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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Effective Evangelism"
(Matthew 28:19-20)

Sunday PM
"Christ Like"
(John 13:34-35)

9AM and 5PM

EVANGELISM
THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

In today's fast-paced world, many things compete for our time, work, family, school, sports and personal obligations. With so much going on, it's easy to wonder: Is it okay to miss church services for any reason? Does it really matter anyway if I'm there? The answer is Yes! It matters if you are there.

The Bible encourages regular assembly with fellow Christians. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us: *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* Some have argued that passage only applies to Sunday morning, but that is no where implied or said anywhere in this verse or any other for that matter.

Gathering for worship isn't just about fulfilling a command; it strengthens our faith, encourages others, and allows us to praise God together. While there are legitimate reasons to miss, such as illness or unavoidable obligations, the danger comes when occasional absence turns into a habit. Over time, neglecting worship can weaken our spiritual walk.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."* Making worship a priority demonstrates our love for God and our commitment to His church. Instead of asking, "Is it okay to miss?" perhaps we should ask, "What am I missing when I'm not there?"

When we gather, we share in communion, study God's Word, sing praises, and encourage one another. These are blessings we don't want to miss. May we always strive to put God first, knowing that He is worthy of our time, devotion, and worship. God Bless -Todd



**Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name;
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
Psalm 29:2**

**Let Worship unto God be a top priority for you and
your family Sunday. See you at 9:00am**



Carter's Corner...

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT, we had a fantastic Lighthouse, thanks to the Jenkins family! They went above and beyond hosting a great night of food, fellowship, and encouragement. It is always special when we can come together in *The Lighthouse* to grow in faith and community. A huge thank you to the Jenkins for making the night so wonderful!

CAMP MERIBAH STAFF APPLICATIONS are now available! If you are interested in serving as part of our summer camp team, now is the time to apply. Camp is an incredible opportunity to make a difference, grow spiritually, and have an unforgettable summer. Do not wait—grab an application today!

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP for Sr. High Stay-Cation is this Sunday, March 9! Do not miss this incredible weekend at Camp Meribah's Dotson Alumni Lodge from March 13-16. This is our replacement for the Gatlinburg retreat, and it will be filled with fun activities, great food, and powerful devotionals. Sign up online now!

We are constantly presented with opportunities—opportunities to grow, serve, and make an impact. Some opportunities come in big ways, like deciding to serve at Camp Meribah or committing to a weekend of spiritual growth at Stay-Cation. Others come in small, everyday moments—choosing kindness, speaking encouragement, or standing firm in faith. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:15-16, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." Every moment we have is a chance to glorify God. The question is—are we making the most of it? Are we using the time we have to grow closer to Him and to make a difference in the lives of others? This week, challenge yourself to be intentional. Look for the opportunities God has placed in front of you. Whether big or small, step into them with purpose, knowing that your time and influence can be used for His glory. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 9

SR HIGH STAY-CATION SIGNUP DEADLINE

MARCH 12

BIRTHDAY LIGHTHOUSE WEBER & WRIGHT

MARCH 13-16

SR HIGH STAY-CATION DOTSON LODGE

MARCH 28

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 30

YOUNG MEN AT COBLE COC



The Shepherd's Pen

March has arrived, and we begin to anticipate the return of Spring. Don't forget your clock! We move our clocks forward this weekend and that always reinforces the anticipation of Spring. Paul tells Christians that we are all a part of the body of Christ. "Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually." (1 Corinthians 12:27) Christ is not physically walking the earth, teaching and preaching today, but through the church, He shares His love and spreads the good news of salvation. You may not be comfortable speaking in front of a crowd of people, but Paul referred to that in I Corinthians. Just because you're not a *mouth speaking* doesn't mean you have nothing of value to offer to the body of Christ. You could be the *hands*, preparing a meal for someone in need. You could be the *feet* that will deliver that meal. You could be the *eyes* that are able to recognize those with a need. As a Christian you are a part of the body of Christ. As we work together, we become the living, breathing representation of Christ to the world! 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

Thank You

Pat Petrowski writes: " Thanks so much for the cards and love shown to me at the time of my sister's death."

Don Luther writes: " To the Lord's Servants who gather to worship at Centerville Church of Christ, You have displayed your love and fellowship to me so much over the past months I have been ill. Many, many thanks for the prayers, cards, food and thoughts. More than enough. Thank you again for all. I hope to be back at worship before long."

Carol Reed writes: " I would like to express my appreciation to Sam Chessor and Crew for installing hand rails which will enable me to return home. I deeply appreciate it."

Wayne & Jean Qualls write: " To our church family and community friends, Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for all the prayers and concern we have been shown during the time of Wayne's surgery and recovery! We have received so many cards from our church family and community, even cards from children with their own pictures drawn on them. We have also received cards from former members and those in other locations. The church in India has had two prayer days with the whole congregation praying for Wayne. There have been many calls, texts, gift cards, and numerous offers for helping from many. Wayne's Sunday School class has been so attentive with cards and prayers. The prayers have gotten us through this ordeal. Wayne is progressing and hopes to be back at church and class soon. We both look forward to that time. Thanks again to everyone!!"

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Shirley Stout who passed away. She was the grandmother of Laura (Keithen) Harris.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Judy McWilliams who passed away in Texas.

Grief Series...Concludes
Wednesday March 5th With Bill McDonald 7 P.M.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Ben and Megan Lampley on the birth of a son February 25, 2025. Charlie Mack Lampley weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and is 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Danny & Melody Skelton.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 2, 2025:

\$ 16,125.25

Camp: \$ 559.02

Budget: \$14,978.00



Tennessee
Children's Home

March

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

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



Join Us For
Fiesta Night
Sunday,
March 16, 2025
following
5 P.M. worship
Please Bring
Desserts!

Pray
Always

...Barbara Vanatta, aunt of Cindy Chessor, is recovering from a stroke.
...Tanya Booker Rochelle is in ICU at Centennial Hospital due to suffering a stroke.

...Barbara Parsley had her heart shocked March 4th. It appears to have been successful.

...Carol Reed will return home this week.

Home: Don Luther, Troy Parks, Reba Horner, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Roger Banks, Wayne Qualls, Barbara Parsley, Michelle Queen, Doug True, Brenda Smith, Larry Gilbert, Kathy McDonald, Shannon Briggs

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Sherrol Jones, Kelley Davis, Ed Sullivan, Owen Vander Horst, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Lorrie O'Guin, Bobby Stone, Shanon Irwin

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital :
Faye Dotson, Janet Barber

Nursing Home Life Care Center:
Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Baptism



We rejoice with Nathaniel Griggs who was baptized Sunday, March 2, 2025 by Todd Parsley. Nathaniel is the son of Casey and Deirdre Griggs and the grandson of Tim & Pam Griggs. His address is: 98 Nall Avenue Centerville, TN. 37033

...We rejoice with Kristi Potts and Willie David Dodd who were baptized March 1, 2025 by members of the Jail Ministry.

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 9

Randy James

March 16

Garth Richardson

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 9

S.M.W.
Robert Bowman

S.M.D.
Randy Wright

S.E.W.
Bill McDonald

S.E.D.
Jim Hudgins

W.E.B.S
Brad Davis

W.E.D
Aden Weber

Read Scripture March 9

David Brown

Elder's Prayer March 9

Mike Goodpasture

Communion Prep. March

March 9

Patrick & Anita Allen

March 16

Phillip & Letitia Allen

March 23

Mark & Shela Chessor

March 30

Monty & Amy Dunn

Daylight Saving Time
Begins
Sunday, March 9, 2025

