

CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427 October 23, 2024 Volume XXXXIV –Number 40



Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"



Sunday had to be one of the most perfect weather days to me. Waking up to the cool temp of 36 degrees and watching the sun warm things up to the mid 70's. I could settle for that kind of weather all year long. But that's just me and others may think differently, and that's ok when it comes to something like the weather. There are other things though that do matter, and one of those things is the Gospel and whether you have obeyed it. To God it's not optional, He has commanded all to obey the Gospel. Yet, there are some who seem to think it like the weather is a matter of opinion on who should and how one does.

The Bible is very clear on the who, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). Because our sin has separated us from God (Is. 59:1-2) we need Christ to reconcile us to God, and obeying the gospel is how that is done. Baptism is the how! Here is where so many get lost in the "it's a matter of opinion" ideology of their own minds. Again, God is very clear in His command to "Repent and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38). Every act of true conversion in the New Testament includes the individual obeying God and being immersed in the waters of baptism. Paul even warns all in 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10 of the strict punishments that will come on the day of judgment to all those who know not God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is much more than personal preference, it's not what the majority want or think is best. It is faithfully following the will of God and the means in which He has provided for all to come to Him. Yes, I prefer the weather my way and you may like it another way, and that's ok. But salvation isn't up to me or you, it is God who has determined what is right and acceptable to Him. That my friends isn't open to any private interpretation. Trust God and obey Him today!

God Bless -Todd





Carter's Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 23

LIGHTHOUSE TRIVIA

NIGHT
FINN & KENNADI MARTIN

OCTOBER 25

5TH QUARTER
AFTER THE GAME TIL 11:00

OCTOBER 26
HALLOWEEN ON THE
HILL

OCTOBER 30

HAUNTED

LIGHTHOUSE

HEATH BUCHANAN

NOVEMBER 3

SR HIGH FIRESIDE

MAJOR QUALLS

NOVEMBER 7
PRAYER BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 10-12
SERVE WEEK

ONE OF THE BUSIEST TIMES OF THE YEAR is upon us, with everything going on for the Halloween season. The senior high had a great time at Miller's Thrillers this past Saturday evening, and no one got *too* scared while walking through their Haunted Woods. The Miller family that owns the facility are members of the Church in Spring Hill, and it is always a fun night to go and visit.

OUR SPARKS AND INTERMEDIATES HAD A GREAT TIME fishing at Bill Mc's lake this past Sunday afternoon. The weather was perfect for enjoying the afternoon outside, and we had a wonderful crowd on hand. Special thanks go to Gaylon and Tabitha Cude, Clay and Tara Chessor for organizing and hosting, and Bill Mc for providing the perfect location.

I HOPE YOU ARE MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND Halloween on the Hill this coming Saturday afternoon. This event is always a highlight of the year for so many, and our young people look forward to it every year. We still need more volunteers to decorate cars for Trunk-or-Treat, as well as people to help with food, activities, and cleanup. There is something for everyone to do, and we expect beautiful weather and a great turnout from both our church family and the community. Help spread the word and make plans to attend!

BEING A VOLUNTEER in church work is more than just filling a role; it's an act of worship and service to God. When we give our time and talents, we follow the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Volunteering allows us to contribute to the body of Christ and to share in the ministry of the church, impacting lives for God's Kingdom. 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." God has uniquely gifted each of us, and when we use these gifts to serve, we become instruments of His grace in action. Our contributions, no matter how small they may seem, are valuable in God's eyes because they demonstrate love in action. Embracing the privilege of serving helps us grow spiritually, connect with others, and make a tangible difference. It's not just about the tasks we perform, but about the heart behind them. Let's joyfully offer our service to God, knowing that every effort counts in building His Kingdom.

Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Charlie Shelton Welcome Center by the following: Samuel & Ophelia Gilbert, Bobby & Valerie McCoy.

..a Memorial has been given to the **Education Fund in Memory of Becky** Gatewood by Barry, Melissa, and **Ashely Anne Shelton.**

Thank You

<u>Shirley DeVore writes</u>: "A special "*Thank You*" for all the birthday cards I received and the birthday wishes. "86" isn"t too bad and especially when you hear from a previous Christian like Doug Shepherd. He and his wife were members here years ago. What a surprise!"

Baptisms

...We rejoice with Araya Crutcher who was baptized Sunday, October 20, 2024 by Carter Hoover. She is a member of the Youth Group at Centerville. Her address is:

6333 Bates Crossing Road Nunnelly, Tennessee 37137

...We rejoice with Richard White, Gary Thomas, and Michael Sharpton who were baptized October 19, 2024 by members of the Jail Ministry.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

October 20, 2024 \$ 11.623.07

Camp: \$ 172.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jo Ann Wolford who passed away. She was the niece of Margie Copley.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Darrin Harber who passed



October Items Cooking Oil Hot Sauce Cake Mix Frosting

Over the past week, we began each day with The Shepherd's Pen cool, crisp mornings. The leaves and foliage have begun their cycle of change. The radiant

colors should strengthen our belief in God the Creator. This is the time of the year when cornfields will be transformed into mazes. Cornfield mazes appear in many different designs. They usually have a path which goes around the whole pattern with various trails deviating from the main path. Some cornfield mazes have a platform erected where a knowledgeable person can shout out directions to anyone that is lost. To those who are not too proud to accept them, such directions can take the stress out of going through the maze and make it feel like an adventure. As we walk the moral maze of this life, we should not be too proud to listen to God, who is trying through His word, to offer us direction. We can save ourselves a lot of panic and confusion if only we would consistently open our hearts to His wisdom and guidance. We don't have to guess when to go right and when to go left in this maze. We have a knowledgeable guide. Our God is not shouting at us from a platform above but is walking through the maze with us at every twist and turn. "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) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders



..Gethlyn Gardner has been in Maury Regional Hospital. He has been undergoing tests. He had a small tear in the lower intestine and had a procedure to correct it.

...Alan Potts had foot surgery Monday.

...Ernest Griffin is unresponsive and on life support in Florence, Alabama. He has had several heart attacks.

...Portia Baker fell and fractured a couple of bones in her foot.

...Jerry Yates has finished radiation chemo. He will beain immunotherapy treatments next week. He will do this every 2 weeks for a year.

...Johnny Qualls, father of Anita Allen, is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery at St. Thomas West. He is improving.

...Willie Powers has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will begin

treatments Friday, October 25. ...Angel Donovan is in St. Thomas Mid-Town undergoing tests.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Steve Bragg, Carolyn Stoltz, Kane Cross, Kyle Dickerson, Shannon **Briggs, Steve Bragg**

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

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Jr. McClanahan, Baker, **Frances** Hester Moss, Margaret McCord, Larry Talley

<u>Home</u>: Carolyn King, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

<u>Priscilla Barber</u> Harmony At Brentwood Apt. 421 9045 Church Street East Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Margie Copley
The Bridge in Columbia, TN. 851 W. James Campbell Blvd. Apt. 218 Columbia, TN. 38401







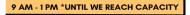
Place Stamp Here











NO ITEMS FROM BUSINESSES. WE ONLY ACCEPT THE ITEMS LISTED HERE

FREE & OPEN TO SURROUNDING RESIDENTS!

DONATIONS ARE HIGHLY APPRECIATED!























QUESTIONS? GINGER@TECTN.ORG - 615-379-8259























TECTN.ORG/CENTERVILLEROUNDUP





NOBODY TRASHES TENNESSEE



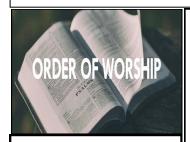




We want to invite you and your community to our upcoming Recycling Roundup, taking place close to your neighborhood on November 2nd, 2024 at Centerville Church of Christ (Parking Lot Across From School Bus Garage), 138 N Central Avenue, Centerville, TN 37033. This event is free and open to the public. Please help

us publicize this event with your community.

We accept hard-to-recycle items like mattresses, tires, electronics, blocks of Styrofoam, and scrap metal. We also accept clothing, textiles, cardboard, glass bottles, alkaline batteries, and ink cartridges. The Sheriff's Office will be on site to collect medication and secure paper shredding will be available on site. New collections this year include clean pet supplies, torn and tattered socks (any size or brand), select donatable medical supplies, crayons, and eyeglasses.



Preside October 27 Sam Chessor

P.M. Chapel Shaun Lawson Jagger Lawson **Read Scripture** October 27

Daniel Dressler

Elder's Prayer October 27

Craig Shelton



Communion Prep.

October 27 **Monty & Amy Dunn** **Prayer Week Of** October 27

S.M.W.

Chris Peters

S.M.D.

David Brown

S.E.W.

Corey Martin

S.E.D.

Jim Prince

W.E.B.S

Marvin Dorton

W.E.D

Wyatt Aydelott

