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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"What Will We Leave Our Children"
(Ephesians 6:1-4)
Sunday PM
"From Generation to Generation"
(Psalm 78:4-6)

9AM and 5PM



"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother,' which is the first commandment with promise: 'that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth'" (Ephesians 6:1-3). The command "honor your father and mother" was one of the Ten Commandments given by God (Exodus 20:12). It includes both the concepts obedience of children and caring for wizened parents. Jesus made this latter point in Mark 7:9-13. The Pharisees thought that by giving their money to the temple, they would be excused from taking care of their parents. They were wrong. Jesus taught that the commandment applied just as much to our elderly parents.

On Mothers' Day, we show respect for our mothers by praising their role as child bearers. For those who have reared children, we acknowledge their dedication and sacrifices, but mothers are not perfect. Even the most saintly sins. The first mother brought sin into the world, yet she was honored with the title: the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Jesus died for his own mother's sins, but He honored her by appointing the apostle John as her guardian (John 19:26-27). We should honor our mothers despite their faults; Jesus certainly did.

Some are fortunate to have their mothers nearby where they are available to have an everyday relationship. Other mothers are not so near and are celebrated when opportunity arises. Yet other mothers have passed on and are no longer with us, but their life and memories may yet be honored. God's command to honor our father and mother, however, isn't about superficialities, but a manner of living that extends to every day of the week. May God bless our mothers, and may our mothers be godly. -Kevin Cauley

God bless you, Renee and I love you.

Carter's Corner



THE SCHOOL YEAR IS WINDING DOWN, which is a welcome relief for all our students after a long school year. The arrival of summer is always filled with excitement for all the fun, rest, and relaxation that summer has in store. I encourage you to make plans to enjoy your summer to the fullest, including being part of VBS, Camp Meribah, and all the other fun activities we have in store for the youth group this summer!



Rhett Katherine Atkinson

January 13, 2024

Parents: Chance & Rachael Atkinson



CENTERED SISTERS

There will be a meeting of all the ladies who signed up for Centered Sisters for 2024-25

Sunday, May 12th, at 4 pm in the Outreach Center.

At that time, names will be drawn!!! It will be a brief time of light snacks and fellowship.

See Tina Dickerson if you have questions

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 12

SUMMER SCHOLARS BEGIN

MAY 15

LIGHTHOUSE GRILL N' CHILL (YAM'S)

MAY 19

SENIOR SUNDAY

JUNE 10-12

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 10-12

DAY CAMP

JUNE 13-14

MINI-MERIBAH

JUNE 16-21

YOUTH WEEK

JUNE 23-28

TEEN WEEK

OUR FINAL FIRESIDE WAS A MEMORABLE EVENT, with our Jr & Sr High students gathering at Joey & Charlene Hunt's home on Swan Creek for a delicious Shrimp Boil. The weather was perfect for a creek-side gathering, and we had a fantastic turnout. The food, as always, was incredible. We concluded the evening with a period of singing and devotional just as the rain began to fall. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Joey & Charlene, Maty, and Shaun & Jamie Lawson for their gracious hosting and delicious cooking for our group!

OUR SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM is scheduled to kick off this Sunday, May 12th. Students will be handed their question sheets in Sunday School and will have approximately 5 weeks to study their questions before VBS. We strongly encourage parents to actively participate in this learning journey with their children, as your support is crucial for them to reach their goals!

In a world where negativity often surrounds us, maintaining a positive outlook becomes a powerful choice. It's easy to be consumed by worries, doubts, and uncertainties, but as followers of Christ, we're called to embrace a different perspective. The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, encourages us to focus our minds on what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and praiseworthy. This isn't merely about wishful thinking or ignoring reality; rather, it's about consciously directing our thoughts toward the goodness and faithfulness of God. A positive outlook doesn't mean denying the existence of challenges or hardships. Instead, it empowers us to face them with courage and resilience, knowing that God is working all things together for our good (Romans 8:28). Let us always remember to keep our minds focused on things that are above as we go through our daily lives. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

Sympathy

Tim Blackwell

1957-2024

We express our sympathy to the family of Timothy Blackwell who passed away on April 26, 2024 at Life Care of Centerville. Tim was born to the late Dr. James and Bonnie Blackwell in Centerville, Tennessee on July 1, 1957. In addition to his parents, Tim is preceded in death by his sister Kitty Halfacre and nephew Jim Craig.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Taylor (Issac) Imoberstag, grandchildren, Elijah and Amelia of Burns, Tennessee, sister Linda Coffee of Atlanta, sister Yvonne Craig of Mountain Hope, Arkansas, and nephews Colin, Chad and niece Megan.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dot Jenkins who passed away. She was the aunt of Elaine Gilbert.

Senior Outing



The next Senior outing is May 14, 2024. We will be going to the Junkyard Dog in Hohenwald. The

vans will be leaving the church parking lot at 4:30.

Area Events

Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley Church of Christ May 19-May 22, 2024. Preacher: Rick Warren Song Leader : James Tidwell Bible Class: 10 A.M. Worship 10:45 P.M. Sunday-Wednesday 7 P.M.

There are several of our church family who continue to be confined to home due to health. There are times you could be unable to assemble for worship due to sickness or travel. We are trying to make our worship services as accessible as possible to those who are in these situations. These are the media options we have available if needed: [YouTube](#) (CCOCTN or Centerville Church of Christ, Centerville, Tn.), [Facebook Website](#) (centervillechurchofchrist.org - then click Live Stream), [Radio](#) (96.7 or the WNKX App).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 5, 2024

\$ 14,441.97

Camp: \$ 298.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Thank You

Barbara Beard writes: "To the Centerville Church, Thank you very much for the concern you've shown as I've gone through the heart difficulties. I'm better, and thank you for your gift and especially your prayers for me. With love...."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Bryant by Sandy Bryant.

College Graduates

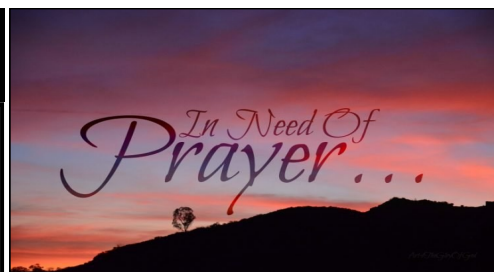


...Congratulations to Luke Brown for graduating on May 3, 2024 from Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Management.

...Congratulations to Madelyn True on her graduation from Harding University with a Master of Science in Cardiac Function And Interventional Technology.

Please inform the office of other graduates by calling 931-729-4201 or email :

tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org



...Becky Gatewood will be undergoing a new chemotherapy treatments this week.

...Ann Spencer is on Hospice care
...JoAnn Bragg, daughter-in-law of George and Mary Sue, is recovering at home.

...Gethlyn Gardner will be going to Dickson for rehab. this week.

...Corbin Barr (Lauren Gatewood), son-in-law of Gary & Becky, was discharged from the hospital and is at home. He will have several weeks of therapy and be closely monitored.

...Rachel Morgan, daughter of George & Nanette Simmons, is dealing with an infection and has been in the hospital. She has returned home.

...Betty Chessor, a member of the Twomey Church of Christ, is in rehab. after suffering a stroke.

...Lowell Parsley, father of Todd, is dealing with health problems.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Corbin Barr, Valerie Mears, JoAnn Bragg, Jerry Bates, Richard Clayton, Martha Scaife, Trevor Buchanan, Randy Hammer, Al Parsley, Ann Spencer, Wayne Chessor, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Jimmy Mullens, Todd Chessor, Jerry Yates, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Home:

Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Baptisms



We rejoice with Angel Donovan who was baptized May 1, 2024 by

Her address is: 525 Short Creek Road Linden, TN. 37096

From the Jail Ministry....

...We rejoice with Shayna Lopez, Lorrie Totty, Sandy Kee and Dalton West who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

*Michael Ford has requested your prayers for an upcoming court date.

GET READY FOR VBS!



BECOME A SUMMER SCHOLAR

SUMMER SCHOLAR QUESTIONS AVAILABLE MAY 12TH

HELP US REACH OUR SUMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP GOAL

20

SCHOLARSHIPS REMAINING

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE \$225.
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE COMBINED.

PLACE STAMP HERE



Preside
May 12
Keith Matlock

May 19
Robert Bowman

May 25
George Garland

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)

Left Side
Clay Chessor
Jimmy Krueger
Braydon Chessor
Jacob Krueger

Right Side
Ray Qualls
Joey Hunt
Don Roder
Ron Jenkins

Read Scripture
May 12
Kevin Isenberg

Elder's Prayer:
May 12
Gary Gatewood

Communion Prep.
May 12
Jeremy & Meredith Qualls

May 19
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton

May 26
Chris & Candice Scott

P.M. Communion
In Chapel
Eli Jacobs
Philip Jacobs

Prayer Week of
May 12

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Keithen Harris

S.E.W.
Alan Potts

S.E.D.
Philip Jacobs

W.E.B.S
Clay Chessor

W.E.D.
Brad Davis

 **The Shepherd's Pen**

The month of May is the month we recognize and honor four stages of life. This Friday night will be our annual Day School Graduation. These precious children will be beginning their journey through school and as a parent you will wake up one morning and wonder where time has gone. These children will swiftly become part of our annual Senior Sunday when we recognize and honor our High School Graduates, so cherish your time with them. We will recognize and honor our 2024 High School Graduates on Sunday, May 19th. This Sunday will be Mother's Day. We will recognize the new babies born in our congregation since last Mother's Day. Motherhood is one of life's highest callings and it is still a wonderful privilege to be a mother. No greater compliment can be paid to motherhood than God comparing His great love for us with the tender, compassionate love of a godly mother toward her children. "As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem." (Isaiah 66:13) No one can comfort like a godly mother, and God will bring that kind of comfort to us. Even in Paul's letter to the Thessalonians church, he wrote, "But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children." (1 Thessalonians 2:7) In God's word the thoughts of gentle, compassionate love are a reminder of a godly mother's character. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Centerville Church Of Christ
Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wednesday: 7 P.M. Classes For All Ages!