



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427
September 13, 2023 Volume XXXXIII –Number 33



"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Sunday A.M.: Unashamed II Timothy 1:8-12
Sunday P.M.: God Is Able Genesis 17:1

This Sunday we will look at 2 Timothy 1:8-12 and consider why the Apostle Paul says he is not ashamed to be a teacher in prison. Consider the words of the following.

The Fellowship Of The Unashamed (Revised)

I am part of the Fellowship of the Unashamed. I have strength in the Lord and the power of His might. The pattern has been fixed. I have made the decision to make Jesus Lord. I am a disciple and a soldier of Jesus Christ. I belong to Him, mind, body, and soul.

I won't look up, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. There is a world lost in sin, and only the one true gospel can make a difference.

I'm not all I ought to be, what I want to be, or what I am going to be; but thank God that by

His grace, I am not what I used to be.

I am finished with low living, sight walking, blind eyes, smooth knees, lazy preaching, deaf ears, compromised beliefs, and politically correct talking.

I will not give in to human religion rather than embracing New Testament Christianity. I am weary of scoffers who believe they have something better than God's way or God's will.

I am finished with the notion that the Lord's church has to change its doctrine, or it can't grow. I have seen with my own eyes that the Gospel still works, the blood still cleanses, God still answers prayers, and the promises of God still hold true.

I am finished with foolish ways. I will do more than listen to the Lord; I will carefully obey Him. I will do more than speak for what is right; I will speak against what is wrong. I will do more; I will preach the truth without fear to anyone and everyone.

I am finished with doubting. I will believe every word of every sentence of every verse of every chapter of every book is inspired, God breathed, and is utterly trustworthy. And my faith is without apology.

I am finished being wise in my own eyes, I know I do not have a better way. I will not lean on my understanding but will trust God, who knows what I do not know and can see what I cannot see.

I will stand against the compromising of doctrine, the tolerating of human traditions, the offering of false hope, and flirting with socially popular religion.

I know there is one way to heaven, the narrow way. I am unwilling to support any church but the Lord's church, any way but the Lord's way, any gospel but the Lord's gospel, any baptism but the Lord's baptism, or any teaching but the Lord's teaching.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I have the love of Christ, the grace of God, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

My pace is set and fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my guide reliable, and my mission clear.

I will not be bought, compromised, deterred, pulled away, turned back, diluted, or delayed. There are too many souls at stake, and my Lord deserves better. I will not flinch in the face of heresy, hesitate in the face of error, negotiate at the table of the enemy, pander to the popular, or meander in the maze of the muddy.

I won't give up, back up, let up, or shut up until I have preached up, prayed up, stored up, and stayed up the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus Christ. I must go until Heaven returns, serve until I drop, preach until everyone knows, and work until He comes. And when He comes to get His own, I pray I will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Truth without compromise always!
God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Update from Romania

September 7, 2023

I arrived here in Cluj just after midnight August 24 and have been staying busy ever since.

The first week was spent at our Northern Romania Bible School where Albert Cook, minister from Bucharest, and I taught a week-long series of lessons. Each day, I conducted a 2-hour class on Galatians and in the evenings Brother Ted Knight and his son Marty taught. They are from Arkansas and were instrumental in establishing the work here.

In addition to teaching English classes and a Bible Study on James this week, we have purchased backpacks for the Ukrainian and Romanian children who attend our Saturday Bible classes. Each is filled with supplies they will need when they start back to school on Monday and will be distributed today.

Lord willing, Charlie Pearman from Brentwood Hills will arrive Friday evening. We then will travel to Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine on Saturday stopping in Chernivtsi to leave supplies and money for the congregations still meeting in and near the war zone.

On Sunday, we plan to worship with the congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk. They are involved in a number of relief efforts which we hope to be able to help with.

The most pressing is a group of villages and small towns in the Kharkiv region where people are going without food. They are occupied by the disabled and the elderly who have not been able to leave the war zone due to health issues or because they did not have family to help them move.

Because of the fighting, it has been very difficult for volunteers to get to. However, thanks to a young lady associated with the Church, the congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk has found a way to provide food and other supplies.

On Monday, Charlie and I will visit the Director of the Physical Therapy Clinic for victims of the war. This is part of an initiative by SeaStar Kids that I work with, to determine the feasibility of establishing a Behavioral Health Clinic to help children affected by the trauma from the fighting and the loss of their homes, families, and friends.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, September 14-16, Charlie and I will conduct a series of seminars specifically designed for the people of Cluj. We are hopeful that the outpouring of love by the congregation here to the refugees from Ukraine will cause people to be curious about who we are and why we do what we do.

Lord willing, I should be home on Monday, September 25.

Please continue to remember us in prayer.

John



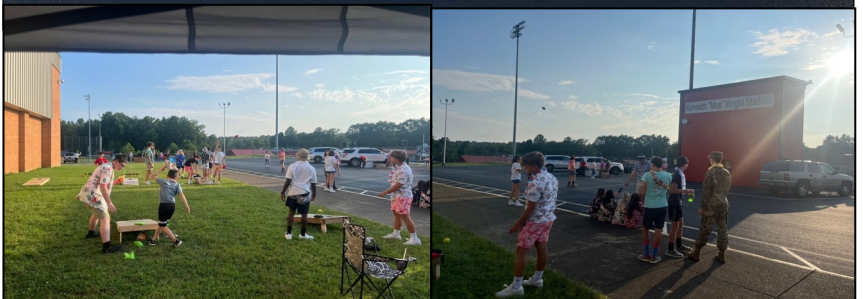
Carter Hoover

IT WAS A BUSY WEEKEND for the youth group, and I am thankful for all the successful events we were able to host. I am always impressed at how great a job our students do inviting and letting others know about upcoming events, and I am always thankful for their willingness to get others involved in our ministry. We have seen many first-time visitors in the first few weeks of the school year, and I am proud of our young people for bringing their friends to church!

OUR ANNUAL TAILGATE PARTY with the HCHS FCA was a great success this past Friday night. It was a beautiful night to be outside, and a large crowd of students gathered before the home game to enjoy a period of fellowship together. Matthew does a great job with the FCA at the school, and I was thankful for the opportunity to get to know the students involved.

THE SEPTEMBER SR HIGH FIRESIDE was also great, largely thanks to the Aydelott family. We had a great crowd of young people and visitors, and I fully believe there's no better way to start the week than by spending time in devotional, fellowship, and fun together. Please plan to be a part of our next Sr High Fireside on October 15th!

Proverbs 22:1 reminds us that "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold." Our name and reputation reflect who we are at our core and hold incredible significance. In a world often focused on pursuing material wealth and success, we should not underestimate the power of having a good name. A good name reflects our integrity and is a testament to our character. Our reputation can either point people toward Christ or push them away. Let us always remember the importance of a good name throughout our lives. It is a way to honor God, bless others, and leave a positive mark on the world. Let us strive to build and protect a good name, recognizing that it is a priceless treasure in both God's eyes and the eyes of those around us. Have a great week! In Him, Carter



Sympathy



Melvin Roberson

February 1, 1958 - September 9, 2023

We express our sympathy to the family of Melvin Roberson who passed away suddenly at his home. Melvin and Felicia have been members of the Centerville Church of Christ for several years. To Felicia, sons Matthew and Isaiah, all grandchildren, family and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.



A Bridal Shower!

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Camryn Qualls, Bride elect of Jake Martin, Sunday, September 24, 2023 at the Outreach Center from 1-3 P.M. Jake and Camryn are registered at theknot.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 10, 2023

\$ 14,313.93

Camp: \$ 302.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Thank You

Jenny Teet writes: "Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards and calls while I have been on the mend. And, thank you for the gift cards."

The Family of Kenny Loveless writes: Thank you for your kindness during Kenny's illness and passing. Kenny was aware of your prayers for him and he deeply appreciated each one."

John Plemmons, Jr. writes: "I want to thank my brothers and sisters at the Centerville Church of Christ for your prayers, phone calls and cards following my recent eye surgeries. I deeply appreciate everything."

Kathy McDonald writes: "Dear Church Family, I want to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, calls, food and gift card while I was sick. I had gone all of this time without coming down with Covid and was surprised when I tested positive. Y'all have always been there for me during times of sickness and loss and I am so very appreciative of all of you. I love you all!"

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Judy Rogers by Richard & Delories Johns.

Area Events..

...The National Banana Pudding Festival needs you! Many kinds of work to do. Sign up for one shift or all of them. Unique volunteer T-shirt provided.

Good people, good fun, good cause. BananaPuddingFest.org/pages/volunteers 2023 Volunteer Shifts Saturday Oct 7 8:30 am - 2:00 pm 1:30 pm - 6:30 pm Sunday Oct 8 11:30 am - 5:30pm



PRAY

....please

...Charles Horner is recovering from surgery at home.

...Woody Woodruff is in Ascension St. Thomas Rehab. Hospital. Room 317.

...Don Chessor will be having surgery for a torn rotator cuff and bicep.

...Darrin Dickerson is recovering from hernia surgery.

...Ann Spencer is feeling better after being sick at home for several days.

...Tommy Buchanan, father of Chris (Lea Ann), Buchanan, is in St. Thomas Mid-Town for rehab. He has been diagnosed with lymphoma and will start chemotherapy treatments in a few weeks.

...Lonnie Gilliam is scheduled to return home on Wednesday, September 13th.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Angelica Essery, Juanita King, Billie Sue True, Portia Baker, Baker Raye Jennings, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Martha Leath, Jace Bradley, Ophelia Gilbert, Jenny Teet, Shirley Foster, David King, Larry King, Ken Jenkins, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

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

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

Happy Belated Birthday!



Martha Loveless
82 Years Old
September 8, 2023



The Shepherd's Pen

This week we will experience a hint of fall weather. A reminder of the change of the season is just around the corner. Fall is the transition from summer to winter. A beautiful time of the year as foliage begins to reveal colors as a testimony of God's wonderful creation. The bible speaks about the beauty of change in us because of Jesus. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* (II Corinthians 5:17) Once we are in Christ everything changes. Our *perspective* changes, our *ideas* change, our *values* and *actions* change. Change means to move in another direction. The changing must line up with God's word. The Christian life is an ongoing series of changes as we grow in knowledge and faith. We grow in Christ and growth requires change. Paul wrote in Romans 12:2, *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* As the changing of the season is a testimony of God's glory, let the changes in us be a testimony as well. Let us reflect in our life the glory that comes from God. (II Corinthians 4:6) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

Bennett's Bolt



Prayer Week of September 17

S.M.W.
Alan Potts

S.M.D.
Randy James

S.E.W.
Scott Miley

S.E.D.
Major Qualls

W.E.B.S
Chris Teet

W.E.D.
Marshall McCauley

Scripture September 17 Eli Jacobs

Prepare Communion

September 17
Susan Dotson

September 24
George & Cindy Garland

Preside
Alan Potts

Elder's Prayer:

September 17
Wayne Qualls

Centerville Church of Christ
138 North Central Avenue
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Office: 931-729-4201
Secretary Tammy Willis EMAIL:
tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org

Ministers

Todd Parsley: 931-994-8333
Matthew Dotson: 615-418-2051
Carter Hoover: 931-797-9743
Shane Willis: 615-308-9161

Elders

Ken Dickerson: 931-252-1944
Gary Gatewood: 615-714-1925
Mike Goodpasture: 615-418-2278
Wayne Qualls: 615-418-4043
Craig Shelton: 615-418-2228
Shane Willis: 615-308-9161