



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### "From Where I Sit"

*Todd Parsley*

all of our services here at Centerville. I promise you will find a warm and friendly welcome.

In Psalm 32:8 we read, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you"*. In preparation for living, we should enroll in the School of God. He promises to be our teacher. I still remember my first-grade teacher Mrs. King and what an impact that she had on my life even today as I am in my mid 50's. Her instruction and her

kindness, as well as all my teachers, were fundamental to my educational growth. But God promises to be our spiritual teacher and will help us in our spiritual growth. Both are needed, but one is more important in the end than the other.

In looking again at this verse, you see that God promises three things. First, He says, *"I will instruct you."* This means to communicate knowledge, to inform. He imparts this knowledge in such a way that we can know and understand. His Book is the Bible. We have all heard "when all else fails, read the instructions." We won't always be able to find specific directions like, "do this or "don't do that." Yet, as we read it regularly our hearts and minds are open to His instruction.

Next, He says, *"I will teach you in the way you should go."* God has provided for us the Holy Spirit as our special instructor. *"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things"* (John 14:26). And you receive that gift of the Holy Spirit upon faithful obedience to the command to be baptized. (Acts 2:38)

Every school today has guidance counselors. Their job is to provide special guidance and counseling to the students. God gives special counseling too. *"I will counsel you and watch over you."* God sees our day by day, step by step needs and provides the guidance and the counseling we need, for He keeps His eyes on us at all times. *"Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep"* (Ps. 121:4). God, the all-seeing eye is watching us and wanting us to turn to Him and seek His guidance. I just love the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14; *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*.

What a wonderful promise for us in our daily living. Often problems arise that we do not know how to handle. There may be needs with no apparent solution. Situations beyond human possibilities. God's promise for us is, "I will instruct you---I will teach you---I will counsel you." Open your hearts and minds to the teachings that God has given us through His holy word. And as Paul instructed Timothy; *"Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to teaching"*. You will be blessed if you do!

God Bless -Todd

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Carter's Corner



**THE SCHOOL YEAR IS OFFICIALLY OVER** for both students and teachers and it is nice to be able to slow down and take a breath after a semester full of youth activities. While there are no youth activities over the next few weeks, rest assured that we are making the most of our time as we are working daily on finalizing plans for VBS, Summer Camp, and even a mission trip to Craig, CO at the end of the summer to conduct

VBS and a Gospel Meeting. Summer is one of the best times of the year for our church family as activities are going on for all ages. I hope you are making plans to be a part of everything going on at our congregation this summer!

**OUR SUMMER SCHOLARS QUESTIONS** will be ready for pickup on Sunday morning, May 29th. Questions this year will be taken from the books of Ezra & Nehemiah and we are also challenging students to memorize the books of the Old Testament. This is always a great program for both students and parents to work together on increasing your child's Bible knowledge over the summer.

**SUMMER CAMP IS GETTING CLOSER** as our final preparations are underway for camp this summer. All of the sessions are filling up steadily and our Day Camp has only 20 registration spots remaining. I will keep encouraging parents every week to not hesitate in signing up to ensure that all campers from our congregation have a spot at camp. It is exciting to watch the sessions fill up and excitement build for a great summer at Camp Meribah!

**PRAYER SHOULD BE A KEY EVERY MORNING AND A LOCK EVERY NIGHT...**this quote perfectly describes what our attitude towards prayer should be in our daily lives. As we stand at the beginning of Summer, it is my sincere hope that you are praying for both yourself and others. I encourage you to not allow your prayer life to fall by the wayside during the summer, but rather, use this summer as a means to reinvigorate your daily conversations with the Lord. Please join me in praying for our youth group, VBS, summer camp, and the many other activities going on without our community (James 5:16). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

## Resignation



Chris Hughes is resigning from his role as Deacon. He and Cyndi will begin worshipping with the Pinewood congregation. Chris will be their song leader full time. We appreciate and love both of them. They will be missed. We give them our encouragement and prayers as they begin their work with Pinewood.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.



## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kari Pitts who passed away. To her husband Eric, mother Sherry Galey, sister Holly (Jeff) Stewart, grandmother Janet Barber we extend our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jerry Adair who passed away in Nashville. He was the nephew of Joy (Bill) McDonald.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Kari Pitts "*and her love for children*" by Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Greg McCord, Petesy Bowen and Kari Pitts by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Brownie Mayberry and Cora Ward by Priscilla Barber.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Petesy Bowen and Kari Pitts by Sally Chessor.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**May 22, 2022:**

**\$ 11,413.00**

**Camp:**

**\$ 192.00**

**Budget:**

**\$ 13,532.00**

## Thank You

June, Craig, and Chris Bowen write:

"We want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support for Petesy after his accident and the weeks following. He fought a good fight and kept his faith. Thanks to each of you who went the last mile with him to Chestnut Grove. Thanks also to the church for the candle. We appreciate all the calls, cards, and especially your prayers and continued support."



## Please Pray For:

...Ruth McFarlin is in NHC in Dickson.

...Steven McClearen had surgery Monday at Williamson Medical Center.

...Halie, Daniel and Titus Flatt are recovering from injuries due to a car accident. They are friends of Ken and Tina Dickerson. *They continue to improve.*

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

### St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

### Home:

J.B. Brown, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Jay Pickard, Kadence Clark, Aaron Saunders, Kenneth Cagle, Ann Johnston, Scott Smith, Beverly Grimes, Cori Parks, David Nash, Danny Mathis, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Alice Farrough, Amy Sanders, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

### Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

## Placing Membership



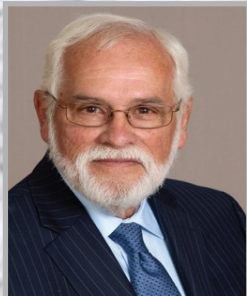
We want to welcome  
Billy & Erica Rochelle to our Centerville Church of Christ Family!  
Their address is: 5699 Easley Bend Road  
Nunnely, Tennessee 37137

Welcome!

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100  
Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert & Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates  
1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN.  
38401

## Our Elders



*Ken Dickerson*



*Gary Gatewood*



*Mike Goodpasture*



*Wayne Qualls*



*Craig Shelton*



*Shane Willis*



## The Shepherd's Pen

The year of 2022 is passing quickly. We are approaching the end of May. Memorial Day will be this Monday. Memorial Day has become increasingly a fun day of swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, backyard barbecue, and the like. These things in themselves are not wrong and are enjoyable times to spend with family. Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. Memorial Day was originally defined by date as May 30<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic and was first observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of the Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. After World War 1 the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. Congress with the Act of 1971 changed it from May 30<sup>th</sup> to last Monday in May. Memorials are important. We read about memorials in the Old Testament. In the New Testament Christianity also has its memorial. Jesus Christ established this memorial. It was to be a weekly reminder of His life and death. It was to be a simple feast called a supper. The Lord's Supper. It was to be observed on a specific day and that was the Lord's Day. It was to involve two, very common elements. There would be flat tasteless unleavened bread to remind us of His body and there would be grape juice, fruit of the vine, to remind us of His blood. "When He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **"Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."** In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, **"This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."** (I Corinthians 11:24-25) This memorial has been observed over 2000 years. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death, till He comes. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

*Your Elders*

## LIFE-LINE



**Daily Updates  
& Devotional  
Message**

**931-729-5055**

### Prayer Week of May 29

**S.M.W.**  
Riley Qualls

**S.M.D.**  
Randy James

**S.E.W.**  
Alan Potts

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

**W.E.B.S**  
Bill McDonald

**W.E.D.**  
Houston Hudgins

### **Preside** May 29

Brad Davis

### **Read Scripture** May 29

Philip Jacobs

**Elders' Prayer**

Gary Gatewood