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"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
Run for Your Life
(Genesis 19:15-17,26)
Sunday PM
Samson's Big Mistake
(Judges 16:28-30)

9AM and 5PM

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Every Sunday is a special day with the privilege of being able to worship God. This past Sunday was a little extra special for our High School Seniors as they were honored for their graduation and their faithfulness to the Lord here at the Centerville Church of Christ. Their future is filled with endless possibilities and our prayer needs to be that they seek God first in everything they do. Aside from the many academic accomplishments, most all of these young people have stood out for their faithful attendance to services and youth group activities. Congratulations Centerville Church of Christ class of 2023!

Church attendance is one of those things that will almost always stir up many emotions. It is one of those subjects where the Scriptures have much to say. When the subject comes up, we general go to Hebrews chapter ten and verses 24 and 25. *"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."*

In his article "Is Church Attendance Required" Wayne Jackson writes about what the Hebrew writer says, *"This inspired document was a warning to Jewish Christians. Some of these saints were being encouraged by Hebrew false teachers to abandon Christianity and revert to Judaism. The sacred writer thus seeks to inoculate against this danger. The disciples were cautioned against drifting from the truth (Hebrews 2:1) and developing "Evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God" (Hebrews 3:12) They were admonished to throw off their dullness of hearing and to hold on to their boldness and patience to the very end."*

When we speak about attendance and we reference Hebrews 10, we really need to understand what we are taking away from this passage and the importance for us to be faithful always in every activity of the Church. When we aren't faithful, we are not only displeasing to God but we are in danger of falling away completely. My desire to be faithful should not be "I have to" but "I want to".

Let us seek God first in every opportunity to worship, study, and fellowship with Him and with one another.

God Bless -Todd



Carter's Corner

WHAT A GREAT GROUP OF SENIORS we honored this past Sunday during our Senior Sunday service. It has been a pleasure ministering to this group of seniors. Their leadership, faithfulness, and good example will be missed as they head off to college in the Fall. Like I said in my sermon on Sunday--we must focus on the "fruit" and not on the "flash." While it's easy to be distracted by the "flash" of having such a large group, let us celebrate these great students' faithfulness and fruitfulness instead! The Centerville Church of Christ is blessed with wonderful young people, and our young people are blessed with a church family who is so committed to the youth of our church and community.

Carter Hoover

NOW THAT THE SCHOOL YEAR IS COMING TO A CLOSE, it's time to start focusing heavily on summer camp! Registrations are flowing rapidly, and we expect a blockbuster summer on The Hill! We can use your help in two main areas as we prepare for camp: #1 Help us by providing

scholarships for Summer Camp! I wrote a few weeks ago that we needed approximately 20-25 summer camp scholarships. Today, we are still looking for 12-15 whole summer camp scholarships (\$225). Can you help us ensure that everyone who wants to attend Camp Meribah has a way to attend? #2 We are still looking for more adults willing to help be involved at camp each week. We have a great staff of young people lined up to help work, but you can never have enough willing adults to help us make camp a success each week. If you can help in any way, please let me know.

OUR ANNUAL PIG ROAST is going to have to do some moving around. The scheduled date (May 20th) is graduation day for Shelby's little sister back home in Mississippi, and we will be headed south that day to celebrate her graduation. We are looking for a makeup date for this activity, but no definite date is planned. Note the change and be on the lookout for the new date of Pig Roast!

As followers of Christ, we are called to be fruitful. This means that we are to bear good fruit in our lives, both in our relationship with God and in our interactions with others. In John 15:5, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." To be fruitful, we must remain connected to Jesus, just as a branch remains connected to the vine. This connection allows us to draw strength and nourishment from Him, which enables us to produce good fruit. As we grow in our relationship with Jesus, our lives will begin to reflect the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). Our actions and attitudes towards others should reflect the fruit of the Spirit as well. We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31) and to do good to all people (Galatians 6:10).

This week, let us strive to be fruitful in all aspects of our lives, both in our relationship with God and in our interactions with others. Let us remain connected to Jesus, drawing strength and nourishment from Him, and reflecting His love and grace to those around us. As we do, we will bear much fruit and bring glory to God. Have a great week! In Him, Carter





STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 7, 2023

\$ 13,625.31

Camp: \$ 126.60

Budget: \$13,989.00



...Ila Faye Jenkins, mother of Regina Elkins and Jonathon Jenkins, is recovering from hip surgery due to a fall.

...Danny Mathis, father of Kim Jenkins, is at home with Hospice care.

...Judy Rogers is in:
Brighton Gardens of Brentwood
103 Arcaro Place Room 152
Brentwood, TN. 37027

(No Visitors At This Time Please)

...Andrew Parris, the husband of Betty Breece's granddaughter Rachel, has been diagnosed with Follicular Lymphoma. Andrew, Rachel and Audrey are stationed in Alaska.

...Eric Pitts has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Maxine Shepherd by Doug Shepherd.

Thank You

Lisa Dotson writes: "I wanted to thank you for the lantern and gift certificates for the passing of my dad. I appreciate all the cards and phone calls right after dad's passing. Thank you again for everything."

The Family of Betty Claud writes:

"To Staff, Elders and Members, Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Mom loved her church family. Again, thank you for all you have done." Bill & Lori Locke & Family

Shirley DeVore writes: "I just want to express my appreciation for the cards, phone calls, visits and Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of my sister Betty Claud plus the delicious lunch that was served after the funeral. A special thanks to the church for the beautiful afghan given to me in Betty's memory."

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Kimberly Rietveld, Cori Parks, Karren Tidwell, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Kay Shaw, Dottie Cavendar, Mark Vaughn, David Nash, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

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

Baby Boy

Join Us In Showering

Hope Parsley Mitchell

And Baby Jaxton

Saturday, May 13th @ 2 P.M.

Centerville Church Of Christ

Outreach Center

111 East Swan Street

Centerville, TN. 37033

Hope is registered at
babylist.com



We rejoice with Cathy Lee and Brian Glasgow who were baptized May, 7, 2023 by members of the Jail Ministry.

Happy Mother's Day!



Harlyn Ruth Rochelle

June 10, 2022
Parents:
Late Billy & Ericka Rochelle



Asher Lane Demary

July 1, 2022
Parents:
Trevor & Lauren Demary



Evelyn Jane Barr

September 2, 2022
Parents:
Corbin & Lauren
Gatewood Barr



Esma Florence Mizell

September 7, 2022
Parents:
Dustin & Keller Mizell

CSI: CENTERVILLE REVEAL MEAL

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Area Events...

...Singing at the Brushy Church of Christ Friday, May 12, 2023 at 7 P.M. Refreshments served at 5:30 in the Annex.

...Gospel Meeting at the Humphreys County Church of Christ 14112 E. Railroad Street Waverly, TN. May 19 -21, 2023. Friday & Saturday Night 7 P.M. Sunday 9 A.M. Bible Study; 10 A.M. Worship Sunday Night 6 P.M.

...Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley Church of Christ May 21-24, 2023. Speaker: Kevin Beard Sunday School: 10a; Worship: 10:45 Sunday Eve. 7p; Mon.—Wed. 7p Fellowship Meal following Sunday morning worship. Come and bring friend.



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! We recognized and honored our 2023 High School Graduates. This Thursday evening will be the Day School Graduation in the auditorium. In the blink of an eye these small children will stand before us as High School Graduates. Time seems to pass swiftly. As children travel from one graduation to the other, may a knowledge of God and His love be instilled in their minds and hearts. This Sunday will be Mother's Day. We will recognize the new babies born in our congregation since last Mother's Day and honor their mothers. Motherhood is one of life's highest callings and it is still a wonderful privilege to be a mother. The Bible says, "that children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). They are a blessing and a gift from God. Whether mother or father, we should all strive to teach our children about God and His Word. We are approaching the midway point of May, which means *Vacation Bible School* and *Summer Camp* is around the corner. Each year we offer scholarships for kids needing financial assistance to attend camp. If you would like to sponsor a full scholarship the cost is \$225.00 or partial scholarships can be combined as well. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

Elder's Prayer: May 14, 2023

Wayne Qualls

Scripture May 7, 2023

Daniel Dressler

Preside

Randy James

Prayer Week of May 14, 2023

S.M.W.
Luke Worsham

S.M.D.
Jonathan Aydelott

S.E.W.
Alan Potts

S.E.D.
Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S
Keith Matlock

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg