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*Todd Parsley*

## **"From Where I Sit"**

HAPPY  
Thanksgiving  
DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34



The Apostle Paul wrote: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phi. 3:13-14). Paul says he was pressing toward the mark. The pursuit is not grasping after something unreal and unknown. He was pressing on with godliness and contentment. He had learned in whatsoever state he was in to be content. As preachers sound the trumpet loud and clear so people will know the battle for truth is on. Do not be distracted by the smiling tolerance of a new ideology of peaceful coexistence with everyone that is being pushed upon us. Let us stand for the right and not lose sight of our duty to serve the Lord, do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. In the end of our days that is all that really matters. Loving God and keeping His commandments.

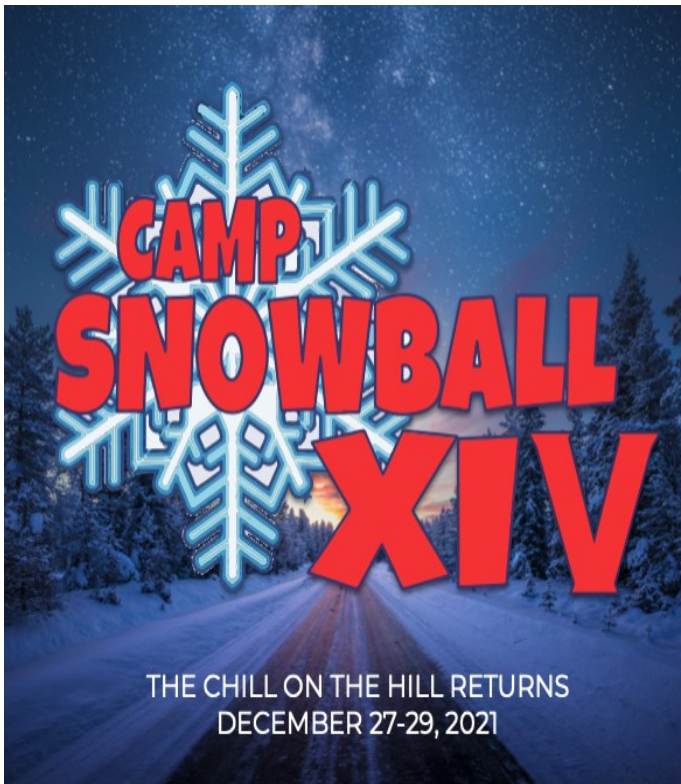
John said, "We love him, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It brings happiness to love God. We are to love the Lord with all our heart. Why, because He first loved us, and we should return that love to Him. We also need our family and friends to love. To visit with friends and enjoy good times together brings happiness into our lives. Holidays like Thanksgiving fills our hearts with joy as we gather with family and share a peaceful time together sharing our love for one another.

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began" (Titus. 1:2). Hope, what a pleasant-sounding word. It instills in our hearts that of something good. I love the word so much I named one of my daughters, Hope. The hope of heaven keeps us going through the sickness, pain, disappointment, suffering, and hardship that this life brings. Remember what Paul wrote, these present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed. God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain. There's our hope, the promise of a home eternal in heaven with God and Christ our beloved Savior.

May you find true peace that only comes from knowing and following God. God is faithful!

God Bless -Todd

# Carter's Corner



## December Celebrations



**James & Sue Roder**  
Married 67 Years  
December 3, 2021



**Martha Leath**  
86 Years Old  
December 8, 2021



**Bobby & Joyce Mayberry**  
Married 66 Years  
December 23, 2021



**Billy & Juanita Garner**  
Married 75 Years  
December 23, 2021



### UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 17  
**FRIENDSGIVING**  
KEN MCDONALD HALL  
5:00PM

NOVEMBER 21  
**THANKSINGING**

NOVEMBER 21  
**JR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
WYATT AYDELOTT

NOVEMBER 24  
**THANKSGIVING  
BREAK**

DECEMBER 1  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
ANNA KATE & WILL  
MCDONALD

DECEMBER 5  
**ALL CHURCH NIGHT**

DECEMBER 10  
**COOKIES WITH  
SANTA**

IT WAS A BUSY WEEKEND for the youth group, as this past Saturday was our annual Servant Saturday and Sunday was another Sr. High Fireside. Servant Saturday was exceptionally productive, as our group of 18 students managed to help clean up 4 yards in 3 hours. The students all had a great attitude about doing yard work and even managed to have some fun along the way. Thanks to all the kids who helped out, and to Troy & Kim Bates for feeding our crew. Sunday night was our first in-home Sr. High Fireside since the beginning of the pandemic, and I believe all the kids were glad to see this return to normal. Barry, Melissa, and Ashley Shelton were great hosts and there was a great time had by all!

**SLEIGH BELLS WILL SOON BE RINGING**, especially here at the church building as we prepare to welcome Santa to town on Friday, December 10. We will once again be decorating our church bus garage for Drive-Through Cookies With Santa. This event was a tremendous success last year and we are expecting an even better year this year. Don't forget to mark your calendar and be on the lookout for the call for homemade Christmas cookies in the coming weeks.

**CAMP SNOWBALL XIV REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** for all students grades 6-12. After a 3 year hiatus, Matthew and I are hard at work planning a fun week on The Hill. Camp Snowball will take place December 27-29 at Camp Meribah. The cost is \$75, which covers all meals and activities, as well as a sweatshirt. Registration is online only this year, as we try to utilize our new church website. Visit [centervillechurchofchrist.org/snowball](http://centervillechurchofchrist.org/snowball) for more information and to sign up! Don't miss the Chill on the Hill!

**TO WHOM DO YOU GO TO FOR ADVICE** and counsel when you are making big decisions in your life? If you're like most people, you go to someone you respect and has experience in situations and environments like yours. These are great qualifications for someone we take advice from, but there are two more criteria we should include on our list: whether our counselors have an active relationship with God and whether they have a discipline of seeking out God in their own decisions. When we leave God out

of the equation, we are asking for trouble. Proverbs is full of warnings against relying on human wisdom. Not only might we find ourselves on the wrong path, we very likely will find ourselves moving with the wrong motivation. This week, I encourage you to seek counsel from wise, godly friends and never forget to keep God at the center of your decisions (Proverbs 3:5-8). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



## Help Needed

Marshall and Ann Spencer are needing help with basic housekeeping and cleaning. If you are available and able to help please call Marshall at 931-729-5628.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Floy Lyell who passed away. She was the mother of Debbie (Jeff) Breece. ...We express our sympathy to the family of David Easley who was killed in a car accident. He was the son of James Easley.



If you are interested in providing a gift for a child please see Becky Coleman or call her at 931-729-3391 Extension 2225.

## Thank You

Brownie Mayberry writes: "Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, visits and cards. Miss seeing everyone at church and Sunday school. Love you..."

Margie Copley writes:

"Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the many beautiful cards and caring phone calls that I received for my recent birthday. Being remembered in such kind and thoughtful ways brought much happiness, joy, and encouragement to me. I also greatly appreciate the prayers that you offer for me and your continual care and concern, especially since I am no longer able to attend church services. I am extremely blessed to have such loving and supportive Christian friends. In Christian Love..."

## Engaged



Congratulations to Sam Umstead and Abby Parrish who were recently engaged. Sam is a former Summer Intern for the Centerville Church of Christ.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**November 14:**

**\$ 12,181.25**

**Camp: \$ 237.00**

**Budget: \$ 12,979.00**



*The Shepherd's Pen*

We have come to the time of the year, where there is more focus given to be thankful. Thanksgiving being next week, we are encouraged to slow down, reflect, and be thankful. As Christians, should not that be a part of our daily walk with God? In Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter we read the account of Jesus healing the ten lepers. In verse fifteen one of them, when he saw he was healed, returned, and fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Jesus said, *Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?* Sadness appears the dominant emotion as Jesus contemplated the ingratitude of the nine. How could men be so thoughtless and unappreciative of God's favor. The question Jesus asked, *Where are the nine? Were there not ten cleansed?* The question concerns gratitude. It is a most appropriate question today. It characterizes a rebellious people in the last days. (II Timothy 3:1-2) *"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."* We are recipients of many blessings daily, both spiritual and physical. (James 1:17) *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."* The gift originates not with men who can never approach such elevated ideals in giving, but God who is in heaven. For this fact we should be grateful. We should express our gratitude both in word and deed daily. We express our gratitude to God by our obedience to His word, to His commandments. (I Thessalonians 5:18) *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* (Colossians 4:2) *"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."* Let us never find ourselves as part of the nine! There are so many little everyday things to remind us of our blessings. *When we look at what we want and compare that to what we have; we shall be unhappy. When we consider what we deserve and then what we have; we shall thank God.*



## Pray for the sick

James 5:13-18



...John Smith is in the hospital in Missoula, Montana with endocarditis (infection in his heart). His address: Providence St. Patrick's Hospital 500 W Broadway Street Missoula, MT 59802

...Rebeca Mears has been diagnosed with B-ALL Lymphoid Cancer. She is in Centennial Hospital. Room # 629, 2410 Patterson Street Nashville, TN. 37203

...Leon Gilbert has returned home from the hospital. He had blood pressure problems and will also be undergoing additional tests, therapy and a thyroid biopsy.

...Jimmy Copley received a good report from a recent scan. He is cancer free.

...Dr. Jerry Nash is recovering from back surgery and still in a great deal of pain.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Lowell Parsley, Cheryl Bybee, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Marge Rushton, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Kari Mobley, Raymond Stoltz, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

### Home:

John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

### ELDERS' CONTINUED...

May we always express our gratitude to each other and to God who has blessed us richly. Let us remember, Jesus gave up everything. That is always worthy of your gratitude, your thanks, and your praise. We again want to thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are excited about this Sunday, our annual Thanksgiving, and looking forward to seeing you.

Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!

Your Elders





NO MESSENGER NOVEMBER 24, 2021  
**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**Week of November 21**

**Prayer Week of  
November 21**

**S.M.W.**  
James Aydelott

**S.M.D.**  
Wyatt Aydelott

**S.E.W.**  
Robert Bowman

**S.E.D.**  
Brad Davis

**W.E.B.S**  
Jeremy Qualls

**W.E.D.**  
Colby Shelton

**Elder's Prayer  
November 21st**

Craig Shelton

**Read  
Scripture**

Monty Dunn

**Preside**  
November 21  
Mike Goodpasture

**Week of November 28**

**Prayer Week of  
November 28**

**S.M.W.**  
Randy Wright

**S.M.D.**  
Will McDonald

**S.E.W.**  
Patrick Allen

**S.E.D.**  
Joey Hunt

**W.E.B.S**  
George Bragg

**W.E.D.**  
Alex Seagraves

**Elder's Prayer**

November 28

Wayne Qualls

**Read  
Scripture**

Stephen Dotson

**Preside**  
November 28  
Wayne Qualls

JOIN US SUNDAY,  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

FOR

**THANKSINGING**

9 A.M. WORSHIP IN SONG

No Bible Classes

Please Join Us!

