



# CENTERVILLE

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*

## Hickman County Treasures



Brent Beard graduated from Boyd-Buchanan in Chattanooga. He attended Freed-Hardeman where he met his wife Lana of 34 years. He started a landscape company that he worked at until getting his teaching certification in 2018. He currently teaches and coaches at Columbia Academy. Brent has been the full time minister at Totty's Bend for 23 years. He has two grown children and one granddaughter. *Brent will speak Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 5 P.M.*

Our annual Friends and Family Day was a great day! It was so good to see many visitors and family here at Centerville. I want to thank all who worked so hard to make things go so well for the day. Big thanks to all who brought the delicious food. If you left hungry it was your own fault. I am already looking forward to next years Friends and Family Day!

We all want our lives to matter. It's the reason we do the things we do. We work hard for promotions and leadership positions because we want to make a difference. We encourage our kids to go to college, get a good job, in hopes that they, too, will make a difference. There's nothing wrong with having success or influence, but those things alone won't change the world and they aren't what we were made for. We were made to obey the Lord, to share the Gospel and to build up the church. God made each one of us with unique gifts, personalities, and skill sets. And when we are raised with Christ in Baptism (Col. 3:1-4), we are to seek things above and begin using those gifts to build up the Kingdom. We seriously get the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God given talents, gifts, and abilities to build up His church.

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful but joined together it creates something beautiful. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever."* Servant leadership is a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given to those around us, both within the church and those outside of Christ.

Serving others is good for your soul! Studies have shown that helping others is so good for the mind and body that it can ease symptoms of stress and anxiety. Serving others can be the best distraction from our own problems and distractions. Serving others helps keep us focused on God and our commitment to serving Him as well.

Throughout the Bible God used men and women just like us today with similar doubts and fears. Moses didn't think he was much of a leader, but God worked through him to bring Israel out of bondage in Egypt. David was the youngest, and therefore most insignificant of all his brothers, but God worked through him to defeat the giant Goliath and eventually made him a king. Paul used to persecute the Church and Christians before he met the Lord and was converted, he went on to become one of the most highly regarded and prolific writers in the history of the church.

God wants us to take the gifts and abilities which He has given to us and use them, get more involved, make a difference in the lives of everyone around us, build up the Church. Take the time to consider the gift which God has blessed you with and use it.

God Bless -Todd

# Carter's Corner



*Carter Hoover*

COOL MORNINGS AND FALLING TEMPERATURES can only mean one thing...Fall is just around the corner! Fall is one of my favorite times of year in youth ministry because of all the great activities that are planned. From bonfires and hayrides to Friendsgiving and Servant Saturday, our Fall portion of the youth calendar is packed full of great opportunities for our young people to be involved!

WE HAD THE BEST CROWD IN TWO YEARS at our 5th Quarter this past Friday night. Students had a great time enjoying the inflatable foosball game we rented for the night, as well as playing basketball and watching baseball on the projector in the Fellowship Hall. I am thankful for the growing crowds at our 5th Quarters so far this year, due largely in part to the great job our students have done in spreading the word to their classmates.

THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID IT BEST: "For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15). Can you relate? It seems so easy to fall into temptation. We all do it; so how do we overcome it? The best way to fight temptation is the same way that Jesus did – with Truth. When Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4, He responded by quoting Scripture. Again and again, Satan threw out a great prize, and each time Jesus replied with Truth from God's Word. With every temptation, such as food to satisfy His hunger, incredible power, influence, and even physical safety from harm – Jesus responded by quoting God's Word. Paul echoes this idea in Ephesians 6 and tells us to pick up the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. A sword, of course, does us no good in a battle if we keep it in its sheath, strapped to our side. We have to use it. So how can we respond when we're faced with temptation? Follow Jesus' example and begin by knowing God's Word. I encourage you this week to spend time studying the truths in God's word. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16  
**FCA TAILGATE PARTY**

SEPTEMBER 18  
**JR. HIGH FIRESIDE**  
JACKSON MCDONALD

SEPTEMBER 21  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
AIDEN WALLACE

SEPTEMBER 25  
**SR HIGH FIRESIDE**  
MATY HUNT

OCTOBER 2  
**JR HIGH FIRESIDE**  
BRAYDON CHESSOR

OCTOBER 5  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
TREVOR & HEATH  
BUCHANAN

OCTOBER 10  
**FALL BREAK WEEK**





## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Joyce Coleman who passed away. She was the mother of Eric (Becky) Coleman.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Luther Brown who passed away. He was the father of David (Kathy) Brown.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Martha Bates by Doug Shepherd.

## A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Dustin & Keller Mizell on the birth of a baby girl September 7, 2022. Esma Florence Mizell weighed 9 lbs. 6 ozs. and is 20 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Scott & Suzi Miley.

## Placing Membership



We want to welcome Keith and Judy Matlock to our Centerville Church of Christ Family! Their address is:  
1881 Grays Bend Road  
Centerville, Tennessee 37033  
Welcome!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**September 11, 2022**  
**\$ 12,295.25**

**Camp:**  
**\$ 180.25**

**Budget:**  
**\$ 13,532.00**

## Thank You

Todd & Renee Parsley write: " Dear Church Family, Thank you for the many prayers, food, all those who came to the funeral home, and the beautiful lantern. In Christian Love"

Eddie Boone writes: "Christina and I would like to thank you for the texts, cards, check-ins and most importantly prayers for my health. I have made progress, however I still have a way to go for a full recovery. Please continue to pray. Thank you...."

The Boone Family

Tyler & Rebecca Schmid write: "To our church family, Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for every act of kindness that has been shown to us since the passing of our son, Bennett. We are truly blessed by each of you. Thank you so much for your prayers, support, love, cards, and the meal provided to our family following visitation. "

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Ward Mayberry spent some time in St. Thomas Mid-Town due to a bleeding ulcer. He is recovering at home.

...Bobby Mayberry is at home.

...Evelyn Jane Barr, infant daughter of Corbin and Lauren (Gatewood) Barr, is in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. She is doing well.

...Jeremy Gilbert, son of Ronnie & Judy, was in a car wreck and is Vanderbilt Hospital. He has shown signs of improvement.

...Tim Garrett (Stephanie) had surgery for colon cancer Tuesday, September 13th.

...3 year old Brantley Dresco is in Vanderbilt with pneumonia.

...Eric Hughes is recovering from back surgery.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Linda Smith, Jase Bradley, Billy & Juanita Garner, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, 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, Jill Akens, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Steve Higginbotham

### Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Hugh David Love, Doyle Rushton, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

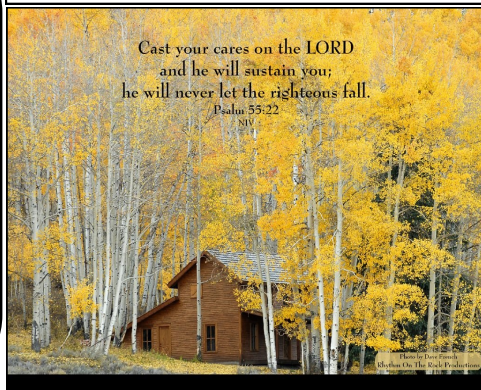
### St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan



Charlie & Susan Ingram have moved. The new address is:

490 Hackberry Lane  
Nunnally, Tennessee 37137



Cast your cares on the LORD  
and he will sustain you;  
he will never let the righteous fall.

Psalm 55:22

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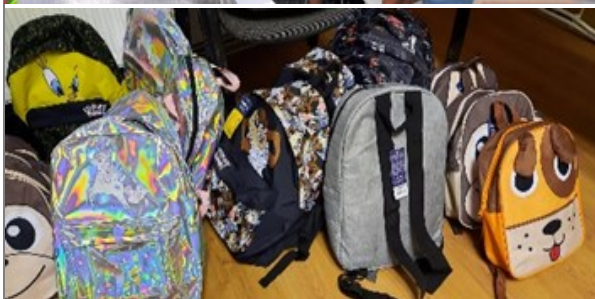
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Church of Christ Cluj on Facebook for the latest news on the work here.

Also, *SeaStar Kids* has partnered with *Healing Hands International* to provide backpacks for the children who have been forced to relocate to Poland and Romania. Please take a look at <https://seastarkids.org/> and see how you can help us help them!

*God bless and thank you for your prayers! John*

#### *(Update From John Continued)*

It reminds me of Paul's remarks in 1 Corinthians 14 on speaking in tongues and order in worship.

We have both a Romanian and a Ukrainian interpreter and the three of us must "work together" to avoid "talking-over" each other.

It reminds me a little of "verbal juggling!" Here is a picture of the three of us trying to stay "in-sync."

So far, the highlight of the trip began last Sunday when a group of thirty Christians from Northern Romania joined us for a week-long Bible Training School. After speaking at church Sunday, I taught a class on First Peter which met two-hours per day.

My decision to add approximately 200 PowerPoint slides to my presentation using scriptures from the Romania Bible proved more daunting than I had anticipated. However, we had a wonderful and profitable week, as I got to know more of the Romanian Christians.

This Monday, September 5 marks the beginning of school here. This means that Sorina and Dragos will have to get back into the routine of having three girls in school. It also means I will be assisting more with the pantry and helping procure and fill more backpacks for the children. We have already given out over 100 backpacks and anticipate we will need at least that many more.

The congregation is very evangelistic, and we are working on ways to introduce our Ukrainian friends to New Testament Christianity. In addition to formal English classes each week we are planning to have a three-day Bible Training Class for the Ukrainians which we hope will result in some one-on-one Bible studies eventually leading to baptism.

In closing, I would encourage you to follow Biserica lui Hristos Cluj/



## **Preside September 18**

Elder's Prayer:

Shane Willis

## **Prayer Week of September 18**

S.M.W.  
Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D.  
Randy James

S.E.W.  
Kevin Isenberg

S.E.D.  
Brandon McCauley

W.E.B.S  
Brian Qualls

W.E.D.  
Chris Teet



## *The Shepherd's Pen*

Sunday was a wonderful day! Our annual Friends and Family Day was well attended. The worship services were uplifting in every way. The sermons from Todd, Jim, and Matthew were inspirational. We appreciated very much the First Responders and other visitors in attendance for worship and the meal. The meal in the fellowship hall had that WOW! factor. The serving tables had food from one end to the other. Thank you to all that brought food. There was plenty! The fellowship hall was filled with *folks, food, and fellowship*. It was as memorable day! To everyone that organized, set-up, and cleaned up you are loved and appreciated! In Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome he wrote, *"That I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me."* (Romans 1:12) Encouragement is mentioned over and over in the scriptures. The Bible tells us to encourage one another, to remind each other of the truth that God loves us, that God equips us, and that we are treasured. Encouragement gives us the will to carry on. *"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you also are doing."* (1 Thessalonians 5:11) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through. *Your Elders*

## **Preside September 18**

Scripture  
Joey Hunt

Preside  
Wayne Rediker