



CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427
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Jim & Angela Brown



Bryan, Mendy, Connor,
Kendyl, Kinley and Carsen McAlister

150th Anniversary

The Centerville Church Of Christ

September 19, 2021

9:00 A.M. Worship Speaker: Jim Brown
10:15 Combined Adult Bible Classes Speaker: Bryan McAlister
5th Grade And Down Go To Bible Classes
11:30 Potluck Lunch Served Outside Under Tents
12:15 Singing/ A Walk Down Memory Lane
Memories of 150 Years & Afternoon Devotional
Speakers: Todd Parsley and Matthew Dotson
12:45 Time Capsule Ceremony
Speaker: Carter Hoover

No 5 P.M. Worship

CONTRIBUTIONS GIVEN ON SEPTEMBER 19TH WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR FLOOD RELIEF

Memory Lane...

Martha Loveless writes: " Although I did not grow up Centerville, I have many wonderful memories of the "little church." My sister Allen and I grew-up in Jackson, Missouri, a city with only 1 Church of Christ. It was downtown and did not have many members. Every Christmas and several weeks in the summer we spent with my grandmother, Mattie Allen (Lem) who lived across the street from the church. (where 1st Farmers is now) My grandmother had been a member since early 1920's. We thought it was so wonderful running across the street to every service. There was always people laughing and visiting on the sidewalk. We moved to Centerville in 1961. I married Ralph Loveless in 1964 in that "little church". My mother was married there in the 1930's. We moved to the new church when Lee was a baby and I have been here ever since. I treasure the memories.

...Serving Lunch At Waverly



Financial Estate Planning Seminar

Many have signed up for the *Financial Estate Planning Seminar* for Sunday, October 3rd, 2pm – 4pm. If you have not, the sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. This service is provided by Freed Hardeman University.

Carter's Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 16

**JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**
LAKE BATES

SEPTEMBER 19

150+1 CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 22

LIGHTHOUSE
CASE MARTIN

SEPTEMBER 24

HOCO BONFIRE
CAMP MERIBAH
ROCK QUARRY

SEPTEMBER 26

JR. HIGH FIRESIDE
JENKINS & CHILTON

OCTOBER 1

5TH QUARTER
AFTER THE GAME TIL 11:00;
FELLOWSHIP HALL

IT IS AN EXCITING WEEK in our office building as everyone is finalizing plans for our 150+1 Anniversary Celebration this coming Sunday. I am proud to see so many different individuals working and contributing to the efforts to make this a special day in the life of our church family. This Sunday will be the culmination of over a year of planning, organizing, praying, and hard work to recognize and give praise to our Heavenly Father for His blessings of a big congregation in a small town. Lord willing, this Sunday will be a wonderful day for our congregation to look back on 150 years of faithful service while also looking forward to many more years of work in the Kingdom.

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT this past Sunday night for September's Sr. High Fireside. Around 25 students gathered together for a great afternoon of fun, food, fellowship, and time spent in devotional. A big thanks goes to Philip and Alice Anne Jacobs for helping with the meal that night.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the launching of our new church website on Sunday, September 26th. We are all aware that our old website has been down for several months now but I am excited and relieved to report that we are closing in on having our new website finished. I am looking forward to a beautiful, modern, and user-friendly new website, and I know that it will be a blessing to both our church family and any interested guests or individuals to our congregation. More info to come soon!

"GOD IS THE PARTNER IN ALL GREAT ENTERPRISES" -Abraham Lincoln. When we accomplish a task, who do we give credit to? When we have given "110%," do we praise ourselves for a job well done? Let us never forget where our true strength, help, and source of all things come from. Who gives us the abilities to succeed and accomplish far more than we could ever imagine ourselves completing? The One who is supporting us, not just when we succeed, but when we fall flat on our face, too. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."* James 1:17

In Him, Carter

Wednesday Night Bible Class:

Parables

Room 214

Mike Elkins & Craig Shelton's Classroom
Anyone Welcome!

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kevin Copley who passed away. To his wife Beth, daughters Emma & Ella, son Bryson, mother & father-in-law Steve & Janie McClanahan, relatives Jimmy (Cathie) Copley, Mike (Belinda) Potts we express our sincere sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Wilma Cash who passed away. She was a member of the Pinewood Church of Christ for over 50 years. She grew up at the Centerville Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Dee Floyd who passed away.

Thank You

Edgar & Barbara Beard write:

"Thank you to all who sent us Anniversary cards, emailed us, posted on Facebook, called us and personally congratulated us. We sure are grateful and thankful for your love. Barbara sure deserves the praise. God Bless..."

Betty Breece writes: "To our church family, Thank you for your love and support during this difficult time. Your prayers have given us the courage and peace to face the hard journey of Alzheimer's disease. A special thank you for those who brought food for the funeral dinner. You are amazing cooks! The lanterns are beautiful. We appreciate these memorial gifts from the church. We love you all." The Family of Bobby Breece

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 12th:

\$ 11,751.25

Camp:

\$ 233.00

Budget:

\$ 12,979.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ in memory of Bobby Breece by the following: Ken & Tina Dickerson, Jim & Elaine Armstrong, Joe T. Shipp Family.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Welch Whitesell by Ken & Tina Dickerson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ in memory of Bobby Breece.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Bobby Breece by Susan Dotson.



...Rick Bruno suffered multiple injuries due to a mowing accident and is in the Trauma Unit at Vanderbilt.

...Wayne & Jane Gilbert, brother & sister-in-law of Judy (Keith) Matlock, are in the hospital with Covid pneumonia.

...Nanette Simmons has not been well lately.

...Susan Hardy, mother of Lacey Johnson, is battling cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Pam Anderson, Amy Sanders, Melvin Roberson, Dot Allen, Keith Barber, Stephen Dotson, Phillip Dotson, Fred Bowman, David King, Jamie Stoltz, Caleb Barker, Jessie Seagraves, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Luther Brown, Jimmy Savley, Kari Mobley, Wayne Cornwell, Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Wendy Pace, David Dansby, Kenneth Dotson, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401

Home:

John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks



50th Anniversary Party

Honoring

Michael & Shirley Bryant

Saturday, September 18, 2021

Please come by from 2-5 P.M.

Bryant Residence

630 Hwy. 48 South

Centerville, Tennessee 37033

IN LIEU OF GIFTS PLEASE DONATE TO ST. JUDE OR

A CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE

CELEBRATION WILL BE OUTDOORS

FINGER FOODS WILL BE SERVED

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME CHALLENGE!

EACH HOUSEHOLD IS REQUESTED TO BRING ONE OR MORE OF EACH ITEM EACH MONTH. A \$20 DONATION IS ALSO SUGGESTED FOR PERISHABLE ITEMS. ITEMS NEED TO BE PLACED IN THE BIN IN THE LOBBY.

SEPTEMBER ITEMS:

BAR SOAP AND TRASH BAGS

Memory Lane....



David Talley writes: " From the book Lest We Forget Churches of Christ Across 150 Years By Edward Dotson and Paul Rogers...

The Church was organized around 1870. Some of the early prominent members were:

1. Mary Ann Nunnally Griner
2. Reeves And Sarah Griner Pace

They were Great-Great Grandparents of David Talley Who Has Been A Member Here Since 1965 . My wife Jane Aydelott Talley Has Been A Member Here All Of Her Life.

Sherry Gale writes: "Danny, Holly, Kari and I started attending the Centerville Church of Christ almost 30 years ago. Our kids were teenagers and we wanted to be closer to our church so they could be active in the youth group. Greg Vanderveer was youth & song director at that time. Doug & Maxine Shepherd were over the Lads to Leaderettes program, along with Dorothy Bowman. My girls were very active in it and learned many life long lessons from participating in this program.

I taught Sunday School class for many years, along with Carla Woodruff, Debbie Gilbert and Shelby Prince. I attended Annis Womack's Ladies' Wednesday night class for many years. Annis was a wonderful teacher and friend to all. It was there that I became good friends with Melissa Shelton. We soon discovered that our grandmothers, Flora Grimes and Louise Mayberry had been the best of friends. Danny took over the bus ministry when Len Womack retired and I helped him with it. Danny served as an Usher for many years with Frank Atkinson. He was honored to serve with Frank. Paul Rogers was our minister and was such an encouragement to everyone. Throughout the years, we were blessed with many Christian friends. Many have passed on but left their footprints on our hearts. I will always hear my daddy say, "If you can't say something nice, don't say anything."

We should always be humble and kind as we have been taught. I am thankful for all the Christian Elders we have had and still do have today. They have provided strong leadership and will continue to in the future. I am proud to still be a member of the Centerville Church of Christ."

Dan Buie writes: IMPACT OF THE CENTERVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MY LIFE As some of the older members at Centerville will remember, I grew up in the Twomey Church of Christ. My first association with the Centerville Church occurred during the Vacation Bible School of 1957, Paul Rogers' first year as minister. Never had I been in such a crowd. The whole church building and adjacent lot was teeming with people, both young and old. Mary Katherine Bates was my first VBS teacher. I'll never forget one thing she taught us. Dr. Pepper had an ad on TV at the time encouraging folks to indulge in their drink every day at "ten, two, and four o'clock." Mary Katherine imaginatively used this slogan to teach us kids that we could find the names of the twelve apostles in Matthew 10: 2-4. After my baptism in 1959, Paul Rogers began encouraging me to make a talk in VBS. I was terrified, scared to death, but finally gave in, and spoke a few minutes without falling out.

In the 1960's, Paul Rogers became my best friend and lifetime mentor. I would drop by the church building once or twice a week and visit him and Tim Walker for up to an hour. As busy as he was I don't see how he put up with me and my corny sense of humor, but he did. I will always consider him and Judy as my "friends of a lifetime," and I always think of Paul when I go to preach.

During the early 1960's I began to meet with the young people of the Centerville church at cookouts, devotionals, etc. The Centerville church has always been known for the strength of it's youth ministry, and what a blessing that was to a young country boy growing up in those troublesome times. In 1966 I was best man in one of the first weddings performed in the new church building, that of David McWilliams and Judy Semore.

I have loved and respected so many people in the Centerville church over the years that I could not begin to name them all. The church so appealed to me and my family that we drove from Columbia, and later from Loretto and Lawrenceburg to be a part of it.

Congratulations on your 150 years of existence (actually 151 years now). You have made a huge impact on my life and in the lives of many others- for both time and eternity. May God continue to bless all of you, and as Paul Rogers would often say to me when we parted, "Do good."

Prayer Week Of September 19:

S.M.W.
Bill McDonald

S.M.D.
Patrick Allen

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Clay Chessor

W.E.B.S.
Eric Cannon

W.E.D.
Sam Chessor

Read Scripture

September 19:

Dr. Jerry Nash

Preside September 19

Luke Worsham

Elder's Prayer

September 19th:

Gary Gatewood



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Todd Parsley	931-994-8333
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Shane Willis	615-308-9161
Secretary-Tammy Willis	931-729-4201