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9AM **Worship With Us Sunday** 5PM
Sunday AM Sunday PM
"Sacrificial Love of a Mother" *"Spiritual Minded"*
(I Kings 3:24-27) (Romans 8:1-6)

A mother's love is marked by selflessness. In the life of a mother, the needs of her children often come before her own. Whether it is waking up in the middle of the night to tend to a crying infant, sacrificing personal time to ensure a child's happiness and success, or putting aside her own desires to care for the well-being of her family, the love of a mother is sacrificial in nature.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 13:5, "Love does not insist on its own way." This encapsulates the heart of a mother's love. It is a love that is not concerned with receiving, but with giving—often without expecting anything in return. For mothers, this selflessness is not a burden, but a choice made out of deep, unconditional love. It's a reflection of the love

Christ demonstrated for His followers, who often did not reciprocate His love.

While the love of mothers is undoubtedly self-sacrificial, it is the love of Christ that serves as the ultimate model for all sacrificial love. In 1 John 3:16, we read, "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate act of sacrificial love, one that continues to serve as a reminder to us all of the depth of God's love for humanity.

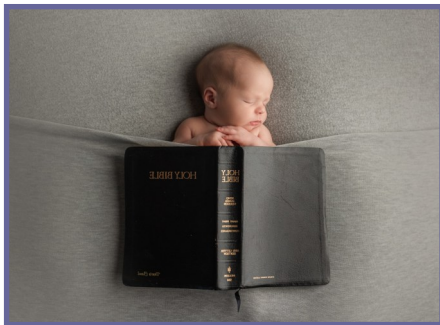
This coming Sunday as we reflect on the sacrificial love of mothers on Mother's Day, let us also remember the ultimate sacrifice made by Christ for us. In this way, we can truly understand the depth of love that mothers share—a love that brings life, nurtures, and sacrifices for the sake of others. May we, as individuals and as a Church, learn to live out this sacrificial love in our own lives, for in doing so, we fulfill Christ's command to love one another as He has loved us. God Bless -Todd



Happy Mother's Day!



Lee Anderson Capps
October 29, 2024



Charlie Mack Lampley
February 25, 2025



Hayden Blake Shadowens
April 7, 2025



Kollins June Tohn
April 13, 2025

Carter's Corner...



UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 14
**LIGHTHOUSE GRILL
N' CHILL**

MAY 18
SENIOR SUNDAY

MAY 18
**JR HIGH FINAL
FIRESIDE
(MERFY QUALLS)**

JUNE 9-11
**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL**

JUNE 9-11
DAY CAMP

JUNE 12-13
MINI-MERIBAH

JUNE 15-20
YOUTH WEEK

JUNE 22-27
TEEN WEEK

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE that the semester is almost over. From our fall kickoff to firesides, retreats, devotionals, service projects, and camp prep—this year has been full. I am so thankful for the students who have consistently shown up, led by example, grown in their faith, and poured into each other along the way. Our youth group is stronger because of you.

OUR FINAL SR. HIGH FIRESIDE took place this past Sunday night, and even though the rain forced us indoors, we had a fantastic evening together in *The Lighthouse*. Thank you to Sam, David, and Kathy Brown for your flexibility and hospitality. It was a great way to wrap up a semester of meaningful Sunday nights.

WE ALSO HAD A GREAT LIGHTHOUSE this past Wednesday night. It was such a joy to be back in *The Lighthouse* with our new floors, and we are thankful to Hailey and Ethan Tilley for hosting the night. The space looks incredible, and it was a perfect setting for another great night of food, worship, and connection.

OUR FINAL LIGHTHOUSE of the semester is next Wednesday, May 14th. We will close out the semester with our annual Grill n' Chill in the bus garage parking lot. Come hungry for burgers and hot dogs, and stick around to play cornhole, spikeball, toss a football, and enjoy time together in the spring sunshine.

AS THE SEMESTER WINDS DOWN and summer approaches, it can be easy to feel tired—physically, emotionally, and even spiritually. You may find yourself stretched thin, unsure if the effort you are putting in really matters. But God's Word offers a powerful encouragement:

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." — Galatians 6:9

Sometimes, the seeds we plant do not show fruit right away. A kind word. An act of service. A quiet prayer. A moment of integrity when no one else is watching. These may seem small, but they matter. God sees them all. If you are feeling weary—keep going. Keep doing good. Keep showing up. Keep trusting that God is working in and through you, even when you cannot see it yet. The harvest will come. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



Jimmy Krueger writes: "Dear Church Family, Thank you all for cards, calls, texts, gift cards and most importantly, the prayers during my recent knee surgery. Means a lot!"

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 4, 2025:
\$ 14,929.17

Camp: \$ 426.36

Budget: \$14,978.00

Please Pray For:

..Lovada Burklow, mother of Garth Richardson, is undergoing treatments for multiple myeloma.

...Cathie Copley continues to have a difficult time as she deals with myopathy.

...Keith Matlock is having severe back pain with the pain radiating into the hip that was replaced last year.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Tonya Booker Rochelle, Barbara Vanetta

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Dale Thomas, Wilber Davis, Sonny Anglin, Renee Clavette, Kelley Davis, Ed Sullivan, Owen Vander Horst, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Lorrie O'Guin, Bobby Stone



The Senior Group... outing will be on May 13, 2025. We will be going to Lucky Bamboo Restaurant in Columbia, Tennessee. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Please sign-up so that the number that will be going is known. The vans will leave the parking lot at 4 P.M. Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Contact Pat Jones or Marshall Spencer.

Memorial

In Honor of Teacher Appreciation Week... Dr. Jerry and Marilyn Nash have made a donation to the Mission Fund in memory of the following teachers who attended our congregation: Dale Dunn, Bert Mathis, Greg McCord, Kay Mayberry, Ruth McFarlin, Mary Helen Barber, Roger Dotson, Sarah Tiller, J.B. Brown, Bill Cude, Becky Gatewood, Betty Davis, Ann Spencer and Eleanor Hamilton.

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

Community-Wide Widows & Widowers Luncheon

Saturday, May 10, 2025 at Noon.

Guest Speaker: Teresa Purcell

Fairfield Church of Christ 1860 Hwy. 100

Centerville, Tennessee 37033

RSVP by May 7th

Randall Halbrooks (931) 994-9070



This Sunday will be Mother's Day. We will recognize the new babies born in our congregation since last Mother's Day and honor their mothers. Motherhood is one of life's highest callings and it is still 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 a gift from God. Eight mothers in the Bible played key roles in

the coming of **Jesus Christ**. None of them were perfect, yet each showed strong **faith** in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their trust in him. **Eve** is found in Genesis 1-4 and called the mother of all living, **Sarah** in Genesis 18-23, God's promise of a Redeemer (22:18), **Rebekah** in Genesis 26-27 had twin boys named Esau and Jacob, **Rachel** is found in Genesis 29-35 and gave Jacob his two favorite children Joseph and Benjamin, **Jochebed** (mother of Moses) in Exodus 1-2 was one of the bravest mothers in the Bible, **Naomi** in Ruth 1-4 is best known as the mother-in-law to Ruth, **Hannah** in I Samuel 1-2 was the mother of Samuel, who she granted to the Lord, **Mary** we read about in Matthew 1 and Luke 1-2 was given the great privilege of being the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether mother or father, we should all strive to be like these ladies and teach our children about God and His Word. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you. *Your Elders*

Baptisms

We rejoice with Sharlene Gregory and Brooklyn Franklin who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry on April 26, 2025.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to Linda Chandler at the sudden passing of her husband Clay Chandler. They are members of the Fairfield Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Shirley Hinson of Hohenwald who passed away. She was the aunt of Shane (Tammy) Willis.

Happy Birthday!



Wayne Chessor
81 Years Old
May 31, 2025

Happy Mother's Day!



Calvin Thompson
October 17, 2024

Place
Stamp
Here

Centerville Church Of Christ

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship
10:20 Bible Class
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M.
Wed.: 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!

CAMP MERIBAH SCHOLARSHIPS

\$225

25

ANY AMOUNT
HELPS!

SCHOLARSHIPS
NEEDED!



Preside

May 11
Philip Jacobs

May 18
Marshall Spencer

May 25
Randy Wright

**(PLEASE BE
ASSEMBLED UP FRONT
BY 8:55**

Left Side
Keithen Harris
Michael Jenkins
Jonathan Longworth
Brad Davis

Right Side
Sam Chessor
Clay Chessor
Braydon Chessor
Jacob Krueger

P.M. Chapel
Joseph McCauley
Marshall McCauley
Brandon McCauley

Prayer Week Of May 11

S.M.W.
Garth Richardson

S.M.D.
Randy James

S.E.W.
Cory Martin

S.E.D.
Jim Hudgins

W.E.B.S
Jeremy Qualls

W.E.D
Will McDonald

ORDER OF Worship

Read Scripture
May 11
Ronald Coates

Elder's Prayer
Gary Gatewood

Communion Prep.

May 11
Jeremy & Meredith Qualls

May 18
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton

May 25
Chris & Candice Scott