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"From Where I Sit"

**9:00**AM Few things in life are more precious than forgiveness. When a person is under the pressure and stigma of guilt, he feels it to the depths of his soul. After sinning with Bathsheba, David said, "When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day

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"WORSHIP SERVICE IN SONG" SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer" (Psalm 32:3-4). He realized that ignoring his sin would not make it go away. When David confessed his sin and guilt, he found forgiveness (32:5). "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin" (Psalm 32:1-2; Rom. 4:7-8).

We often speak of "guilt" being a feeling we have when we do wrong. We all live with guilt and feel its sting in our consciences but removing the sting of the conscience and removing the guilt of sin are two different things. Some people can dull the conscience; but until they find the forgiveness of Jesus, the sin remains. We need the blood of Christ to remove our sins; nothing else will do.

Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent for their sins (Gen. 3:11-13). Samuel wanted to blame the people for his obvious failure to obey the commandment of God (1 Sam. 15:13-23). Saul at first acted as if he had kept God's commandments, but the prophet Samuel said, "Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (15:22-23). People blame their parents, blame their circumstances, blame their spouses, and even blame the Lord rather than accept responsibility for their sins. All this blaming and avoiding responsibility, however, doesn't work. God expects people to acknowledge their sins, forsake them, and seek His forgiveness. Nothing else but the blood of Christ will atone for sin (Heb. 10:1-4).

A Christian lives a holy life because God is holy. The apostle Peter encouraged Christians to live a life above the one they inherited from the forefathers. "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Pet. 1:13-16). Christians cannot live lives of sin and compromise and expect to go to heaven and be with the Lord throughout eternity.

As Christians we must be careful not to allow the thinking of the world to keep us from living the transformed lives God desires. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2). God Bless -Todd



## Sympathy



Marjorie Claud 1941-2014

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Margie Claud who passed away. Margie and her husband Dorris have been members of the Centerville Church of Christ for over 30 years. Margie enjoyed cooking, gardening and family time. enjoyed To Dorris, her daughter, Melody Skelton (Danny); her grandchildren, Matthew Skelton (Kim), Megan Lampley (Ben), and Ethan Skelton (Alisha); and eight great-grandchildren: Abbie, Chloe, Kinzie, Cole, Caden, Luke, Sawyer, Emery, and another on the way, Charlie Mack, her sister, Debbie Anderson, her sister-in-law, Peggy Claud, and special nieces and nephews.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Sue Queen who passed away. She was the mother of Billy (Michelle) Queen and grandmother of Myleah McGuigan, Mollie Chessor, and Megan Arnold.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**CONTRIBUTION** November 19 \$ 12,543.84

Camp: \$186.40

### Budget: \$14,186.00



The Senior Group's next outing been resched has rescheduled

to November 19, 2024. We will go to Loveless Cafe. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 3:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer, please sign up so that reservations can be made. Contact George Bragg at 994-1714.

## Thank You

The McAlister Family writes: Beloved,

As we enter into the season for reflection and remembrance, my heart is drawn to share a sincere, if not belated, word of thanks to our dearest in the Lord. We are always thankful to God for you. Our time shared in August was a true refreshing of our soul. You refreshing of our soul. You encouraged us, loved us, prayed for us, and reminded us of the reasons we always feel at home in Centerville. Our lives are all immeasurably better because of your lives, love, and faith in our Lord. We lives, love, and faith in our Lord. We love you all, and thank God upon every remembrance of you. With much agape love. Philippians 1:3" <u>The Family of Gethlyn Gardner</u> <u>writes</u>: Dear Family in Christ, It is with a humbled heart that I write this note. I want to thank everyone

that have so selflessly extended their love and concern during the last trying months of Gethlyn's illness. We received cards, gift cards, food, calls, and donations from so many Christians. You have taught me what it means to "carry one another's burdens." I am overwhelmed! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done for us. In Christian Love, Ruth Gardner P.S. My brothers and sisters said our congregation was the friendliest church they have ever been to.

Mary Katherine Bates writes: "Thank you for all the birthday wishes I received. I appreciated and enjoyed each one."



...Jana Wright will have surgery Wednesday, November 13th at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Jerry Bates has been diagnosed with amyloidosis. He is still undergoing tests at St. Thomas Mid-Town. He hopes to return home this week.

...Johnny Qualls, father of Anita Allen, is in ICU and having a difficult time. ...Thomas Chessor will have knee surgery November 20 at Maury

Regional Hospital. ...Martha Mayberry, sister of Mary Sue Bragg and Jr. Baker, will have gallbladder surgery Thursday at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Janis Rediker is undergoing tests.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Johnny Qualls, Portia Baker, Ray Wright, Alan Potts, Carolyn Stoltz, Kane Cross, Shannon Briggs, Jamie Pendergrass

<u>Please Pray For Those Who Are</u> <u>With Cancer</u>: Owen Vander Horst, Mike Madden, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, Davy Baker, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Lorrie O'Guin, Ashley Halliburton, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin

### **Baptisms**



We reioice with Chris Morgan who was baptized November 9, 2024 by members of the Jail Ministry.



Anyone willing to help a child with Christmas please see Becky Coleman or call her at 931-209-6564.

# Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Kay's Gift in memory of Gethlyn Gardner and Marjorie Claud by John Plemmons, Jr.



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#### <u>Preside</u>

November 17 Michael Bryant

November 24 Matthew Dotson

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55

<u>Left Side</u>

Clay Chessor Braydon Chessor Jimmy Krueger Jacob Krueger

**Right Side** 

Jeremy Qualls Major Qualls Cory Martin Finn Martin

P.M. Chapel

Trevor Buchanan Robert Bowman

#### Read Scripture

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Thank You!

ETERANS

November 17

Jim Hudgins

Elder's Prayer Gary Gatewood

#### Prayer Week Of

November 17, 2024

<u>S.M.W.</u> Gary Baker

<u>S.M.D.</u> Matthew Dotson

<u>S.E.W.</u> Garth Richardson

> <u>S.E.D.</u> Major Qualls

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Marshall Spencer

> <u>W.E.D</u> Joey Hunt

### The Shepherd's Pen

This past weekend was a wet one, but we are very thankful for the much needed rain. Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, will be our Annual Thanksinging. The worship service will be centered around singing praises to our God. "*I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.*" (Psalm 104:33) Let us all invite someone to be our guest. There are postcards available in the foyer for mailing. As we consider stories in the bible about thankfulness to God, the woman who came to Simon's house (Mark 14:3-9) with the alabaster flask of very costly oil shows another side of thankfulness. She was honoring Jesus by anointing Him with something that was valuable to her. Her actions expressed deep gratitude and love for Jesus, recognizing His impact on her life. She understood the full value of Jesus, offering her most precious possession as thanks. This story reminds us how gratitude can be demonstrated through acts of service and love. Her actions encourage us to be generous and sincere in our offerings of thanks. By following her example, we can strengthen our relationship with God and honor the name of the Lord Jesus. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders

Guest Speaker Wednesday, November 20, 2024 David Shannon