



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*

**Worship With Us Sunday**

Sunday AM  
*Opening the Door of Eternity*  
(Luke 16:19-24)

Sunday PM  
*What Bible Can Do for You*  
(John 17:17)

**9AM and 5PM**

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I have been so encouraged by the number of our members who participated in our reading challenge of reading the New Testament in 30 days. At last count that number was approaching 70. WOW! Isn't that great! I'm so proud of all of you for understanding the need to fulfil God's command to read His word. You will never regret making the time to read the Bible. One day God will open His book and He will judge the world by it. It's better to have read it and tried to understand as much of it as possible before that day.

There are so many people who want to criticize the Bible, but they have never read it themselves. Is it acceptable to criticize the Word of God without ever reading it? There isn't any better part of our day than when we get to read our Bibles. I hope that now that many have read the NT through, you might do it again, (Not in 30 days) and try to understand it better. When Philip in Acts 8 was sent to the Ethiopian eunuch who was reading from the prophet Isaiah, he asked him, *"Do you understand what you are reading?"* Paul told Christians, "when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ" (Eph. 3:4). The same God who gave us the Bible, is the same God who gave us the ability to understand it.

So, enjoy the very best part of the day, not just reading now, but also trying to understand it and applying it to our lives.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another..."*  
Gal. 3:16

God Bless -Todd

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



**SAVE THE DATE**

## Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

...Family and Friends Day at the Sylvia Church of Christ Sunday, October 15, 2023. 10 A.M. Bible School 11 A.M. Worship Fellowship Meal to Follow 1:30 P.M. Evening Worship 2:30 P.M. Family Fun & Games Guest Speaker: Thomas Southerland

...Gospel Meeting at the Sylvia Church of Christ October 15-18, 2023. 1002 Church Street Dickson, Tennessee 37055. Speaker: Thomas Southerland Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M.

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# Carter's Corner



*Carter Hoover*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 4**  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
SARAH & JOSEPH ISENBURG

**OCTOBER 9-13**  
**FALL BREAK**  
NO WEDNESDAY CLASS

**OCTOBER 13**  
**5TH QUARTER:**  
**PICKLEBALL NIGHT**  
AFTER THE GAME TIL 11:00

**OCTOBER 15**  
**SR HIGH FIRESIDE**  
ELI JACOBS

**OCTOBER 22**  
**JR HIGH FIRESIDE**  
LILLIAN JENKINS

**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**  
WYATT AYDELOTT SPEAKS

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT OCTOBER is already here. It feels like we started a new school year yesterday, yet here we are, just a few days away from Fall Break in Hickman County. The youth group and our family have been caught up in a whirlwind of events and activities to start the year, and I, for one, am looking forward to a week of rest next week. Time truly flies by, and it should remind us all to make the most of our days, as Paul would tell us in Ephesians 5:16. Let us all strive to serve the Lord daily with all of our energy while remembering to rest.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO HELP and find ways to get involved with Halloween on the Hill on Saturday, October 28th. This event is always one of our most well-attended activities of the year, and it requires tremendous support from our church family to make it a success. For those who may not know, Halloween on the Hill is our version of Trunk-or-Treat at Camp Meribah that we began hosting in October 2021. The camp facilities are transformed into a "Halloween Village," with volunteers decorating the porches of each cabin for children to visit for a trick or treat; the parking lot in front of Ken McDonald Hall is filled with cars decorated for Trunk-or-Treat, and there is food served at the oval area, along with face painting, a haunted cabin, and hay rides. Sign the list in the lobby if you would like to help with Trunk-or-Treat, and see me if you would like to help in another way. There is plenty of work for everyone to do!

A strong prayer life is the foundation of a thriving relationship with our Heavenly Father. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, we are encouraged to "pray without ceasing," and this continuous conversation with God fuels our faith, strengthens our resolve, and brings us into His presence daily. Through prayer, we find comfort in times of turmoil, clarity in moments of confusion, and hope in the face of challenges. This week, let us commit to nurturing our prayer life. Set aside dedicated moments each day to seek God's guidance, express gratitude, and lay your burdens before Him. Embrace the privilege of talking to your Heavenly Father, and as you do, watch how your faith deepens and your heart abounds with His peace and love. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



## Sympathy



### Robert Bryant

1937 - 2023

Mr. James "Robert" Bryant passed from this life on September 27, 2023 at the age of 86. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Sandy, daughter, Tami Duke, grandson, Robert "Ryan" O'Neill, granddaughter, Sandra "Nicole" Duke (Justin), and great granddaughter, Brianna Duke, brother James Dean "Deanie" Bryant, and his sister Sue Eubanks. Robert was a devoted member of the Centerville Church of Christ. He retired from MLEC and after his retirement, he spent most of his time at Tulipwood managing the upkeep of the landscaping and beautiful flowers. Robert was a self-taught guitarist and love to sing and play along with family and friends. Everyone who knew Robert knew how much he enjoyed playing golf, playing the guitar and working in his beautiful flowers.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Tommy Cagle who passed away.



## The Shepherd's Pen

In a Bible class, this question was presented to the class. If you had to describe the church in 3 words, what would you say and why? It is a question we all should give thought to. Even though there were several good answers, one stood at the top of the list. The church is "My Refuge Place." The definition of refuge is...protection or shelter from danger or trouble. A place that provides shelter or protection. The Bible teaches God is our refuge. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1) "In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us." (Psalm 62:7-8) The church is earth's single best place, God's specially designed place to start over, to grow, and to change for the glory of God. "Not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25) The church is where we learn to love God and others; where we are strengthened and transformed by the truth from God's word; where we are taught to pray, to worship and to serve; where we can be most certain that we are investing our time and abilities for eternity, where we grow in our roles as friends, sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

October 1, 2023

\$ 15,385.93

Camp: \$ 276.50

Budget: \$13,989.00

## Thank You

Chris Buchanan writes: "I want to thank everyone for all of the prayers for my dad Tommy Buchanan. They are definitely working!"

Ed & Barbara Beard write: "We are so thankful for the kind cards and calls for our 60th Anniversary and for our birthdays. Thank you for those who have called or came to express their concern for my health. We are so grateful and thankful. More tests have to be done to actually determine my problem. My arteries and heart are not the problem. Your continued prayers will be much appreciated."

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Mary Nell Mayberry and in Honor of Delton and Barbara Mayberry and families by the Aydelott Families.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Sally Chessor, Judy Rogers, and Robert Bryant by Wayne & Carolyn Chessor.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ME

...Candice Scott will have an MRI October 11th.

...Ann Spencer is recovering from surgery. She had a filter implanted to catch blood clots that she is dealing with.

...Charlene Hunt will have hip surgery Wednesday at Centennial Hospital to repair a muscle in her hip.

...Megan Fields, daughter of Melissa (Tim) Sanderson, spent some time in Maury Regional Hospital with pneumonia. She is recovering at home.

...Kasey Dickerson, daughter-in-law of Ken & Tina, is recovering from an appendectomy.

...Tommy Buchanan is at home and will see his oncologist on October 9th.

...Bobby McCoy spent some time in the local hospital with pneumonia. He is recovering at home. He is still having some problems.

...Hope Mitchell, daughter of Todd & Renee, had emergency surgery Monday at Clark County Regional Medical Center in Winchester, Kentucky to remove 2 large kidney stones. The surgery went well.

...Carol Reed spent some time in the hospital due to breathing problems. She is recovering at home.

...Jimmy & Cathie Copley are dealing with health problems.

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

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

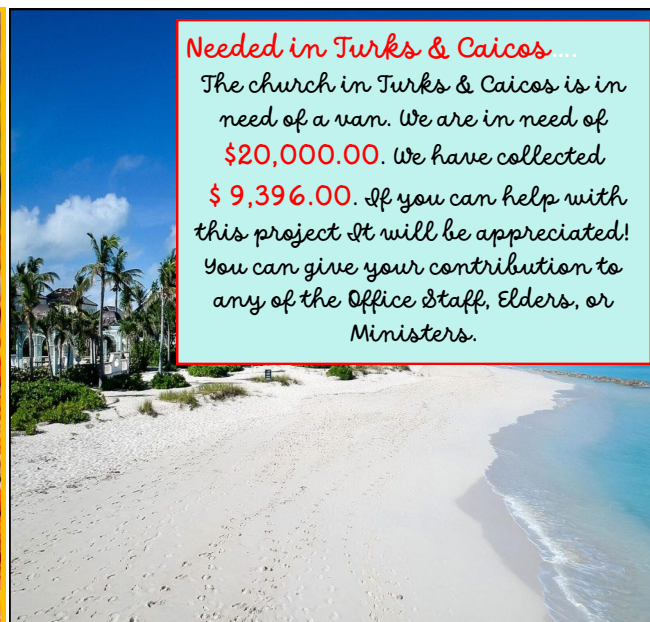
### Recovering from surgery or other illness:

David Morris, Dan Wallace, Don Chessor, Dina Torres, Charles Horner, Candice Scott, Angelica Essery, Juanita King, Baker Raye Jennings, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Martha Leath, Ophelia Gilbert, Jenny Teet, Shirley Foster, David King, Martha Ann Scaife, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Don Breece, Nina Dickey, Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

### Home:

Gerald McFarlin, Glenda Teet, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

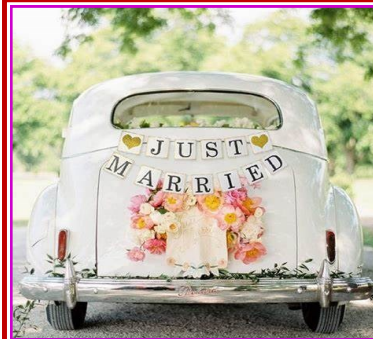


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The next Senior outing will be October 10, 2023. We will be going to Colton's Restaurant in Dickson, Tennessee. The van will leave the parking lot at 5:30 P.M.



**Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Riley Qualls (formerly Allison Beggs) who were recently married!**

**No Messenger October 11, 2023  
No Classes Wednesday Night October 11th Due To Fall Break**

### Scripture

October 8: Garth Richardson  
October 15: Randy James

### **Worship With Us At**

#### **The Centerville Church Of Christ**

**Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship 10:20 Bible Class**

**Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wednesday: 7 P.M. Classes For All Ages!**

### **Prayer Week of October 8**

**S.M.W.**  
Cecil Qualls

**S.M.D.**  
Randy Wright

**S.E.W.**  
Bill McDonald

**S.E.D.**  
Sam Chessor

**W.E.B.S**  
George Garland

**W.E.D.**  
Eli Jacobs

### **Prayer Week of October 15**

**S.M.W.**  
Dr. Eddie Boone

**S.M.D.**  
Brett Martin

**S.E.W.**  
Clay Chessor

**S.E.D.**  
Jim Hudgins

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

**W.E.D.**  
Joseph Isenberg

### **Communion Prep.**

**October 8**  
Karen Bridges

**October 15**  
Jeremy & Meredith Qualls

**October 22**  
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton

**October 29**  
Chris & Candice Scott

**P.M. Communion In Chapel**

**Wyatt & Jonathan Aydelott**

### **Preside**

**(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED BY 8:55**

**October 8**  
Wayne Rediker

**October 15**  
Brad Davis

**October 22**  
Randy Wright

**October 29**  
Philip Jacobs

### **Elder's Prayer:**

**October 8: Ken Dickerson  
October 15 : Gary Gatewood**