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A FAITHFUL HERO

JOSHUA

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021
JUNE 14-16 CLASSES FOR ALL AGES



Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

We had another great senior Sunday, celebrating another wonderful group of seniors here at Centerville. We wish them all well in their future endeavors and pray that they will continue to seek God's guidance in their lives.

Our attention now turns to a busy summer of activities here at Centerville. Vacation Bible School is next up. As you see on the front of the Messenger this week, our theme this year will be "A Faithful Hero - Joshua". We will kick off VBS on Sunday evening June 13th with a Bible times food fellowship. Be praying for a successful VBS program, and parents - bring your kids and their friends. It sure is good to be moving back in the directions of "normal" activities again.

We have finally finished our study on Wednesday nights of the book of Revelation. As we look back on that study and the so-called mystery the world wants to place on this great book, I pray that you now see that God gave us this book to encourage us to remain faithful in our lives and if we do, and if we overcome life's trails and temptations, we will receive the crown of righteousness. John's admonitions in *Revelation 2:10* is still relevant for us today. I'm excited to announce that this Wednesday we will begin studying the great book of James. This study of James goes well with our theme of faithfulness for the year. Throughout this epistle, James develops the characteristics of what true faithfulness look like. This book will challenge us to examine our daily lives in terms of attitude and our actions. I pray that you will come and be a part of this good study.

God Bless -Todd



Carter's Corner

I AM THANKFUL for a congregation that is so strongly committed to the work of preparing and equipping young people to live faithful lives serving the Lord. I know that I shared this thought with all of you as I began my lesson this past Sunday, but I want to once again say that I am grateful for the opportunity to work for the Lord's Church in a place where we place a high priority on the souls of young

people. Our youth program is strong and successful because of the support from our entire congregation. This belief is always evident on Senior Sunday, as we look back on the accomplishments of another class of faithful students as they leave our youth group and head into the capable hands of Matthew and the Young Adult Ministry. A big thank you goes to all of you for everything you do to support, serve, and encourage our young people over the years.

SUMMERTIME IS FINALLY HERE, as Harrison Kelley returns this coming Sunday to start his second summer as our Youth Ministry Intern. Harrison has just completed his freshman year at Freed-Hardeman and is looking forward to a great summer of learning the "ins and outs" of church work. Harrison is excited to experience a normal summer of activities after the COVID summer he experienced last year, and we all will be seeing Harrison in the pulpit more and more, as he is beginning to have a strong desire to preach as well. Sidney Hudgins also begins her work as Education Intern with Mrs. Jean Qualls next week. Sidney will spend her summer shadowing Ms. Jean as she learns about how our church education program works. She will be teaching and substitute teaching Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes, helping Ms. Jean with the preparation of weekly Bible lessons, working with Vacation Bible School, serving as a counselor at Camp Meribah, and working with Shelby on activities for mothers and toddlers. Sidney will be attending Freed-Hardeman in the Fall, majoring in Education and Bible, in hopes of working as a Teacher and Church Education Director in the future. I am thankful that there is still a desire among young people today, especially from within our congregation, to want to serve the Lord by working for the church in different capacities.

CAN YOU SMELL THE BACON??? You should be able to this Saturday, as our Jr. and Sr. High will have their Final Fireside of this school year. We are beginning a new tradition this year as we host our first-ever Pig Roast at the home of Joey and Charlene Hunt on Swan Creek. That's right, we will be roasting and serving some whole hog barbeque this coming Saturday for an end-of-school feast for all of our young people. All students are invited to the Hunt's home on Swan beginning at 4:00 pm for an evening of creek fun, a delicious bbq supper, and a bonfire devotional on the creekbank. You won't want to miss this great event as we bring our school year to a close and kick off a great summer!



Can you
help by
making
cookies for
VBS
this year?

June 14-16!



Reveal Meal

CSI: CENTERVILLE

(College Secret Involvement Ministry)

Sunday, May 23
Fellowship Hall

Immediately Following Morning Worship



The Shepherd's Pen

In Christianity, salvation is the saving of a soul from sin and its consequences. Peter in addressing the Sanhedrin court, speaking of Christ, said, *"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12) Our salvation is found in obedience to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter speaking to the house of Israel responded to their question "what shall we do?" *"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) With our obedience comes the assurance of eternal life in heaven, *if we walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.* (Colossians 1:10) If we focus daily on being faithful and growing spiritually, then we can feel confident in heaven being our eternal destiny. *"And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, this is in His Son."* (I John 5:11) John writing to Christians said, *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God."* (I John 5:13) Paul's work was nearly over. He was soon to die for the cause of the Lord. The words he wrote to Timothy assures us that heaven awaits the faithful Christian. *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but to all who have loved His appearing."* (II Timothy 4:7-8) So why is there a reluctance for some, who profess to be Christians, to say "I am going to Heaven." Any reluctance cannot be due to the lack of assurance found within God word. We want to thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are excited about this Sunday and looking forward to seeing you. *"This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!

Your Elders

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 16: \$12,039.06

Camp:
\$ 270.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Bible Hour Award Winners



Winners for saying the most memory verses:

Boy: Bryson Chessor
Girl: Brienna Duke

Pictured with them are Sidney Hudgins and Harper Shelton. Bible Hour has ended for this school year. It will resume again in September.

Tennessee Children's Home...

Has the following positions open:
TCH-East (Knoxville): Teacher and Teacher Assistants (2)
TCH-Middle (Spring Hill): Night Staff and Teacher
TCH-West: (Pinson): Residential Counselor couples, Executive Director
Please contact Dana Lawson, Director if interested. 931-486-2274 Ext. 225

Elder Installed

We rejoice with Chad Shelton, son of Charlie and Linda, who was installed as an Elder on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the Campbell Street Church of Christ in Jackson, Tennessee.

**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR ME**

...Brownie Mayberry is now at the Life Care Center. Her room number is 301-P.

...Luther Brown, father of David (Kathy), will start treatments for lung cancer in June.

...Jamie Qualls (Candida) is in ICU at St. Thomas West with Covid pneumonia. He would appreciate cards. His address is: 3345 Hwy. 48 North Nunnally, TN 37317

...Shela Chessor is recovering from TMJ surgery. She has a long recovery ahead.

...Mark Chessor spent several days in the hospital with pneumonia. He is recovering at home.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Sanderson, will be going to the Epilepsy Monitoring Unit at Vanderbilt Hospital on Thursday.

...Wendy Pace, friend of Anita Allen, has been diagnosed with an aggressive bladder cancer. Her address is:

122 Sunset Circle
Centerville, TN. 37033

...Stephen Dotson is recovering from shoulder surgery and doing well.

...Alex Chambers is recovering from hip replacement surgery Wednesday.

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing

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

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Cletus Carrol who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Thomas Gaines who passed away in Georgia. He was the father of Eva (Chad) Shelton.

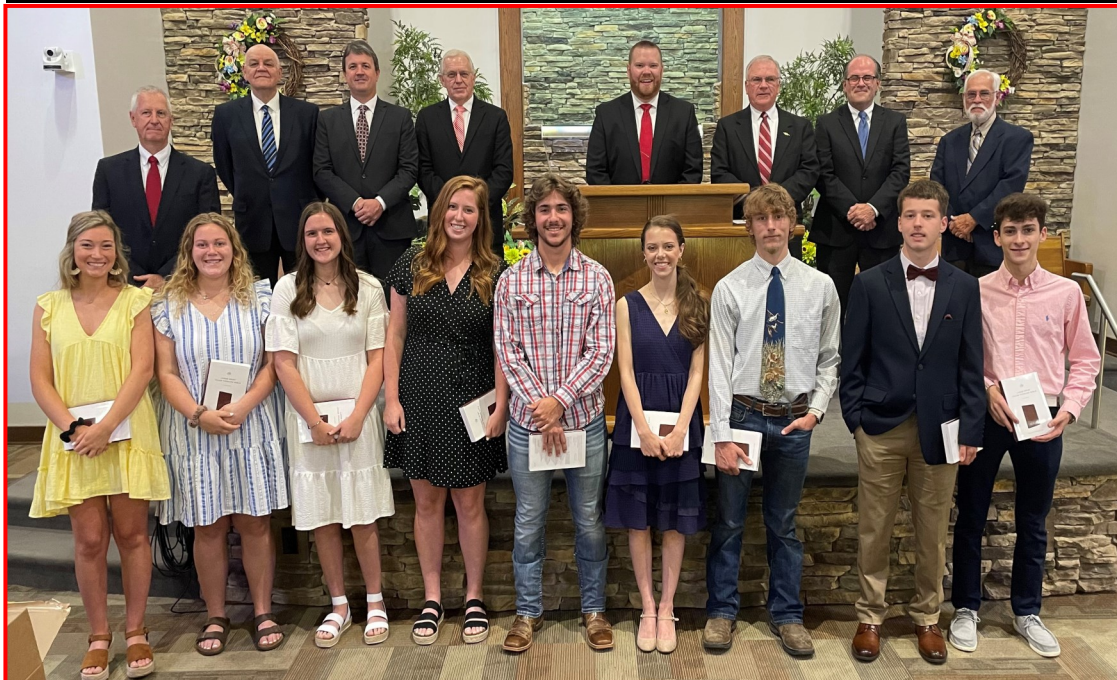
Thank You

Douglas Bates III writes: "Thanks for the love and concern you have recently shown me. I love you back."

Angie Lynn writes: "Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you all very much for the prayers when I broke my wrist. I am doing well!"

Carla & Doyle Totty & Family write: "Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for the love and support shown to our family. Your calls, texts, cards, food and gifts were very much appreciated during this difficult time."

Senior Sunday



Read Scripture

May 23:

Joey Hunt

Preside

**May 23th:
John Bradley**

Elder's Prayer

Shane Willis

Prayer Week Of May 23rd

**S.M.W.
Alan Potts**

**S.M.D.
Wyatt Aydelott**

**S.E.W.
George Bragg**

**S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover**

**W.E.B.S.
James Aydelott**

**W.E.D.
Major Qualls**