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"From Where I Sit"



This Sunday we begin our September "Month of Sunday's". I hope that you are able to be here each week and especially on the 19th for our 150th celebration. It is good and right for us to remember the blessed heritage of this congregation. To remember the many families that have been dedicated to the Lord's church and to God's word through the years. How God has blessed this place as He promised, 'you plant the seed and I'll give the increase'. Truly we see how God has done that here at Centerville. Many of you have been baptized here, many of your children have been baptized here along with others in your families. Let's take the time to thank Him for all that He has blessed us with.

I came across an article the other the day that talked about things members of the church should want for the church. Here are some of those things:

I want my congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community. For that, I must live "soberly, righteously and Godly" (Matt. 5:13-16).

I want any visitor who comes in to feel at home, to learn to love us, for us to love them and for them to return often.

I want my home congregation to grow and grow. Therefore, I must set myself to work at winning souls to Christ.

I must meet my obligations to the best of my ability. I must, with the help that God supplies, play my part in the incomparable work of building the body of Christ which He purchased with His own blood.

We have a wonderful opportunity during the month of September to show others the wonderful family here at the Centerville Church of Christ. More importantly we have the opportunity to show the love of Christ.

Remember also that our Elders have set the 19th as the day that our entire contribution on that day will go to help with the flood relief efforts.

God Bless -Todd

Centerville's *Month of Sunday's* 150TH CELEBRATION

September 5th Speaker:

Jeremy Butt

9 A.M. Worship:

"What Does Faithfulness Look Like?"

10:15 Bible Class

"The Faithful Do What God Commands" Hebrews 11:7-12

Combined Adult Bible Class

(5th Grade & Down Regular Classes)

11 A.M. Lunch

Afternoon Service:

"We Can't Give Up!"

Hebrews 12:1-4

Memory Lane.....

Karen Orton Phillips writes: "Daddy (Robert), Mom (Berniece), Bobby, and I were all there the first Sunday at the new church building in 1966. I was 6 years old. Daddy became a deacon and later helped at Camp Meribah and the Children's Homes by bringing his tractor and preparing the land. Mom and Daddy were involved with one of the Visitation Teams and assisted with various church activities. I was an active member of the Youth Group and have many precious memories of time spent with friends at summer camp, retreats, and various activities. I was baptized by David Craig and much later David officiated the wedding of Gary and me in 1982. Mom was a wonderful cook. This is a family favorite.

"Church" Supper Casserole

1 1/2 pounds ground beef
1 cup chopped onion
1 can whole kernel corn (drained)
1 can cheddar cheese soup
1 cup sour cream
1/4 cup chopped pimento
1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. pepper
3 cups cooked noodles or macaroni
1/2 cup crushed cracker crumbs (regular or buttered)
1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
3 T. butter

Brown meat, add onions and cook until tender. Add next 6 ingredients. Mix well then stir in noodles. Pour into baking dish, sprinkle with crackers and grated cheese. Dot with butter then bake about 30 minutes at 350 degrees. This also freezes well to be baked later.

George & Cindy Garland write: What led us to Centerville Church of Christ: "We went to a precious small Church of Christ close to where we live that Smokey's family had attended. Our daughter asked us to visit Centerville Church when she was in the seventh grade because she had friends here. We visited and found a loving congregation with an outstanding Youth group and church staff. Who could ask for better than Greg McCord, Craig Shelton (and now Carter Hoover), Paul Rogers (and now Todd Parsley and Matthew Dotson) Annis Womack and Ruth Reece (and now Tammy Willis). Over the years Greg McCord performed the wedding ceremony of our daughter and Bill McDonald performed the wedding ceremony of our son. We are thankful for the staff and the elders here. That one request of Beth's led us here, and we are still here 26 years later."



Photograph of 1966 kindergarten class at Centerville Church of Christ includes (Front row left to right) Bambi Cooper, Phillip Holland, Ridonna Horner, Greta Wright Harber (my sister-in-law), and Lou Ann Denman. Second Row students are Martha Bogle, Cindy Baker, Kent

McClanahan, and Susan Rogers. Our wonderful and exemplary teachers were Martha Loveless and Thelma Totty, who taught integrity, honesty and love for mankind. Miss Totty brought so many bible stories to life in a special and exciting manner. Over the next five decades, Martha moved ahead as Bible teacher and primarily Day School teacher, and she has influenced countless lives for good. *Submitted by Susan Rogers Harber*

Carter's Corner



WE HAVE A FANTASTIC GROUP OF YOUNG MEN who are willing to serve in our youth group. This past Sunday morning, two of our young men preached their very first sermons at the Coble Church of Christ. Houston Hudgins and Bryce Hughes both did an excellent job presenting their sermons. Both young men had well-prepared messages and you could not tell that they were both "first-timers." John Jacobs did an excellent job as always leading singing, and Case Martin delivered a very thoughtful prayer during the service. I encourage you to take time this week to find these young men and thank them for their willingness to be a part of worship services.

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT, along with the HCHS Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the youth group will be hosting our annual Cornhole Tournament and Tailgate Party before the home football game. This event will take place in the parking lot of HCHS, right outside of the press box, and will include Cornhole, Spike Ball, music, and the forever favorite, snowcones. This event is always well-attended each year and is a great outreach program for our youth group to the students of HCHS. Make sure to come early for the game to enjoy all of the activities.

ARE YOU AN ENCOURAGER OR A COMPLAINER? A giver of praise or a giver of criticism? A confidence builder or a confidence breaker? Hebrews 3:13 reads, "but exhort one another daily..." Find praise in one another, encourage and uplift one another as we labor in our battle against Satan. As Satan tries in every way to cause us to fall, let us find strength in one another and

especially in the One who has enough comfort and strength for all. In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 3

TAILGATE PARTY
HCHS; 5:30

SEPTEMBER 8

LIGHTHOUSE
JENKINS & CHILTON

SEPTEMBER 12

SR. HIGH FIRESIDE
SARA TRUE

SEPTEMBER 16

JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
LAKE BATES

SEPTEMBER 19

150+1 CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 22

LIGHTHOUSE
CASE MARTIN



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Dr. Mani's Mission Fund in memory of Elizabeth Givens, Phil Shelton, Welch Whitesell.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Evelyn Baggett who passed away in California. She was the aunt of Linda (Charlie) Shelton.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Aug. 29th:
\$ 14,684.12

Camp:
\$ 209.90

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

JOIN US IN PRAYER

...Bobby Mayberry will have surgery Friday for a malignant growth near his eye.

...Brett McCord, brother of Ashley Halliburton, is in a regular room at Centennial and improving daily.

...Reba Horner is recovering from Covid.

...Bobby Breece is now on Hospice care.

...Travis Barber, grandson of David & Jane Talley, is recovering from Covid at home after spending several days in the hospital.

...Luther Brown, father of David, is having treatments for cancer.

...Raymond Stoltz, uncle of Melissa (Tim) Sanderson, is suffering with cancer and not doing well.

...Danny Skelton is recovering from having 3 stents implanted in his heart.

...George Lankford is in Horizon Medical Center with pneumonia.

Memory Lane

Kim James writes: " We know what an influence our parents have on us as children, but I also know from experience that God uses children to also influence their parents.

My father was career Army, so we moved a lot and never went to church. My friends invited me to worship services with them. I came home one Sunday and told my mom that I went up front at church to put Jesus in my heart, she immediately started taking me to the church of her youth. She found a small church 30 minutes from our home; Cornell Church of Christ in Lawton, OK. What was wonderful about that, after studying she was baptized and became a faithful member of the church until her young death at 50 in 1992. We moved to Centerville when my dad retired in 1976. One of the first people to visit us was Paul and Judy Rogers. They brought food and an invitation to the Centerville Church of Christ. When we first walked in the church I thought it was the most beautiful place I had ever seen. Everyone was so loving and friendly. I was blessed to have a wonderful youth minister, Bill McDonald. Looking back, he really wasn't that much older than us kids but he had a spiritual maturity and contagious love for the Lord that translated to us. On Wednesday, April 20, 1977, 4 of us teens went up front to confess our Lord and be baptized. Bro. Rogers was ecstatic because he had 4 baptisms and one repentance!! I turned to look at Bro. Bill and he had the biggest smile on his face. He would be even prouder as later Joy went into labor with their first born child, Ryan.

My father, who had never been to church, started studying with Dr. James Blackwell. Dr. Blackwell used his dental practice many times as a way to reach people. Not much you could do but listen with his hands in your mouth! So, I like to think that God used me again to reach my dad. Two months later on July 14, 1977, elder, Dr. James Blackwell, baptized my dad. Many years later I would marry a wonderful man. Randy was baptized at age 9 in the Baptist Church. Bro. Paul Rogers had many discussions with Randy. He came by our house at least once a month with a loaf of bread and would discuss the plan of salvation that is taught in the Bible. Our county was struck by a terrible murder of a good family man. Randy called Brother Rogers at 9 P.M. that night and said, 'I want to make sure I am baptized the way God has told us in His Word, when can we do it?' Brother Rogers said 'NOW!' So, while I stayed home with our baby, Randy met Brother Rogers at the church building and was immersed for his sins and was added to the Church. We brought our son up in the church. He also had a wonderful youth minister, Craig Shelton. He was baptized by Craig on Sunday evening, August 11, 2002.

I have many wonderful memories of the Centerville Church of Christ. I especially think of all the wonderful, Godly people that have gone on to meet their reward. There are too many to name, but they all had a wonderful impact on my life and spiritual growth."

Jimmy, Holley & Jacob Krueger write: "We moved in December 2017 leaving us to find a closer congregation. We had heard Bryan McAlister speak numerous times and knew he preached the gospel. After realizing Bryan was the minister of Centerville's congregation, that led us to visit Centerville Church of Christ. We immediately felt welcomed and knew it would be a wonderful church for our family. We are thankful for the godly people and friends we have made at CCOC!"

Drop-Off Shower!



There will be a drop-off shower for Nick and Alicia Batts on Sunday, September 5th! Please leave your gift in the lobby. It's a girl!

Thank You

Ben and Brook Austin write: "Ben and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for letting us use the Outreach Center for the baby shower. We are beyond blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, loving church family whom never hesitates to help us prepare for whatever is happening in life. We love each one of you. In Christian love..."

Diane Shelton writes: " I would like to express my heartfelt love and thanks to all who have taken the time to pray for my husband Phil. I have comfort in the knowledge he is not struggling with cancer, as he has for three years. I am grateful for Charlie and Linda for accepting and loving me as part of the Shelton family. God has graced my life with them."

Charlie and Linda Shelton write:

" Dear Church Family, Thank you for the prayers and concern you have shown for Charlie's brother Phil for three years. We appreciate all the cards, calls, and beautiful lantern since his passing. We are so blessed to belong to such a loving church family."

September Celebrations



**Barbara & Edgar
Beard**
Married 58 Years
September 6, 2021



Billy Garner
93 Years Old
September 9, 2021



Bobbie June Kittrell
92 Years Old
September 12, 2021



Thomas Bowen
93 Years old
September 12, 2021



Billy Garner
93 Years Old
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David & Jane Talley
Married 59 Years
September 20, 2021



Judy Rogers
85 Years Old
September 23, 2021



Marjorie Claud
80 years old
September 29, 2021



J.B. Brown
87 Years Old
September 25, 2021



The Shepherd's Pen

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews 13:16) On Sunday, September 19th, we will celebrate the 150th Anniversary of this congregation. Over those many years this congregation has had the servant heart to

help others. On that special day, September 19th, the *contributions* given will be set aside to help the flood victims in Hickman and Humphries County. Let us all plan to generously give to this need on that day.

Your Elders

Those To Serve in September

Prayer Week of September 5

S.M.W.
Luke Worsham

S.M.D.
Colby Shelton

S.E.W.
Chris Peters

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Derek Newsom

W.E.D.
Brad Davis

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5: Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson
Sept. 12: Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins
Sept. 19: Jagger Lawson, Jackson McDonald, Bo McDonald, Boone Newsom
Sept. 26: Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson

Please be up front by 8:50

Read Scripture September 5th:

Justin Beard

Preside September 5th:

Gethlyn Gardner

Meals On Wheels

Sept. 1: Carolyn/Wayne Chessor
Sept. 8: Nancy Leathers
Sept. 15: Becky Gatewood
Sept. 22: Sam Chessor
Sept. 29: Leslie Hudgins

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

RADIO ROOM

Chris Teet
Clay Chessor
Michael Jenkins
Joseph McCauley

September Greeters:

James & June Aydelott
Bill & Joy McDonald
John & Debbie Bradley
George & Mary Sue Bragg

Elders' Prayer:

September 5th:

Ken Dickerson

NURSERY:

Carla Totty

BAPT. CLOTHING:

Glenda Dorton

USHERS:

Ronald Coates
Monty Dunn
Don Chessor