jean Qualls</p> <p>3/24: Wayne Rediker</p> <p>3/31: Jane Talley</p> <p><u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u></p> </div> </div> <div> <p><u>Lord's Supper P.M.</u></p> <p>Joseph McCauley Marshall McCauley Brandon McCauley <i>Served in the Chapel</i></p> </div> <div> <p>USHERS:</p> <p>Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p> </div> <div> <p><u>Read Scripture</u> March 7 Justin Beard</p> </div>	
<p><u>RADIO ROOM</u></p> <p>Andy Weber John Jacobs Jim Hudgins Aden Weber</p>	<p><u>NURSERY:</u> Tara Chessor</p> <p><u>BAPT. CLOTHING:</u> Carolyn Chessor</p>	<p><u>Preside</u> March 7 Alan Potts</p>	<p><u>March Greeters:</u> Brandon & Charity McCauley Bobby & Valerie McCoy Bill & Joy McDonald Derek & Rachel Newsom</p>