



# CENTERVILLE

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*



Trouble happens to us all; no one is immune. When it happens, how it happens, and why it happens might remain a mystery; but that it will happen can be assured. King Solomon observed, "I again saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift and the battle is not to the warriors, and neither is bread to the wise nor wealth to the discerning nor favor to men of ability; for time and chance overtake them all" (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

Even the Lord Jesus found His strength and comfort in prayer, especially in times of trouble. After the Passover feast, Jesus spent His last night on earth in a three-hour prayer. In His deepest agony, Jesus sought the comfort of being with His Father. In the garden Jesus was "very sorrowful, even to death," and He had fallen on His face (Matthew 26:38-39). Though He despised the shame of the cross, His prayer revealed that His heart was in doing the will of the Father (Luke 22:42). "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (22:44).

His prayers did not end at Gethsemane. As they were putting nails through His hands and feet, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). As Jesus was taking His last breaths, He exclaimed, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" (23:46).

Throughout the entire ordeal of Gethsemane to His death, Jesus recognized the Father was with Him. Jesus said earlier, "Behold, an hour is coming, and has already come, for you to be scattered, each to his own home, and to leave Me alone; and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me" (John 16:32).

How did Jesus bear up under the suffering of the trial and the cross? Peter reveals, "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed." (1 Peter 2:21-24). This too is the way for those who suffer for doing what is right (4:19).

The Lord Jesus kept entrusting Himself to His Father, kept praying, and kept realizing the "joy that was set before Him" (Hebrews 12:1-3). While suffering is difficult to endure, setting our focus on God in prayer reminds us that this present suffering is not the whole story. There is the joy of heaven ahead. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). Rather than giving in to the pain of your suffering, look to the eternal comfort of God.

Phil Sanders

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
3-5 PM AT CAMP MERIBAH



**SAVE THE DATE**

## Community Events...

...Ladies' Day at White Bluff Church of Christ with Kathy Pollard on November 4, 2023. Registration 8:30 Lunch Served 4416 Hwy. 70 E. White Bluff, TN.

### Heart To Heart

**THERE IS A LIST IN THE LOBBY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT.**

...Fall Gospel Meeting at the East Hill Church of Christ October 22-25, 2023 Speaker: Gary Hampton Topic: A Study Of The Holy Spirit Service Times: Bible Class 9:30; Worship 10:30 Sunday Evening 1:15 Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M. 509 East Madison Street, Pulaski, TN. 38478

...Pretty In Pink Tea Party  
Sunday, October 22, 2023 2 P.M.  
Fairfield Church of Christ

Tickets: \$10.00 Per Person

Guest Speaker: Faith Bell

Call 931-628-1796 for tickets or information.  
*Everyone invited!*

### Snow Team 23/24

Winter is coming and we need to be ready! We need volunteers on standby with small tractor/loaders and or blades to help clear parking lots & sidewalks. Able bodies with scoops, shovels and blowers are also needed. Please contact the Facilities & Grounds committee members for more information. Michael Jenkins, George Bragg, Brandon McCauley, Randy Wright or James Aydelott.

## Carter's Corner



*Carter Hoover*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 22**

**JR & SR HIGH**

**FIRESIDE**

JENKINS & JACOBS

**OCTOBER 25**

**LIGHTHOUSE**

WILL & JACKSON

MCDONALD

**OCTOBER 27**

**FRIGHT NITE AT**

**CAMP MERIBAH**

DETAILS TO COME.

**OCTOBER 28**

**HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL**

3-5PM AT CAMP MERIBAH

**OCTOBER 29**

**YOUNG MEN AT**

**COBLE**

I HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYED A RESTFUL time off last week during Fall Break and are energized for the remainder of 2023. The holiday season is quickly approaching, which is always a busy time for families and our congregation, and I hope you are prepared for a fast-paced time of year. Let us all do what we can to remain firm in our commitments to our families and the Lord during this busy time of year!

OUR FINAL 5TH QUARTER of the football season was a great hit, as we hosted our first-ever Pickleball 5th Quarter. The evening was full of pickleball fun and pickle-related foods. Special thanks to everyone who attended and helped make the night a success!

NOTE THE CHANGE IN PLANS for our combined Jr & Sr High Fireside this Sunday night, hosted by Eli Jacobs and Lillian Jenkins. The Fireside will take place at Camp Meribah, with supper, devo, and a bonfire planned. Last week's Sr High Fireside was postponed due to my falling under the weather, and I am thankful to the Jacobs and Jenkins families for working with me to combine these activities. It should be a great night!

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL is getting closer with each passing day, and I hope you plan to be a part of all the festivities that day. We are still in need of several volunteers to decorate cars for Trunk-or-Treat. Sign the list in the lobby if you can help!

SERVE WEEK IS COMING UP AND IS PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY... a week of service planned for our youth group November 11-15th. We will conduct various service projects for different ages daily, culminating with our annual Friendsgiving Lighthouse. More information will be provided soon, but in the meantime, I hope you plan to be a part of this week of service and thankfulness.

In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus teaches us, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Unforgiveness can be like a heavy burden we carry, affecting our hearts and relationships. Yet, when we choose to forgive, we release the weight and experience the freedom that comes with obedience to God's word. Forgiveness is not just a gift to others but a gift to ourselves. It enables us to move forward, fostering peace and harmony in our lives. Let us remember the words of Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." As we extend forgiveness, we reflect the boundless love and forgiveness God has shown us. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

**Youth News**



## Sympathy



### Martha Leath

1935-2023

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Martha Leath who passed away. She leaves behind her loving family, daughters Pamela (Patrick) Clayton, Cynthia Leath, Mary (Howell) Ferguson, Lori (Bryan) Woods, and Martha (Wally) Scaife, brothers Fred and Paul Cooper, and her sister Millie Middleton, Grandchildren Richard Clayton, Brian Clayton, Anna Honshell, Adam Lorenson, Jimmy Long, Katie Long, Stevy Odom, Cody Woods, Sarah Hall, Seth Ferguson, Nathan Ferguson, Nikki Boals, Natalie Flournoy, and Holli Williams, 35 Great-grandchildren and 8 Great great-grandchildren.

Martha worked for the Gospel Advocate in Memphis, and as a nurses aide, but her most cherished job was as a homemaker for her family. She was a long time member of the Centerville Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Juanita King who passed away. She was the mother of Carol (Randy) Breece, David (Miranda) King. She had 5 step children, grandchildren Rachael (Andrew) Parris, William Breece, Aylen and Makenzie, great grandchild Audry Parris, and brother Michael (Becky) Lynch.

## The Very Newest!



Congratulations to Bradley & Karlie Horner on the birth of daughter October 12, 2023. Lila Jane Horner weighed 5 lbs. 2 ozs. and is 18 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Michael & Renee Horner and great grandparents are Ron & Vicki Jenkins.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

October 8, 2023:

\$ 13,802.93

Camp: \$187.00

October 15, 2023:

\$ 12,098.42

Camp: \$ 191.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

## Thank You

Jenny Teet writes: " Church Family, Thank you for the gift cards. But more so, thank you for all the prayers on my behalf! Thank you to those that were in touch with Chris during my hospital stay and for those that have sent cards and food. In Christian Love..."

The Family of Robert Bryant writes: "Thank you for the cards, calls, wonderful meal and beautiful service by Shane, Todd, and Bill Mc. My love to a Christian family..."

Candice Scott writes: " I would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, texts and concern you all have shown me during this time. The tests results were all right; nothing so serious that I need surgery and cannot heal from. God Is Great! Thank you all again for your prayers! They were answered! Love...."

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Martha Leath by Kim & Randy James.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Bryant by the following: Kim & Randy James, Mary Beale. Doug Shepherd, Meriwether Lewis.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Robert Bryant and Sally Chessor by Faye Claud and Barry Claud.

## Baptisms

**BAPTISM** We rejoice with Johnny Conner, Zachary Smith, Westin Perry, William Shute, Marvin Holt and Ricky King who were recently baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.



...Letitia Allen will have surgery Wednesday for a broken bone on the outside of her knee.

...Sharon Clarke, cousin of Richard Mears who lives in Australia, is having serious health problems and has asked for prayers.

...Baker Raye Jennings, great granddaughter of Ann Hooten, had a blood transfusion last week. She is making improvements. She has been diagnosed with pulmonary valve stenosis and will have surgery in the future.

...Glenda Teet, mother of Chris (Jenny) is in Life Care for therapy.

...Jenny Teet is feeling better. Her leg is healing.

...Nina Dickey, sister of June Roder and Tammie Dotson, will have surgery for breast cancer on October 18th.

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis



## The Shepherd's Pen

We know Fall has arrived! What assurance do we have? It is the obvious changes we have witnessed. The changing of the leaves and foliage in color, the cooler temperature, less day light hours, and the falling of the leaves from the wind. This is obvious evidence of the change of the season. In obedience to the gospel, being buried in baptism, walking in newness of life, is there obvious evidence of the change? In Acts 4 Peter and John, being arrested, stood before the Sanhedrin court. As they spoke boldly about Jesus those that were present marveled. The bible says in verse 13, *"And they realized that they had been with Jesus."* How are we in the presence of others? What can be said about us? What is the response to our speech and conduct? Would those present *"realize that we have been with Jesus."* He is our Lord, our Savior. We are a Christian! The words of instruction Paul wrote to the church of Ephesus is very applicable to us today, *"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."* (Ephesians 4:1) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.  
*Your Elders*

## Camp Meribah Work Day

**November 11 (Rain Date Nov 18)  
8- Noon, Breakfast At 7**

The Camp Meribah Board is asking for help to close camp for the winter and with decorating the lodge for the holiday season on November 11. If you can assist with any of the following jobs, please sign up in the lobby. We'll be serving coffee and a light breakfast beginning at 7 at Ken McDonald Hall.

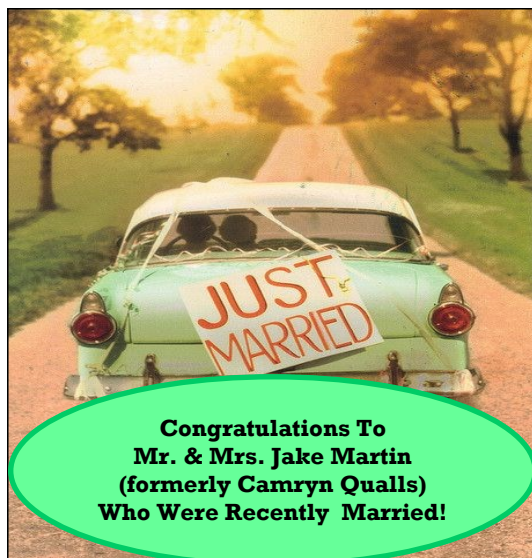
Camp, Leaf removal (including Lodge) Limb trimming (including Lodge)  
Clearing brush, Cleaning cabins, Deep clean kitchen  
Small repairs around camp, Lodge, Decorate for Christmas  
Deep clean kitchen, Sweep porches

There are some decorations at the Lodge, but if you have decorations you can donate, they would be a welcome addition!

We especially need exterior greenery and ribbons.

Sign-Up In The Lobby If You Can Help!!

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



# Men's Fish Fry

## Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

### Camp Meribah 4:00pm

Followed by

### Devotional and Business Meeting

Sign-up Sheet in the Lobby

## Ladies' LUNCHEON

The Elders & Wives Will Host A  
Luncheon On November 12th  
For All  
Widows And Single Ladies  
At The Outreach Center  
At 11 A.M.  
Please Sign-Up In The Lobby If  
You Will Be Attending.

### Prayer Week of October 22

S.M.W.  
Eddie Boone

S.M.D.  
Alan Potts

S.E.W.  
Garth Richardson

S.E.D.  
Marshall Spencer

W.E.B.S  
Brandon McCauley

W.E.D.  
Mike Elkins

### Communion Prep.

October 22  
Matthew & Ashley  
Halliburton

October 29  
Phil & Susan Griggs

P.M. Communion  
In Chapel

Wyatt & Jonathan  
Aydelott

### Scripture

October 22:  
Colby Shelton

### Preside

(PLEASE BE  
ASSEMBLED BY 8:55

October 22  
Randy Wright

October 29  
Philip Jacobs

### Elder's Prayer:

October 22 : Mike  
Goodpasture