



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*

### Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

*"Take Time to Be Holy"*  
(I Peter 1:13-16)

Sunday PM

*"Who Can Worship Acceptably"*  
(Psalm 24)

**9AM and 5PM**



It's hard to believe it is already March and spring is just about here. I have noticed the grass is a little greener and there are buds on the trees. The earth in a sense is coming back to life. A reminder of God's great creation and that He is still very much in control. Last weekend I was able to worship with over 13,000 people. As we sang together, I was in awe of how great our God truly is, and just how much He truly wants us to love and worship Him. Sunday we gathered together to do just that and I pray that it helped remind you of how great and holy God is.

As we continue in March considering our theme of "Good Works", we transition from the work of love to what God has called us to be in our lives, and that is to "Be Holy". We should learn from God and His character that is revealed to us in scripture. He is loving, and we need to be loving. He is good, and we need to be good. He is merciful, and we need to be merciful. He is kind, so we need to be kind. He is full of grace, and we need to show grace. Being holy is a whole other matter to me. The word Holy is the idea of being set apart to God. It describes the life that is set apart or separated from sin and set toward God. Holiness begins with the way you think and comes out in the way you live your life. Being Holy is goodness and purity in thought and action. Being Holy sets a person apart from this world and identifies them as someone who is different.

So, just as with love, goodness, mercy, kindness and grace, God also expects His children to live Holy lives. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 7:1: *"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"*. We certainly cannot be Holy while continuing to live in sin. We can live Holy by letting God guide our lives by His Holy will that has been revealed to us through His word, the Holy scriptures. And if we truly try and do that, we can have the assurance that He will find us Holy.

Who are you? Deep down inside who really are you? God said, **"BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."**

God Bless -Todd

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# good works MINISTRY FAIR

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST  
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

Walk through the church lobbies to see all of our "good works" on display. Stop by each table to learn more about our ministries and find ways to get involved..



**The Camp Board is accepting applications for the position of part-time Camp Superintendent. If you are interested, contact**

**Michael Jenkins**  
at [micljenk@gmail.com](mailto:micljenk@gmail.com) or  
931.215.9115.



Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Sunday, March 10, 2024

## Carter's Corner



IT IS ONE OF THE BEST WEEKS OF THE YEAR...Retreat Week for our senior high Students! Our group will be heading to Gatlinburg this Thursday evening for a beautiful weekend in the mountains together. We have a great group of young people signed up to go, a beautiful cabin to enjoy, and an excellent topic as the focus for our devotionals this weekend. I hope that you will join me in praying for our students as we get ready to depart. Pray for safety and fun for our group and a time to rest and recharge our physical and spiritual batteries.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 7-10

**SR HIGH RETREAT**  
GATLINBURG, TN

MARCH 13

**BIRTHDAY  
LIGHTHOUSE**  
(JAGGER LAWSON)

MARCH 20

**LIGHTHOUSE**  
CRAIG & MISTY SHELTON

MARCH 22

**JR HIGH LOCK-IN**

MARCH 25-29

**SPRING BREAK  
WEEK**

MARCH 31

**SPARKS &  
INTERMEDIATES  
EASTER EGG HUNT**

HOW 'BOUT THEM BULLDOGS? The HCHS boys' basketball team is the talk of the town this week as our boys clenched their first state tournament berth in forty years. It is wonderful to see our young people do well athletically, and our whole county is benefitting from the excitement and energy of having a winning team. So many of you have done a great job supporting these young men so far, and I encourage you to continue supporting Hickman County.

THE JR HIGH LOCK-IN is beginning to fill up for what is bound to be a great night. Online registration is available via our church website, and I hope you are encouraging all the middle school students you know to attend!

"Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." In Philippians 3:13-14, Paul reminds us of the importance of pressing forward in our faith journey. He emphasizes the need to leave behind the past, both its achievements and its failures, and to focus on what lies ahead. As we walk with Christ, there will be moments when we may be tempted to dwell on past mistakes or become complacent with past successes. But Paul encourages us to let go of what's behind us and to strain forward

towards the goal. Our goal is not just any goal, but it is the ultimate prize: the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. This upward call reminds us that our journey of faith is not stagnant; it's dynamic and upward-reaching. We're called to continual growth, deeper intimacy with God, and conformity to the image of Christ. It's a journey marked by perseverance, determination, and hope. So today, let's embrace Paul's exhortation. Let's release the weight of the past and fix our eyes on Jesus, who beckons us onward. Let's press forward with renewed zeal, knowing that our ultimate prize awaits us—a prize beyond compare, found in the loving embrace of our Savior. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Carolyn Brown and Loudean Qualls by Doug & Billie Sue True.

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Gift in memory of Loudean Qualls by the following: Ken & Tina Dickerson, Dr. & Mrs. Danny L. Weeks and Emily.

...a Memorial has been given to Bennett's Blessings in memory of Carolyn Brown by Ken & Tina Dickerson.

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Gift in memory of Carolyn Brown by Brenda Jacobs.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Bobby Mayberry by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Don Breece by Ken & Tina Dickerson.

## Baptisms

We rejoice with Alecia Crisp, Cassey Williams, Laveda Nash, Christopher Valerio, Houston Haskins, Jason Bennett and Craig Valerio who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry on March 2, 2024.

AREA WIDE SINGING AT THE **FLATROCK CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1124 CENTERVILLE HWY. HOHENWALD, TN. 38462  
March 8, 2024 7 P.M. Meal will be served at 5:30.

## Save The Date CAMP MERIBAH 2024

**Day Camp June 10-12 \$75.00**

**Mini-Meribah June 13-14 \$75.00**

**Youth Week June 16-21 \$225**

**Teen Week June 23-28 \$225**

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,  
I Peter 1:14-15

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

March 3, 2024

\$ 14,419.18

Camp: \$ 228.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

## Thank You

June Roder writes: " Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and food cards that I received during my recovery from falling. Your kindness is much appreciated! In Christian Love..."

John & Debbie Bradley write:

" Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the phone calls, texts and to the ones who came to the funeral home. Thank you for the beautiful lantern. We are blessed people."



May today bless  
you with  
everything you need.

## Please Pray For:

...Keith Matlock will have hip replacement surgery March 21st.  
...Troy Parks is at home.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Priscilla Barber, Trevor Buchanan, Renee Parsley, Randy Hammer, Al Parsley, Omer Drollinger, Ann Spencer, Wayne Chessor, David Nash, Roy & Joyce Cochran

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Home: Ruth Staggs, Bobby McCoy, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Gerald McFarlin, Janet Barber, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Jessie Seagraves, John Fly, Floy Cochran, Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis



The Senior Group's next outing will be March 12, 2024. We will go to Voo Doo Gumbo in Bellview, TN. The vans will leave the church parking lot at

4:30 P.M. A Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Louise Murray who passed away in Michigan. She was a long time member of the Centerville Church of Christ.

### March

Cake Mix & frosting  
 Canned Peaches,  
 Pineapple, Oranges  
 Velveeta Cheese

***The food truck will be here March 21.  
 Donations are also appreciated to help purchase  
 perishable foods such as milk, meat and produce.  
 Thanks for your help!***

PLACE  
 STAMP  
 HERE



## *The Shepherd's Pen*

The month of 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 speaks of a walk "in newness of life" following baptism. This walk may often begin with great commitment and enthusiasm. As soon as the initial enthusiasm starts to diminish, many people return to their old life, habits, and ways. Never forget that Jesus, for your salvation, gave up everything. Nothing was more important to Him than saving souls for God. He wanted to lead people from the darkness of sin into the glorious light of God. Jesus put all personal desires aside, forsook all comfort and security, for our sake. He sacrificed His life! Our greatest desire should be to live our life according to the will of the One who sacrificed His life for us. Commitment and dedication involve adhering to God's will and remaining true to it. *"But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ."* (Philippians 3:7-8) Adhering requires putting aside our own preferences and desires and opening our heart to the influence of God's Holy Word. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.  
***Your Elders***

**RESIGNATION**....The men of this congregation who serve as a Deacon are to be commended for their service. The role as a Deacon requires extra time and commitment. In stages of life our circumstances can change and that is understandable. Alan Potts has resigned as a Deacon. We appreciate him for his service. He and Suzette will continue to be a part of this church family and support the work here.

#### Preside

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

**March 10**  
 Randy James

**March 17**  
 Keith Matlock

**March 24**  
 George Bragg

**March 31**  
 Daniel Dressler

#### Left Side

Marvin Dorton  
 Phillip Allen  
 Phil Griggs  
 Keithen Harris

#### Right Side

Bryan Woods  
 Michael Jenkins  
 Mark Chessor  
 Don Qualls

#### Communion Prep. March

**March 10**  
 Patrick & Anita Allen

**March 17**  
 Phillip & Letitia  
 Allen

**March 24**  
 Mark & Shela  
 Chessor

**March 31**  
 Monty & Amy Dunn

#### P.M. Communion In Chapel

Heath Buchanan  
 Robert Bowman

#### Prayer Week of March 10

**S.M.W.**  
 Shaun Lawson

**S.M.D.**  
 Alex Seagraves

**S.E.W.**  
 Major Qualls

**S.E.D.**  
 Gethlyn Gardner

**W.E.B.S**  
 Marshall Spencer

**W.E.D.**  
 Brad Davis

#### Read Scripture March 10

Bill McDonald

**Elder's Prayer:**  
 March 10  
 Craig Shelton



There are several of our church family who continue to be confined to home due to health. There are times you could be unable to assemble for worship due to sickness or travel. We are trying to make our worship services as accessible as possible to those who are in these situations. These are the media options we have available if needed: **YouTube** (CCOCTN or Centerville Church of Christ, Centerville, Tn.), **Facebook** (Centerville Church of Christ), **Website** ([centervillechurchofchrist.org](http://centervillechurchofchrist.org) – then click Live Stream), **Radio** (96.7 or the WNKX App).