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"From Where I Sit"



THANKSINGING

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20TH 9:00AM

THE WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE CENTERED AROUND SINGING PRAISES TO OUR GOD,
WHO BLESSES AND BLESSES AGAIN.

Throughout the Old Testament, it is recorded for us how the Israelites complained, cried, wept, were ungrateful, murmured, were rebellious and disobedient to God. The same could probably be said of many people in today's world, they complain, seem ungrateful, are rebellious and disobedient to God's commands. We have this Old Testament record so that we can learn about the one true and living God and from the history of the children of Israel. Indeed, Paul's inspired pen was correct when he wrote, *"For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope"* (Romans 15:4). When you look at these people of old and you look at yourself there are a few questions that jump out at you. 1) Does being thankful describe our attitude? 2) Does being thankful describe our behavior? Consider what the word says we should consider as we think more this time of year about the attitude of thankfulness, though as Christians it should be our attitude daily.

Be content. Hebrews 13:5 says, *"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"* Contentment doesn't necessarily mean satisfied. But carries with it the idea of thankfulness and a focus on how God has blessed us. Contentment goes against the societal norm. The desire for more and more pushes people beyond thankful attitudes to more like ungrateful children. Paul seems to understand contentment, for he said in Philippians 4:11, *"..for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content."* Certainly contentment brings peace.

Count your blessings, look for the good every day and be thankful. The Psalmist said, *"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him and bless His name"* (Psalm 100:4). Paul wrote in Colossians 3:15 to *"let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."* It indeed would be a good practice to often count our many blessings and see what truly God has done for us.

Trust, specifically trust the Lord. While in the history of God's people, God recognizes both sins of ignorance and sins of presumption, He still calls both of them sin. And, there are consequences for both. Not knowing God's commands was no excuse then nor is it now. And, the only hope we have is to trust in Him and obey His commands. Trust and obey for there's no other way to be happy in the Lord, but to trust and obey. Be faithful always!

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 12
SERVANT SATURDAY
9:00 - 12:00

NOVEMBER 13
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
MAJOR QUALLS

NOVEMBER 16
FREINDSGIVING
CAMP MERIBAH

NOVEMBER 18
FIFTH QUARTER

NOVEMBER 20
THANKSINGING

DECEMBER 4
ALL CHURCH NIGHT

DECEMBER 7
LIGHTHOUSE
ELLIE & WYATT
AYDELOTT

IT IS ALWAYS AMAZING TO WATCH the seasons change, and we have been blessed with a beautiful Fall to enjoy. But, as Fall gives way to Winter and the leaves begin to fall, it is time for our annual Servant Saturday. The youth group will be out and about Saturday morning starting at 9:00 am to do our part cleaning up as many leaves as possible. We will finish around 12:00 pm, with lunch provided after the work is finished. This activity is for both Jr. & Sr. High students. So, grab a rake or leaf blower, bring some work gloves, and come ready to work!

WE HAD A GREAT NIGHT this past Sunday evening with our Jr. High Fireside, hosted by Lillian Jenkins. We had a good group of students gathered in the Lighthouse for a night of good food, fun, and time spent in devotional. Thanks to the Jenkins family for hosting!

IT WAS A BAD DAY TO BE A CLAY TARGET this past Sunday afternoon, as several of our young men gathered at the Camp Meribah Rock Quarry for our annual Fall Skeet Shoot. The unseasonably warm day was perfect for our event, and I am thankful for a good afternoon spent with our young men. Each year, I am grateful to David Brown for bringing his skeet thrower and helping maintain a safe range for our young men. Start preparing for our next Skeet Shoot coming up this Spring!

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS VERY FAMILIAR with suffering. In fact, he wrote four New Testament letters from a prison cell. Paul suffered greatly during his lifetime, yet somehow he was able to point us to the hope and glory found in Jesus Christ. How in the world is that possible? It seems counter-intuitive that it was suffering that drove Paul to God. But, it was pain that allowed Paul to reach this conclusion: Nothing in this world can take away what God has given. You see, Paul understood that on his own, he was far worse off than he ever dared to imagine. On his own, he had no hope of ever earning his way to God. His only hope was found in the good and perfect work of Jesus Christ on his behalf. Through Jesus, Paul discovered a lasting hope no matter the circumstances. You see, this hope wasn't built on the things of this world, things that change, disappoint, and fade away. These things are here today and gone tomorrow. Paul's hope was built on things unseen, things eternal.

Look at the world around you. The world is broken and crying out for hope. Every disaster and violent outburst reminds us of our need for redemption, for a Savior. Every headline highlights the devastating power of sin, explaining how a perfect, flawless world became broken. Paul understood that control and comfort are just temporary illusions. We can chase them, but eventually, they will slip through our fingers. Life will trip us up. Then what will you do? When suffering hits, there's one choice: run towards God or run away. Paul chose Christ, and he found hope. What will *you* choose? (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)
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Sympathy



Bobby Claud

1933-2022

We express our sympathy to the family of Bobby Claud who passed away after a long illness. Bobby and his wife Faye have been members of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years. To his wife Faye, son Barry (Samantha) Claud, all grandchildren, family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.



Joyce Dorton

1941-2022

We express our sympathy to the family of Joyce Dorton who passed away. She was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for a number of years until her health failed her. To her daughter Tina (Mark) Truett, all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 6, 2022

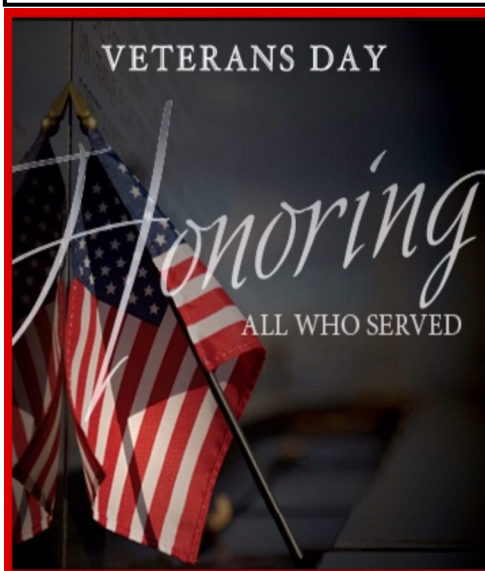
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Camp:

\$ 98.00

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00



Area Events....

...Area-wide Friday night singing at the Flatrock Church of Christ November 11, 2022. 7-9 P.M. with food and fellowship to follow.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Senior High Youth Group in memory of Zane Smith by Michelle Bates, Stacia Anglin and Belinda Potts.

...a contribution has been given to the African Mission Fund in honor of the Widows and Widowers of the Centerville Church of Christ.

PRAYER



...Robert Bryant is in St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Mike Potts is recovering from surgery at home.

...Dan Wallace had 2 toes amputated due to a bone infection. He is in Maury Regional.

...Norman Martin, uncle of Melissa (Barry) Shelton, is in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid pneumonia.

...Marlin Lawson, brother of Charlene (Joey) Hunt, is having heart problems.

...Diane O'Guin is in Vanderbilt Hospital with a brain bleed.

...Robert Worley, cousin of Charlene (Joey) Hunt, will start treatments for leukemia Monday, November 7th.

...Christina Boone will have hip replacement surgery November 18th.

...Evelyn Barr, granddaughter of Gary & Becky Gatewood continues to improve each day and now weighs 4 lbs.

...Bryan Ward, son of Randall and Deborah, is recovering from a heart attack.

Thank You

Ann Hooten writes: "Your calls, cards, and even a song were so appreciated for Mother's birthday. In Christian Love..."

Cori Parks' writes: "Dear Centerville Church family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and calls! Hopefully the surgeons have fixed the problem and I can continue to heal each day. Also, thank you for the Fish Camp gift cards! We will be using them this week. Please continue to keep me and my sweet family in your thoughts and prayers!"

The Family of Zane Smith writes:

"When tragedy occurs, like the death of our grandson Zane Smith, our faith in God and the support of our church family comforts us. We appreciate your support of prayers, cards, and calls. The afghan you gave us in memory of Zane is beautiful. Thank you for being there for us. God bless you."



The Shepherd's Pen

There are individuals in your memory bank that you are reminded of during certain events. When planning a fellowship meal for the congregation, *Bobby Breece* is always remembered. He enjoyed doing the necessary tasks behind the scenes. He looked forward to our church fellowships. Since his passing, monetary memorials have been given in his memory. In remembrance of his love and enjoyment of fellowship meals, those funds were used to purchase two "Food Warmer Shelves" for the fellowship meals. This past Sunday, John Durham gave an update concerning the work in Ukraine. He mentioned the "Magi Boxes" that were being prepared. These boxes will include several items and be distributed to the refugees for Christmas. Our goal is to sponsor 100 boxes. The cost per "Magi Box" is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a box, you can give your money to the church staff. If you would like to include a card or note of encouragement as well, it would be greatly appreciated. The deadline is December 1st. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders



Fall Fun On The Hill...

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Prayer Week of November 13 <u>S.M.W.</u> Cecil Qualls <u>S.M.D.</u> Colby Shelton <u>S.E.W.</u> Brian Qualls <u>S.E.D.</u> Cameron Wright <u>W.E.B.S</u> Clay Chessor <u>W.E.D.</u> Aden Weber

November 13 Elder's Prayer: Gary Gatewood
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November 13 <u>Scripture</u> Wayne Rediker <u>Preside</u> Philip Jacobs
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