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"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

May 28, 2023
A.M. "Bible Memorials"
2 Peter 1:12-15
P.M. "What Do We Know
About Heaven?"
I Peter 1: 3-4

9AM and 5PM

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This coming Monday is *Memorial Day*. To many it is just the kick-off of summer vacation. Very few today really observe it for what it was intended. Visits to Veteran's memorials have been replaced with cookouts, and various other summer activities. When I was growing up, I always looked forward to the Memorial Day weekend because that meant our family would get together with my aunts and uncles and all the cousins. At some point even a trip to visit and decorate the graves of beloved family members to remember and cherish what they once meant to us. Those memories can be a very powerful thing that can often create many emotions for us. Every tombstone in the cemetery is a memorial to a life that was meaningful to someone, to a friend, to a family, or to our nation. We cherish these memorials, and we expect people to respect them and act appropriately regarding them.

God had always made memorials to be an integral part of the life of the people of Israel. The Passover served as a memorial to the power of God in bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt. The stones on the Ephod of Aaron were memorial stones. The names of the sons of Israel were placed in the "breastpiece of judgment" over the heart of Aaron as he would enter the holy place for a memorial before the Lord (Exod. 28:29). Even the shoulder pieces of the ephod were engraved with the names of the sons of Israel as memorial stones (Exod. 39:6-7). Memorial stones were set up as they crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land so that future generations would remember the journey from Egypt. Memorials were a part of their lives, and problems that arose were due in part to their forgetting what they were meant to represent. Memorials were not just something to think about but were often accompanied with actions. The same is true today in our relations with God.

The Lord's Supper is that memorial. "*Do this in remembrance of Me,*" Jesus said. By taking the Lord's Supper, we recall His death, burial, and resurrection. It is a physical reminder that is meant to make us think even deeper about the sacrifice of our Savior. The action of eating unleavened bread and drinking fruit of the vine is commemorating that sacrifice. I'm thankful we have been given this memorial and that God wants us to observe this memorial every Sunday. The disciples would never forget the day they saw Jesus alive again after they saw Him die on the cross. They would commemorate these events through their teaching, and every week through the memorial of the Lord's Supper that Jesus himself set up. That memorial was and is to be cherished, protected, and remembered until the Lord Himself returns.

May we remember our Lord Jesus Christ for His loving sacrifice and resurrection.

God Bless -Todd

YAM New Graduate Dinner



Carter's Corner



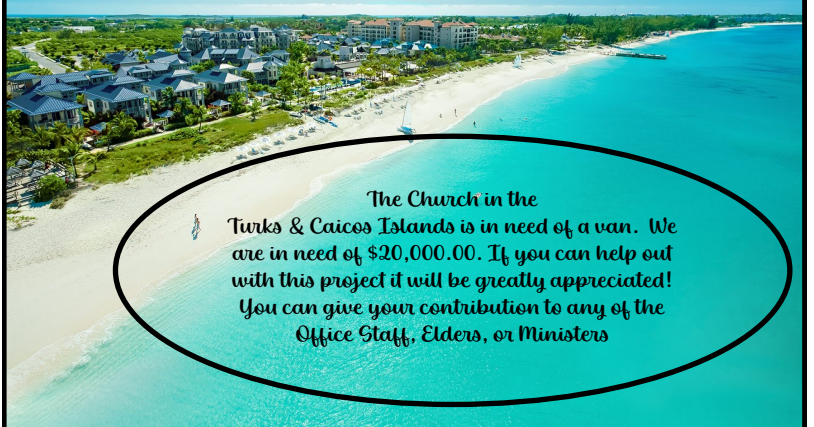
Carter Hoover

THE SCHOOL YEAR HAS COME TO A CLOSE, which means that preparations are underway for an exciting and fast-paced summer full of activities for our students. The Camp Meribah staff is gearing up for a big summer on The Hill, and Jean Qualls and her helpers are working diligently to prepare for our annual Vacation Bible School. I sincerely hope you plan to be involved in all of the activities planned for the summer, and as always, "INVITE, INVITE, INVITE!"

SUMMER SCHOLARS SHEETS are ready to be picked up for our young people. I am always impressed at how hard our students work to get prepared to answer these questions, and I know they will do a great job this year. Students have 40 questions this summer on our VBS theme, "Seek God First." Grab a worksheet and help your children prepare!

In a world that constantly promotes the pursuit of success, wealth, and material possessions, it is easy to get caught up in the never-ending quest for satisfaction. However, true and lasting happiness cannot be found in worldly achievements alone. Instead, scripture teaches us that genuine fulfillment is found in our relationship with God and in pursuing His purposes for our lives. Jesus, in His sermon on the mount, said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied" (Matthew 5:6). When we hunger and thirst for righteousness when we passionately pursue a life aligned with God's will, He promises to satisfy us. Our souls find contentment and joy when we seek after God's righteousness rather than the temporary pleasures of this world. Today, let us realign our priorities and seek true satisfaction in our relationship with God. As we hunger and thirst for righteousness and find contentment in His provision and strength, we will discover a deep and abiding satisfaction that transcends the temporal and leads us to a life of purpose and fulfillment. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

Needed In Turks & Caicos.....



The Church in the Turks & Caicos Islands is in need of a van. We are in need of \$20,000.00. If you can help out with this project it will be greatly appreciated! You can give your contribution to any of the Office Staff, Elders, or Ministers

Thank You

Wayne Chessor writes: "I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards and well wishes made for me while I have been sick. They all mean so much to me."

Liz Bryant writes: "Centerville Church, Sorry to be so long in thanking all my church family for their prayers, food, cards, calls, gift cards, well wishes, drivers, visits, and other kindnesses shown during my recent bout with cancer. You're a really special group, and I'm so very glad to be a part. Thanks again for your support, and especially for your prayers. In Christian Love...."

Ann Johnston writes: "I want to thank everyone for all of the beautiful birthday cards I received on my birthday. You made my day special."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bobby Claud and Ward Mayberry by David & Jane Talley.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Betty Claud by Russell & Tina DeVore.

Celebrating 50 Years

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF

*Gary & Becky
Gatewood*

on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of June
from 2:00 until 5:00

Centerville Church of Christ Fellowship Hall
Centerville, Tennessee

Please RSVP to Becky at 931-619-3615
by June 10, 2023

*In Lieu of Gifts Please Consider
Donating to the
Centerville Church of Christ
Outreach/Benevolence Program
or Camp Meribah*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 21, 2023

\$ 12,573.76

Camp: \$ 278.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a beautiful day! To God be the glory! We had several families gone on vacation since school is out for the summer. We pray they will be safe and enjoy their family time together. Jesus said, *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."* (Matthew 7:13-14) Robert Frost wrote a poem entitled, "The Road Not Taken." The poem was about two paths that diverge in the woods and how he chose the "one less traveled." He ended the poem with these words: "and that has made all the difference." It is the path taken that shapes you into the person you turn out to be, for better or for worse. How blessed you are when you choose the path that leads to God. Just as a path through the woods will twist and turn, passing low-hanging branches and patches of briars, the narrow way that leads to God may be full of obstacles. There will be a day you will be able to look back and rejoice over the "road not taken." Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Baptism



We rejoice with Bo McDonald who was baptized May 21, 2023 by his grandfather Bill McDonald. Bo is the son of Ryan & Lauren McDonald.

Pray for the sick

James 5:13-18



...Don Luther is recovering from falling at home and dealing with other health problems.

...Bentley Barber, great grandson of David & Jane Talley, had surgery for a detached retina on May 22.

...Rutisha Cagle is recovering from surgery for breast cancer.

...Martie Davis has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Mary Nell Mayberry, daughter of Delton & Barbara, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for cancer.

...Mickey Bunn is doing well following surgery on his kidney. *He is very appreciative of all the care and concern shown to him.*

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Mickey Bunn, Ila Faye Jenkins, Kimberly Rietveld, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Martie Davis, Rutisha Cagle, Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Kenny Loveless, Mary Nell Mayberry, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Home: Glenda Teet, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Larry Talley
St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Francis McClanahan, Tim Blackwell

MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR





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Scholarships
To-Go!



HELP US REACH OUR SCHOLARSHIP GOAL!

Summer Camp is in need of 25 full scholarships (\$225 each). Help us reach our scholarship goal to support kids in need of financial aid to attend Camp Meribah.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR: OPERATION: CREATION

DEFENDING THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE UNIVERSE

Vacation Bible School

At the church of Christ at Brushy
774 Hwy 48 South; Centerville, Tn

June 4-7, 2023

Speakers: John Eglinton - Adult Class
Mike Kelley - Teenage Class
Brushy's Own Teaching
Classes for All Ages

Sunday, June 4

9 A.M. Bible Class:
The Origins of the Universe
10 A.M. Worship ~ with John Eglinton
5:30 P.M. ~ VBS Kickoff with Food, Fun, & Fellowship

**Sunday - Wednesday
Evenings at 7 P.M.**

Sunday, June 4 ~ The Age of the Earth
Monday, June 5 ~ Evidence of Creation
Tuesday, June 6
Evidence from the Animal Kingdom
Wednesday, June 7
The Truth about Human Evolution

**Cookies and ice cream on
Wednesday, June 7**



...JUNE 11

**BIBLE TIMES KICK-OFF MEAL
FOLLOWING 5 P.M. WORSHIP**

...JUNE 12-14 VBS & DAY CAMP
...JUNE 15-16 MINI-MERIBAH
...JUNE 18-23 YOUTH WEEK
...JUNE 25-30 TEEN WEEK

**Elder's Prayer:
May 28, 2023**

Ken Dickerson

**Prayer Week of
May 28, 2023**

S.M.W.
Alan Potts

S.M.D.
Gethlyn Gardner

S.E.W.
Robert Bowman

S.E.D.
Garth Richardson

**Scripture
May 28, 2023**

John Jacobs

**Preside
John Bradley**

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs