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"From Where I Sit"

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FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will
give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

Singing in the Rock Quarry! What a pleasant and spiritually uplifting evening it was. I can only imagine the scene in heaven when all of those recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life gather around the throne of God and sing hallelujahs to Him. I will look forward to this becoming an annual event for us at Centerville. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this possible.

We live in a time in which many people like to have their ears tickled. Because of this seemingly always wanting to hear something "new", it is no longer popular to teach the truth. The Apostle Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:3-4: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables." We live in such a time as that, where if people don't like what the church (the true New Testament Church) teaches they will search or even start their own to meet their desires and not what God's desires. Sadly, we've seen it happen even in our own little community.

Unfortunately, if this world goes on, there will always be people who desire to hear lies, and there will always be people willing to tell them. We as Christians, teachers, and preachers of God's word, must make certain that we never stop proclaiming all of God's word. The Bible clearly teaches that the doctrines proclaimed of men lead to a useless and empty religion. In the book of Matthew, it says, "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. (Matt. 15:8-9)

Paul says again in 2 Timothy 3:16-17; "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work". As members of the Lord's Church, let us faithfully proclaim God's word! Sometimes it is not easy, and it is rarely popular, but if we don't do it, who will?

See ya Sunday!

God Bless -Todd



The Shepherd's Pen

This Sunday is a well anticipated day, being recognized as Mother's Day. The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation creating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. All of us were guided by our mother's voice, wisdom, and common sense, even if we didn't think so at the time. Whether we remember what she said fondly, or try to forget these phrases, they are still part of us. Here are a few you might remember: *"What part of no don't you understand?" "I don't care who started it." "Wait until your father gets home." "No one said life was fair." "Your face is going to freeze like that." "Go to your room." "Beds are for sleeping not jumping." "I don't know is not an answer." "Eat your vegetables." "Because I said so, that's why." "Eat those carrots, they are good for your eyes. Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?" "There is enough dirt in those ears to grow potatoes!" "I'm going to give you until the count of three." "I don't care what everyone else is doing. I care what you are doing." "You can be anything you want to be... if you just set your mind to it."* There are many other phrases from our moms we could probably recollect, but the favorite was always *"I Love You."* It is 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 gift from God. Whether mother or father, we should strive to teach our children about God and His word. This Sunday we will recognize our new moms since the last Mother's Day. Plan on worshipping with us Sunday. Looking forward to seeing you. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!

Your Elders

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Her children rise up and call her blessed...

Proverbs 31:28



Carter's Corner



EVERYONE LOVES A BIG BREAKFAST, and I especially love a big breakfast for dinner. Thanks to the Halliburton and Peters family this past Wednesday night, the youth group was able to enjoy a delicious pancake and waffle breakfast for supper during the Lighthouse. Our crowds are continuing to improve as the semester draws to a close due to folks slowly returning after Covid, and I am thankful to once again see the Lighthouse full of students. Thanks again to the Halliburton and Peters family for hosting!

Upcoming Events

May 5

Lighthouse

(Anna Kate & Will McDonald)

May 13

Prayer Breakfast

7:00am; Lighthouse

May 16

Senior Sunday

May 19

Final Lighthouse

(Harper Shelton)

May 23

Final Fireside: Pig Roast

(Maty Hunt's Creek Bank)

SENIOR SUNDAY is quickly approaching. According to my calculations, eight students will make up the graduating class of 2021 from our congregation. Each of these eight students should have already received a questionnaire to fill out for the Senior Sunday edition of our worship program that day. If for some reason you have not received or completed your questionnaire, please reach out to me ASAP. Senior Sunday is set for Sunday, May 16th during morning worship.

MOTHERS ARE IMPORTANT. Is there a statement that can be made about mothers that is any more true? This week we celebrate our mothers as Mother's Day is this coming Sunday. While we should celebrate and honor mothers every day, I believe that it is good to set aside a day each year to make sure we spotlight the mothers in our lives a little more than usual. I hope you are making plans for a special Mother's Day for the mom's in your life to let them know what a blessing they are to you. This Mother's Day will be special for our family, as Shelby and Ansley will attend their first Sunday morning worship service. Shelby loves the church, which is one of the many reasons I love her so, and it is hard to keep her away for worship services for very long. With that being said, as a father, I must ask

that you all keep your distance and respect both Shelby and Ansley's space as they make their return to worship. Feel free to take a peek at Ansley on Sunday but, as Todd said Sunday night, "admire from a distance." I am looking forward to a special day this Sunday honoring our mothers and spending time with the church family.

In Him, Carter



Reveal Meal

CSI: CENTERVILLE

(College Secret Involvement Ministry)

Sunday, May 23
Fellowship Hall
Immediately Following Morning
Worship

(See Ken or Tina Dickerson for
more information)



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Africa Mission fund to purchase bibles in memory of Shirley Beard by Dr. Jerry & Marilyn Nash.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Earline Warren and Betty Mossow by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Ukraine Mission Work in honor of John Durham and in memory of John Beard by the Beaverdam Springs Church of Christ.

Area Events....

...*Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley Church of Christ* May 16-19, 2021. Preachers: *Randy Kersey and Kevin Beard*
Song Leader: *James Tidwell*
Sunday School: 10 A.M. Worship: 10:45 Randy Kersey Sunday & Monday Evening: 7 P.M.
Tuesday & Wednesday 7 P.M.: Kevin Beard Fellowship Meal following Sunday morning worship. Come and bring a friend.

Sympathy

...We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Craft who was killed in a car accident. Betty was the mother of Steve (Teresa) Craft of the Fairfield congregation. Steve is the son-in-law of J.B. & Carolyn Brown.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 2:

\$17,339.25

Camp:

\$ 246.00

Budget:

\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

John Smith writes: "Thank you for the prayers, cards, text messages, and phone calls before my surgery and during my recovery."

Marge Rushton writes: "Thanks for the tapestry throw, calls, cards and prayers at the death of my sister. In Christian love..."

Ruth Staggs writes: "Dear Church family, I continue to thank you for your prayers for my recovery and the many cards. Now, I thank you for all of the cards I received on my 85th birthday. All of you mean so much to me. I am truly blessed to be a part of our wonderful church family. In Christian love..."

Kathy McDonald writes: "I am so thankful and blessed to be part of a wonderful church family. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and certificate. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue to recover."

The Defeated Creek Church of Christ writes: "Your donation was very much appreciated and is really helping us with all the repairs that the flood caused. In Christian Love..."

Glenn Richardson, Tennessee Children's Home writes: "Thank you so much for your support in helping with the food and supply drive. You have helped us fill the pantries at our four Tennessee Children's Home Campuses. The children in care have basic needs and the care behind your gift is truly a blessing. Your contribution of \$760.00 will purchase perishable and other needed items. We need more people like you that help make a difference!"

Gary & Becky Gatewood write: "Centerville Church Family, There are not adequate words to fully express our heartfelt appreciation for the outpouring of sympathy, love & support that you have once again extended to our entire family during the recent illness & passing of my sister, Earline Warren. We are extremely grateful for the many prayers that have been offered; the caring, uplifting words that have been spoken, written in cards, or texted; the delicious food provided for the family the day of her visitation, the beautiful basket of fresh flowers containing a memory candle."



...J.C. Wells, father of Randall (Christy), is recovering from surgery for a brain bleed.

...Bobby McCoy will have an outpatient procedure on his throat on Wednesday, May 5th.

...Jamie Qualls (Candida) is in ICU at St. Thomas West with Covid pneumonia.

...Jamie Stoltz, brother of Melissa Sanderson, spent a few days in the hospital last week. Pray that his new medications will be effective.

...Jerry Yates is recovering from back surgery at NHC Maury Regional.

...Shela Chessor will have TMJ Jaw surgery May 5th.

...Wendy Pace, friend of Anita Allen, is recovering from surgery and waiting for tests results.

...Douglas Bates III is having severe back pain.

Nursing Home Life Care Center: John Thomas Givens, Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: 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, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Lauran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

(cont.) All of these many expressions of love & thoughtfulness have touched our hearts deeply & provided us with much needed strength and comfort during this period of sadness. The *Gatewood Family* will always remember and be grateful for the kindness, concern, & generosity this church family has so graciously shown us. In Christian love...."

*Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD.
The fruit of the womb is a reward. Psalm 127:3*

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Brooks Marlin Cude
June 23, 2020
Gaylon & Tabitha Cude



Colt Matthew Mizell
September 30, 2020
Dustin & Kelller Mizell



Lyla Blair Nicholson
November 21, 2020
Emma Nicholson



Charlea Grace Ballou
November 23, 2020
Ben & Anna Ballou



Ellieana Demary
January 4, 2021
Trevor & Lauren Demary



Owen Woods
April 17, 2021
Cody & Katie Woods

*"Before I formed
you in the womb, I
knew you. Before
you were born I
set you apart."
Jeremiah 1:5*



Ansley Hoover
April 19, 2021
Carter & Shelby Hoover

Read Scripture
May 9th:

Stephen Dotson

Preside

May 9th:
Jeremy Qualls

Elder's Prayer

Wayne Qualls

Prayer Week
Of May 9th

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.W.
Dr. Jerry Nash

S.E.D.
Sam Chessor

W.E.B.S.
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Cameron Wright