



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Widows/Widowers Luncheon



YAMSGiving 2022

Moments That Matter

Regret is a reality of life. As we studied Sunday, we all have things in our past we wish we could do differently. Sometimes we made poor choices, sometimes we were afraid to seize opportunities, and sometimes we just couldn't walk away from temptation. Regardless, we know those regrets can't be undone; they can only be learned from. This means that our regrets can lead to *good*. Paul would tell the church in Corinth "*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death*" (2 Corinthians 7:10). If you're running away from your regret or trying to rationalize it, choose instead to *respond to it* and start growing as a servant of the Lord.

All Church Night has been an annual highlight for as long as I can remember. Some of my fondest memories at the Centerville church harken back to those evenings spent in a candlelit Fellowship Hall while enjoying a wonderful meal and spirit-lifting Christmas program. I hope you're planning to join us on Sunday night (December 4) for this yearly celebration. I promise you'll find no better way to spend your evening! Worship begins at 5pm with the festivities to follow. Invite, invite, invite!

As we find ourselves right in the midst of the holiday season, I continue to be thankful for our young adults here at Centerville. A few weeks ago we spent some time enjoying lunch and playing games with our widows and widowers (Note: if you're looking for a skilled and qualified game show host, contact Colby Shelton). This group is consistently a joy to be around! In addition to this, last Tuesday night we all enjoyed "YAMsgiving," with nearly 50 in attendance. The night consisted of a pancake feast (special thanks to Harper Shelton, Sidney Hudgins, and Madelyn True for cooking), decorating the 12 foot tall Christmas tree, and catching up with friends we haven't seen in a while. It was a night we won't soon forget—thanks to all who attended and helped make it happen! (*see pictures*)

Coming up on Friday, December 9, we'll have our annual young adult Christmas Party in Fox Haven, and then December 26-28 will bring with it the first ever "YAMP Snowball." This three-day retreat at the Lodge will be a wonderful time to gather together and grow closer to our great God. If you'd like to attend, see me to sign up!

Like many people, if I'm watching television this time of year, there's a good chance it's going to be a Christmas movie. Hallmark Christmas movies, cheesy as they may be, are especially popular in our house. There are several "common themes" that can be found in these movies, one of which is usually a major *miscommunication* between two individuals. As people, we frequently fail to communicate properly, especially, it seems, with those we are closest to. This is an easy way to quickly form more of those *regrets* that we all dread. Ephesians 4:29 tells us, "*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*" May we never fail to be open and honest with others in our communication, letting people know how much we care for and appreciate them. May we build others up with encouragement and clarity. During the Christmas season that we find ourselves in the middle of, may we make the most of the precious moments we are given.

Have a safe and wonderful week! God bless, Matthew

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

GIVE THANKS... two simple words that mean a whole lot. I hope you gave thanks this past week while enjoying a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with your families. While we should always have an attitude of thankfulness, it can be encouraging to have time to stop and focus on what is truly important. While we should all strive to be more thankful every day, I am grateful for times like Thanksgiving when everyone pauses and is mindful of all the reasons we have to give thanks.

NOW THAT THANKSGIVING IS OVER, it is almost immediately time to start thinking about Christmas. The holidays are a busy time for everyone, and I hope that you are keeping up with all of the activities that our church family and youth program have going on during this busy month. Some changes have been made to our Lighthouse schedule during December, so I encourage you to note the changed dates on the calendar beside this article to keep up to date with our activities!

THIS SUNDAY, AFTERNOON, the Sr. High will be heading to Dickson for our annual Angel Tree Gift Shopping project. We will leave after Sunday School to eat lunch and help provide a great Christmas for some needy kids. Bring \$20 to help provide Christmas gifts and some lunch money for yourself.

THE BIG MAN HIMSELF WILL BE HERE SOON for our annual Drive-Through Cookies With Santa on Friday, December 9th. We are in need of lots of individually wrapped Christmas cookies for this event. If you are able to meet this need, please sign the list in the lobby.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for our annual Progressive Dinner on Sunday, December 11th. We will begin at the Bus Garage at 3:00 pm for a festive food-filled evening. Be sure to dress formally and bring a \$25 gift for Dirty Christmas.

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOVEMBER 30
LIGHTHOUSE
ELLIE & WYATT
AYDELOTT**

**DECEMBER 4
ALL CHURCH NIGHT**

**DECEMBER 4
ANGEL TREE GIFT
SHOPPING**

**DECEMBER 9
COOKIES WITH
SANTA**

**DECEMBER 11
THE PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**

**DECEMBER 14
A LIGHTHOUSE
CHRISTMAS**

**DECEMBER 15
PRAYER BREAKFAST
MEREDITH KELLEY**

**DECEMBER 18
JR HIGH BIG FUN
CHRISTMAS**

All Church Night December 4, 2022

5 P.M. Worship Dinner Served at 6
2022 Volunteer Of The Year Award Presented
Recognition Of New Members
Christmas Program
Sign-Up For Desserts In The Lobby

Menu

Brown Sugar Glazed Ham
Turkey & Dressing
Green Beans Cream Style Corn Cranberry Salad
Rolls Tea Coffee Variety of Desserts

Thank You

Eddie & Christina Boone write:

"Thank you all for your thoughts, prayers, calls & cards during this illness. You all are greatly appreciated."

Faye Claud writes: " I want to express my sincere thanks to all who provided our family with the nice meal; sent the beautiful lantern; and, just was there for us during Bobby's service. It meant so much!"

Robert & Sandy Bryant write:

" Thank you all for the cards, food, and gift certificates but most of all the prayers."

Sympathy



Doyle Rushton

August 20, 1932

November 18, 2022

Marge Rushton

October 23, 1937

November 18, 2022

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the passing of Doyle & Marge Rushton on November 18, 2022. Doyle and Marge were much loved by the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years where they faithfully attended until their health failed them. To their sons Ted (Ranee) Gilbert, Wayne (Carol) Gilbert, John Rushton all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Sonya Plunkett who passed away. To her sons Mike (Carla), Mark (Tabby) we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Josephine Hampton Johnson who passed away. She was a member of the Brushy Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mary James Davidson who passed away. She was the mother of Randy (Kim) James.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 20, 2022:

\$13,323.05

Camp: \$ 10.00

November 27, 2022:

\$10,704.80

Camp: \$257.00

Budget: \$13,532.00



Tennessee
Children's Home

Children's Home Food Drive

December Items:

Cream Of Chicken Soup

Cream Of Mushroom Soup

Kitchen Floor Cleaner

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Bobby Claud by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Ukraine Magi Boxes in memory of Bobby Claud by Don Luther.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Doyle & Marge Rushton by Doug Shepherd.



New Address....

Bob Dunagan is now at:

Magnolia Place

811 West Main Street Room 107

Waverly, TN. 37185



To Ann & Marshall Spencer for purchasing a new coffee maker for the Fellowship Hall! Thank You!

Please Pray For:

...Billie Sue True is recovering from surgery and doing well.

...Ward Mayberry is in St. Thomas Mid-Town. He is improving and in rehab.

...Susan Ingram spent a couple of days in Horizon for tests. She is recovering at home.

...Portia Baker will have back surgery Dec. 12th at Williamson County Hospital.

...Linda Smith has an upper respiratory infection.

...Mollie Orton is having cochlear implant surgery on December 9th at Vanderbilt.

...Norman Martin, uncle of Melissa (Barry) Shelton, is on Hospice care.

...Christina Boone is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

...Evelyn Barr, granddaughter of Gary & Becky Gatewood, continues to be in the NICU in Columbia, South Carolina. She is doing well and weighs 5 lbs. 5 ozs.

...Marlin Lawson, brother of Charlene Hunt, is recovering at home.

...Paige Wrenne, granddaughter of Junior Baker, is much better and should return home soon.

...Alex Chambers is in NHC in Columbia. He will be going to live with his sister at the end of December.

...Harrison Kelley is recovering from an appendectomy.

...Rachel Watts, a 7th grade student at Hickman County Middle School, is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital recovering from surgery for brain cancer. She will begin therapy and treatments soon.

...Felecia Howell, niece of Mary Sue Bragg and Junior Baker, is recovering from a stroke.

...Darla Parks, friend of George & Nanette Simmons, is recovering from a heart attack.

...Allene Gordon, grandmother of Kristen (Brad) Garland, is dealing with cancer.

cookies with



SANTA

Drive-Thru Event

Centerville Church of Christ

Bus Garage

December 9, 2022

5-7 P.M.

Please help by bringing cookies to the church office by Thursday, December 8th. Please put 2 cookies per bag. Thanks!

December Celebrations



Martha Leath
87 Years Old
December 8, 2022



Bobby & Joyce Mayberry
Married 67 Years
December 23, 2022



Billy & Juanita Garner
Married 76 Years
December 23, 2022



James & June Aydelott
Married 51 Years
December 24, 2022



Jim McCord
89 Years Old
December 27, 2022



A.J. & Willie B. Coates
Married 72 Years
December 25, 2022
Willie B. 90 Years Old
December 30, 2022



James & Tommie Gadberry
Married 60 Years
December 27, 2022



John T. & Wanda Givens
Married 63 Years
December 31, 2022

...Dec. 2 **Gary Gatewood's Christmas Party** at Dotson Alumni Lodge Friday 11:30-4:00
 ...Dec. 4 **All Church Night**; Vol. Of The Year, New Member Recognition Worship At 5; Dinner Served at 6P
 ...Dec. 10 **Wayne Qualls' Class Christmas Party** 5:30 P.M. Dotson Alumni Lodge
 ...Dec. 14 **Sunshine Bags Assembled For Delivery**
 ...Dec. 16th **School Dismissed at 10a**
 ...Dec. 19-30 **School System Christmas Break**
 ...Dec. 25th **Christmas Day**
 ...Dec. 28 **No Messenger; Devo Only**

Those To Serve In December. . .

<p><u>Prayer Week of Dec. 4</u></p> <p>S.M.W. Keith Matlock</p> <p>S.M.D. Wyatt Aydelott</p> <p>S.E.W. Alan Potts</p> <p>S.E.D. Brandon McCauley</p> <p>W.E.B.S Edgar Beard</p> <p>W.E.D. Randy James</p>	<p>Read Scripture: Dec. 4 Corey Martin Preside Dec. 4: Wayne Qualls</p>	<p><u>Boys To Pass Out Cards During Closing Announcements</u></p> <p>12/4: Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson 12/11: Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins 12/18: Bo McDonald, Boone Newsome Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor 12/25: Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson, Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls</p>	<p>Bible Hour December: Michael & Michelle Jenkins, Weston Elkins, Major Qualls, Wyatt Aydelott, Will McDonald, Ellie Aydelott, Meredith Kelley, Hailee Halliburton, Gracie Brown "Thankful" "God Gave His Son" Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans</p>	<p>RADIO ROOM DECEMBER Media Director: Gaylon Cude Video: Brian Qualls Sound: Weston Elkins Mac/Keynote: Cameron Wright</p>
				<p><u>Communion P.M.</u> Wyatt Aydelott Jonathon Aydelott</p> <p>SERVED IN THE CHAPEL</p>
				<p>NURSERY: Holley Kruegar</p> <p>BAPT. CLOTHING: Kristy Wallace</p>
	<p>Elders' Prayer: Dec. 4</p> <p>Craig Shelton</p>	<p><u>Greeters</u> Ken & Tina Dickerson Gary & Becky Gatewood Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture Wayne & Jean Qualls Craig & Misty Shelton Shane & Tammy Willis</p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels December</u> Dec. 7: Diane Garrett Dec. 14: Susan Dotson Dec. 21: Shirley Bryant Dec. 28: Wayne & Carolyn Chessor <u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u></p>	<p><u>USHERS:</u> Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p>