

might not think of humility as a good work, it may very well be the cornerstone to any good works we may do.

You would be hard pressed to find a characteristic valued more in Scripture than humility. Our English word "humility" comes from a Greek word that means "low lying" or "of low estate." It is sometimes translated as "lowliness." Lowliness is a metaphor for one's attitude of heart or disposition. It is the opposite of ego, pride, and high-mindedness. Most sins and many broken relationships can be traced back to pride. In the beginning, it was pride that led Adam to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil and it was conceit and arrogance that led to the condemnation of devil (1 Tim. 3:6).

But while pride is always punished in Scripture, humility is always rewarded. The humble will be exalted and the proud will be brought low (Jas. 4:6; 1 Pet. 5:5). The first are last and the last are first in the kingdom (Mt. 20:1-16). Self-awareness of one's spiritual poverty before God makes one fit for the kingdom. This lowliness of spirit does not refer to what one "has" physically, but what one "is". The realization that without God we are nothing is the soil in which the seed of the kingdom grows. As someone once said; "Pride is concerned with who is right. Humility is concerned with what is right".

The Apostle Paul said in 1 Timothy 4:7-8, "Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." We must train ourselves to be humble to God, humble to His word, humble toward ourselves, and humble toward one another. God Bless -Todd

## **June Celebrations**

# **Carter's Corner**



Wanda Givens 85 Years Old June 2, 2024



June Bowen 88 Years Old June 21, 2024



Gary & Becky Gatewood Married 51 Years June 23, 2024



John Plemmons, Jr. 70th birthday June 26, 2024



SUMMERTIME IS FINALLY HERE, and with that comes a busy and exciting time of year! Preparations are being made for our annual VBS, our students are working hard on their Summer Scholars questions, finishing touches are being placed on our activities and schedule for Camp Meribah, and many other fun activities are being planned for the remainder of the summer! I hope you take time to enjoy the summer with your family, but I also encourage you to remain involved in everything we have going on within our congregation this summer. What a blessing to be a part of such an active, involved, and vibrant church family!

DON'T FORGET OUR SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM, which aims to help our students prepare for VBS by learning facts about our Bible stories. This program is great for both parents and students because both must work together to help their students achieve their goals. Summer Scholars will receive a special VBS t-shirt to display their accomplishment and have their photo taken for the Messenger. I encourage you to take the time to help your children learn more about the Bible this summer!

WE ARE NEARING OUR GOAL OF 50 scholarships for Camp Meribah this summer. We currently need 11 scholarships to help us meet the scholarship requests we have received so far this summer. Camp Meribah is founded on three main pillars: faith, fellowship, and fun, and we humbly ask for your support in helping us ensure that we are able to allow any interested campers the opportunity to be involved in this great ministry of our congregation.

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

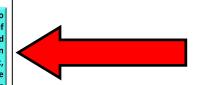
# **Words With Weston**



Hey, I am Weston Elkins, and I am super excited to be the intern at Centerville this summer. I have been a member of this congregation all of my life and I am honored to be a servant to God and his people here. I am looking forward to Camp Meribah, which is coming up in a few weeks. There is a great staff working this summer that is made up of awesome Christian examples that will help camp be super fun and super spiritual. Many great themes, games, and devotionals have been planned for the campers to make an

themes, games, and devotionals have been planned for the campers to make an exciting few weeks on the hill. It will be a great opportunity for kids to grow their friendships with one another, and to grow their relationship with God. I am looking forward to the rest of the summer and all the ways that I can serve. Weston





# Thank You

<u>Doug Shepherd writes</u>: "I would like to thank everyone for all of the birthday cards."

Ruth & Gethlyn Gardner write: "We want to thank so many of our Lord's church for all the kindness you have bestowed upon us. We especially want to thank Sam Chessor and Randy Wright for building the ramp that will surely make life easier for us when Gethlyn comes home. Gethlyn continues to regain balance and compensate for the loss of peripheral vision. In fact, to see him and talk to him, you would hardly know he is recovering from 2 massive strokes. To God be the glory for answered prayers. <u>Ashley Shelton writes</u>: "A note of many thanks for the Bible and meal

Ashley Shelton writes: " A note of many thanks for the Bible and meal that was prepared for the Class of 2024. Senior Sunday, along with the gifts I received for this milestone in my life, was greatly appreciated ."

# The Shepherd's Pen

Vacation Bible School is around the corner and Summer Camp is corner and Summer Camp is ramping up to begin in a couple of weeks. The theme for Vacation Bible School is "Good Works Serve, Share, Seek." Each day we will study events in Jesus' ministry that are examples to "Serve, Share, Seek ". Vacation Bible School will begin with John 13:3-5, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet. Jesus, knowing that the Father had given knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands and that He had come from God and was returning to God, rose from supper, and laid aside His garments. Jesus wraps a towel around his waist, takes up the basin, and kneels before one of the disciples. He unlaces a scandal and gently lifts the foot and places it in the basin, covers it with water, and begins to wash it. One by one, one grimy dirty foot after another, Jesus works his way down the row. You can be sure Jesus knows the future of these feet he is washing. These twenty-four feet will not spend the next day following the master, defending his cause. The twenty-four feet that walked with Him during His ministry, in the coming hours, will flee from Him. Only one will not abandon him in the garden. He will not make it that far, Judas. It was love and humility that kept Jesus on his knees in this upper room. It was the same love and humility that kept Him on the cross at Calvary. It is love and humility from which we should serve. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders

 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

 CONTRIBUTION

 May 26, 2024

 \$ 17,501.06

 Camp: \$ 226.00

 Budget: \$14,186.00

## Memorial

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

...A Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ronnie Martin by Leon & Elaine Gilbert.

...Memorials to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund have been given by Ken & Tina Dickerson in memory of the following: Ann Spencer, Ronnie Martin, Ruth Staggs, and Ralph Shelton.

....a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship fund in memory of Ralph Shelton and Ronnie Martin by Doug & Billie Sue True. ...a Memorial has been given to the

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ralph Shelton, Ronnie Martin, and Ann Spencer by Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Gift in memory of Ann Spencer by Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ruth Staggs, Ronnie Martin, and Ralph Shelton by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ronnie Martin, Ralph Shelton, and Ann Spencer by Don Luther.



You Are Invited to A Bridal Shower for Adley Elkins Bride-Elect of Jack McKinnon Sunday June 2, 2024 at the Outreach Center From 1:00-2:30. Adley and Jack are registered at Walmart- Adley and Jack's Wedding Registry and theknot.com/ adleyandjack Please Pray For:

...Ashley Halliburton will have surgery for breast cancer May 29th. ...Lonnie Mayberry will have knee

...Lonnie Mayberry will have knee replacement surgery May 29th. ...Martha Scaife, sister of Lori Woods, has been placed on Hospice care.

...Marilyn Warren, sister of Carolyn Chessor, is recovering at home from a stroke. She will be having therapy.

...Chris McCurley, minister at Walnut Street Church of Christ, is recovering from surgery for prostate cancer. ...Jamie Stoltz is recovering at home.

## Sympathy



#### Jim Gadberry

#### 1943-2024

We express our sympathy to the family of Jim Gadberry who passed away. To his wife Tommie, children Kelly (Mark) Anderson, Tamra Gadberry, Kerry (Deano) LeChance, William (Patricia) Gadberry, all grandchildren, family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dairl Moss who passed away due to a tractor accident. He was the cousin of Debra Brown, Phillip and Patrick Allen.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Robert King who passed away. He was the son-in-law of Ann Johnston and the father of Corey (Tabitha) King. ...We express our sympathy to the

...We express our sympathy to the family of Randy Hammer who passed away. He was the father of Nanette (George) Simmons.

### <u>Senior Group</u> <u>Notification</u>

To show love and respect for our brothers and sisters in Christ and their families, if there is a visitation or funeral for a member of our congregation on the day of the outing, it will be cancelled. It will be rescheduled for the following month and we will go to the same location.

The Senior Group's next outing will be June 11, 2024. We will go to the Junk Yard Dog in Hohenwald. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 4:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Contact: George Bragg 994-1714.

PLACE STAMP HERE



Please Plan To Attend Vacation Bible School June 10, 11, 12!



# **Those To Serve In June**

<u>Preside</u>

<u>June 2</u> James Aydelott

> <u>June 9</u> Cecil Qualls

<u>June 16</u> Sam Chessor

June 23 Marshall Spencer

<u>June 30</u> Kevin Isenberg

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55

> Left Side Weston Elkins Randy Wright Colby Shelton Cameron Wright

<u>Right Side</u> Jonathan Aydelott Wyatt Aydelott Robert Bowman Trevor Buchanan

P.M. Chapel Michael Jenkins Logan/Landon <u>Communion Prep.</u> <u>June 2</u> Phil & Susan Griggs

<u>June 9</u> Thomas & Cheryl Chessor

<u>June 16</u> Kevin & Leah Isenberg

<u>June 23</u> Cory & Nicole Martin

<u>June 30</u> Brett & Heather Martin

> <u>USHERS</u>: Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor

Communion Remembering His sacrifice Life Care Center June 2: Jeremy Qualls June 9: Robert Bowman June 16: Matthew Dotson June 23: Daniel Dressler June 30: Norman George

Tulipwood Service: John Bradley

#### RADIO ROOM JUNE

Media Director: Andy Weber Video: Cory Martin Sound: Joseph McCauley Mac/Keynote: Jacob Krueger

Read Scripture: Gaylon Cude

Elder's Prayer: Craig Shelton

#### Meals On Wheels

June 5 : Lesley Hudgins June 12 : Glenda Delk

June 19 : Martha Loveless June 26 : Ken & Tina Dickerson

<u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u> Please Contact George Bragg If You Are Unable To Deliver Meals <u>Prayer Week of</u> June 2

<u>S.M.W</u>. Robert Bowman

<u>S.M.D</u>. Marshall Spencer

<u>S.E.W</u>. Marvin Dorton

<u>S.E.D</u>. Cody Woods

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Brett Martin

<u>W.E.D</u>. Jim Prince

NURSERY:

**Ridonna Goodpasture** 

BAPT. CLOTHING:

Kristy Wallace

**Greeters** 

Gary & Portia Baker Justin Beard Robert & Juanita Bowman John & Debbie Bradley