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Matthew Dotson

Moments That Matter



"Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?" These words of Jesus from Luke 17 still speak powerfully to us today. This past Sunday morning, as we studied the idea of *"Giving But Not Receiving,"* we were reminded of the fact that our Lord and Savior frequently gave appreciation, allegiance, and absolution to those He encountered, though He rarely received those things in return. Let us remember that as we live out our days, we must continue to *give* so that we may one day *receive* the gift of eternal life.

As I've said multiple times over the past several days, I continue to be exceedingly thankful for the church here in Centerville. Each of you are such a blessing to our community and church family, a fact that is clearly evident when one of our own experiences tragedy in their life. We are all so-very-blessed to be a part of the body of Christ and worship with those who carry out the commands of Paul in Romans 12:15: *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."*

Exciting times are just around the corner! Carter and the gang have been working hard to prepare for our annual *"Halloween on the Hill"* event, and this is always a thrilling time for our young people. We invite you to join us on Saturday, October 29 from 3-5pm at Camp Meribah. This is guaranteed to be fun for all ages, and we're certainly thankful to all of those who will be helping to make this possible. I'll even be in attendance, so you know it won't be *too scary!*

Our Young Adult Ministry (YAM) has been blessed by the work of Mike Goodpasture over the past several weeks, as he has been leading our Sunday morning Bible class in a study of Hebrews. What a wonderful study this has been thus far (and the "jokes" that are shared are tough to beat)! YAM will be hosting a widows/widowers luncheon coming up on Sunday November 6. It's been a few years since we did this, and it's always been one of our favorite times to spend with those of our congregation. Be sure to sign up in the lobby if you'd like to attend!

Theodore Roosevelt once said *"I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life; I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."* When we think about it, President Roosevelt's words ring true, don't they? We all admire people who have faced adversity in their lives and found a way to overcome it. Furthermore, we admire those who overcome their challenges the *right way*: through faith in God and a commitment to lean upon Him. May we, in our most difficult moments, remember the powerful words of Paul in Romans 8:18: *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."*

We hope to see you Sunday! God bless, Matthew

Baptism



We rejoice with Tommy Strickland who was baptized October 16, 2022 by Robert Bowman. Tommy worships at the Byer's Chapel Church of Christ.

Thank You

The Family Of Billy Rochelle writes: "Ericka and Harlyn Rochelle, along with the rest of the Rochelle family, would like to thank the Centerville Church Of Christ for being an incredible source of love, support, and comfort during this very difficult time. Thank you for helping Ericka and Harlyn in every way possible, and thank you for providing the food for Billy's Celebration Of Life. We will continue to lean on the church in the days ahead, and we are so thankful to have you!"

Priscilla Barber writes: " My family and I want to thank you for the use of the Outreach Center for my 90th birthday party. Everything and everyone was so nice. We greatly appreciate it." *Love Priscilla and Family*

Judy Rogers writes: "I am so grateful for my beautiful birthday cards. The messages were so lovely and made my day special. I love my congregation of 66 years and treasure wonderful friendships."

Margie Copley and Family write: " My Dear Church Family, Our hearts have been deeply touched and comforted by the many acts of love, thoughtfulness, and support since the death of my husband Albren Copley. My family and I greatly appreciated the many prayers offered for us during this sad and extremely difficult time, the many beautiful comforting cards received, the delicious meals provided, the thoughtful phone calls shared, and the beautiful memorial lantern. How thankful I am to be part of this wonderful, loving church family, and I am grateful for the Christian friendships that I am blessed to share with you. May God bless each of you. In Christian Love..."

Jimmy & Cathie Copley write: "Church Family, Thank you for the visits to the funeral home and flower arrangement. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten. In Christian Love..."

Faye Dotson writes: "Thanks to all who came to my party. Thank you for the cards, gift cards, and well wishes."

Stephanie & Tim Garrette write:

"Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the Fish Camp gift cards. They came in wonderful use after Tim's surgery. We truly appreciate it. With Love..."

Shirley DeVore writes: " I would like to thank everyone for the pretty birthday cards I received and to John Plemmons, Jr. for the solo. Thanks to Ward Mayberry for the delicious cake and thanks to the young man who thought my candles should have been 48 instead of 84."

Dustin & Keller Mizell write: "We want to thank our church family for the kind support we received after welcoming our daughter. We appreciate the wonderful meals, gifts, thoughts and prayers that were sent our way."

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 19
**THE HAUNTED
LIGHTHOUSE**
HAILEE & AUSTIN
HALLIBURTON

OCTOBER 21
**HOMECOMING
BONFIRE**

OCTOBER 23
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
WESTON ELKINS

OCTOBER 25
**JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

OCTOBER 28
**HAYRIDE 5TH
QUARTER**

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED A RESTFUL Fall Break last week and is looking forward to the rest of the semester. It is Homecoming Week at HCHS this week, and I am proud to see how involved our young people are involved, not only in our youth program but also in both school life and sports. I encourage everyone to find a young person this week and offer encouragement for being such great Christian examples.

WE WILL END HOMECOMING WEEK in a traditional way this Friday night as we will host our annual Homecoming Bonfire at the Rock Quarry at Camp Meribah. The forecasted cooler temperatures this week should make for the perfect bonfire weather, and I am thankful that we are finally not battling with flooding or burn bans leading up to this event. It looks like everything is lining up to be a great night for our young people! We hope to see all of our students after the game until 11:00.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL coming up on Saturday, October 29th, from 3-5 pm. We have a fun afternoon of activities planned (trunk-or-treat, a haunted house inside one of the cabins, face painting, pony rides, hotdogs, jambalaya, popcorn, etc.), and we need plenty of help to make this afternoon a success. Let me know if you can help by decorating a car for Trunk or Treat or helping with other activities that day. Halloween on the Hill is a great event for community outreach for our church family, and we need all hands on deck!

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings" Jeremiah 17:9-10

Sometimes, one of the hardest things for people is to admit when they do something wrong. It seems that you do not hear someone say "I'm sorry" or "I was wrong" very much anymore. Does that mean that people have advanced to the point that they are better or "more perfect?" It's quite the opposite. The innate nature of people has

not changed at all. In Jeremiah, we read the words "desperately wicked." Our very nature is that of sin. Our hearts are naturally drawn to do wrong. So why do we no longer hear those words when we wrong those around us?

Rather than trying to hide the wrongs that we have done, we should be willing to confess and admit our wrongs. Not only to God but also to those that are around us. There is nothing wrong with saying "I'm sorry" or acknowledging that something we did was wrong. Perhaps, we should share the thoughts of David in Psalm 139. David asked God to search him and know his heart. So today, ask God to help you see the sin and wrongs in life. Ask Him to help you to admit the wrongs, to say I'm sorry, and to live an example of humility before others.... Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

Sympathy



William Clay Rochelle
March 5, 1994-October 8, 2022

Throughout his years on earth, Billy was a passionate advocate for agriculture. He was greatly involved and excelled in 4-H, fulfilling top leadership roles on State 4-H Council, earning state-level awards, and attending National 4-H Congress. He was involved in the Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers and served on Hickman County's Farm Bureau Board as Chairman of the Young Farmers and Ranchers. He loved serving others. He attended college at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, served as a UT Agriculture Ambassador, was a Farm Credit Scholar, worked in the UTK Chancellor's office, served on the TN 4-H Foundation Board of Directors, and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and Resource Economics on top of several other accolades. He and his wife Ericka and daughter Harlyn recently placed membership with the Centerville Church of Christ in which he led prayers, attended Sunday school classes, and took part in fellowship anytime he had the opportunity. He was a wonderful Christian, husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He is survived by his wife Ericka Ragland Rochelle, his daughter Harlyn Ruth Rochelle (4 months), his parents Danny and Cheryl Rochelle, his sister Lindsey Rochelle Hensley and brother-in-law Kevin Hensley, his nieces Mattie Hensley and Martha Rochelle Hensley, his best friend Justin Crowe, and his long-time coworker Fernando Sandoval, along with so many other family members and friends.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

October 9, 2022

\$ 14,388.06

Camp: \$245.00

October 16, 2022

\$12,429.05

Camp: \$ 145.00

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Bradley Horner (formerly Karlie Pearcy) who were married October 8, 2022. Bradley is the son of Michael & Renee Horner.

Happy Birthday!



Reba Horner
70 Years Old
October 10, 2022



Children's Home Food Drive

October Items:
Kool-Aid Canisters,
Paper Towels



Each day is
a Gift
to be opened with
Prayer

...Grant Dotson, son of Jason and Tammie, had shoulder surgery Monday, October 17th.

...Dr. Eddie Boone is in Maury Regional Hospital and continues to fight an infection.

...Bryan Williams is suffering with cancer.

...Jeremy Gilbert has returned home.

...Becky Keele (Jeff), has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing treatments.

...Robert Nicholson is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

...Alex Chambers spent some time in the hospital. He is better and at home.

...Cori Parks, daughter of Ann Hooten, will have major surgery on her spine (rods) October 24th at Vanderbilt Hospital.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Evelyn Jane Barr, Jeremy Gilbert, Linda Smith, Jase Bradley, Billy & Juanita Garner, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Tim Garrett, Carey Hight, Juanita King, Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Steve Higginbotham

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Luther Brown by Charlie & Linda Shelton.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Albren Copley and Winnie Copley Coleraine by Jackie Mitchell Tombone.

...a Memorial has been given to the YAMS in memory of Billy Rochelle by Mike & Belinda Potts.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of *Uncle Albren Copley* and in honor of *Aunt Margie Copley* by Gary and Rebecca Gatewood.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Albren Copley by Don Luther.



UPDATE FROM JOHN DURHAM

A quick update - probably my last before I return home and can give you a full report. The food pantry continues to do a booming business. On September 21 we celebrated our 6-month anniversary.



I cannot emphasize how much work goes into keeping the pantry stocked. Here are pictures along with pictures of our guests. Even after 5 weeks here, it is still painful to see the impact that the war is having upon such kind and gentle people! Here are the folks patiently waiting to be served. We are blessed with ten Ukrainians who help us manage the store.



I had the opportunity to conduct a series of lectures for the Ukrainians on "Living through Times of Crisis." One of our guests had tears in her eyes and when I inquired, I learned she had lost her son in the war. I also got to do a little sightseeing as we took David Gibson from Valley View Church of Christ along with Trent Thompson who came with him from Cluj to Oradea which is only 6 miles from the Hungarian Border.



I am staying busy having English classes, personal Bible studies and helping with the services on Sunday. We have a full house every Lord's Day!

The church has classes in Romanian for the children each week and we are working on preparing "Magi Boxes" to take into Ukraine. These along with other supplies will be desperately needed as winter approaches!

We also continue to welcome new refugees from Ukraine. Below are pictures of my classes, the Romanian class for the children and a "painter" in our Saturday Morning Children's Bible Study.



God bless and thank you for your prayers! John



October 23

Elder's Prayer:

Craig Shelton

Prayer Week of October 23

S.M.W.

Daniel Dressler

S.M.D.

Shaun Lawson

S.E.W.

Brad Davis

S.E.D.

Brett Martin

W.E.B.S

Wayne Chessor

W.E.D.

Will McDonald



The Shepherd's Pen

The season of fall has arrived, starting each day with cool, crisp mornings. The radiant colors of the leaves and foliage should strengthen our belief in God the Creator. A Chinese proverb says that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Life on earth is that way. We do not know what the future holds, but we trust God and walk into it one step at a time. If we are faithful in this moment, and then faithful in the next moment, and so on and so on, then this will build up to a life of spiritual faithfulness. A life obedient to God, staying close to Him, and seeking to honor Him in all we do. *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.* (Proverbs 3:5-6) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders

October 23

Scripture

Jeremy Qualls

Preside

Brian Qualls