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"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"The Faith To Forgive"
(Ephesians 4:31-32)

Sunday PM
"Strength In Our Struggles"
(II Corinthians 12:9-10)

9AM and 5PM



Many, many years ago, the wise man Solomon gave God's warning to all nations. *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Proverbs 14:34). Righteousness means living according to God's teachings and commandments, as contained in His word. The Proverbs writer declares that all nations exist or fall in direct proportion to their respect or in most cases it seems disrespect for God's moral law. A nation exists until the spiritual or moral salt of righteousness is gone. In the days of Noah, when the entire earth had become evil and corrupt, God determined to wipe it clean and destroy it; yet, by His grace, He extended its time by 120 years. During that period, Noah built the ark in the sight of all and preached righteousness to the people. But they refused to see and hear, for we know that only right people were prepared to enter the ark before the flood.

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah became *"wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly"* (Genesis 13:13); therefore, God destroyed them. Abraham interceded for the people and asked God to spare the cities if ten righteous people could be found. The ten were not found, so God destroyed the two cities. When there was no righteousness to preserve the people, they were fit for nothing but to be destroyed (Genesis 18).

I believe that if our nation is to thrive, we must live according to God's principles of righteousness. We must teach our children to fear God and keep his commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We must demand that our leaders govern and live by the moral and spiritual principles that made this country great to begin with! *"It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness,"* for the throne is established by righteousness" (Proverbs 16:12). *"The wicked shall be turned back unto the grave, even all the nations that forget God"* (Psalms 9: 17).

What can we do to help restore in our nation the principles of righteousness that exalts; Pray, Pray for our Nation!

We are commanded to pray on behalf of our leaders. *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men,"* for kings, and all that are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). A prayer that asks for God's guidance for those leaders. Why should we pray for our rulers? We pray so that our freedoms and rights we share in this country will continue. Our prayers to God could very well mean the difference between war and peace, between freedom and bondage. Our prayers could very well mean the difference in a nation that seeks God and one that shuns Him. I think history shows us the results of both.

What we are as a Nation, depends on what we the people are. God who is faithful says, *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people groan"* (Proverbs 29:2). If our nation is to remain free and prosperous, we must show a desire to have faith and trust in God and His word. Remember, *"Righteousness exalts a nation..."*.

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 18

**RUSH @ FHU
REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**

SEPTEMBER 19

**JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

SEPTEMBER 19

**HCMS FCA TAILGATE
5:00**

SEPTEMBER 20

5TH QUARTER

SEPTEMBER 22

**JR HIGH FIRESIDE
(JACKSON MCDONALD)**

SEPTEMBER 25

**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIPS
(ADEN WEBER)**

SEPTEMBER 28

**RUSH AT FREED-
HARDEMAN**

WE HAD A WONDERFUL NIGHT for our Senior High Fireside this past Sunday. Wyatt Aydelott and his family were excellent hosts as our group gathered in the Lighthouse for an evening of food, fun, and devotion. We had a great group of students gathered, and I am always proud of their commitment to encouraging, supporting, and growing with each other. Thanks to the Aydelott family for hosting!

OUR FIRST PRAYER BREAKFAST of the school year is this Thursday morning at 7:00 a.m. in the Lighthouse. We will meet for breakfast and fellowship, followed by time in prayer as we begin the day. We will take any students needing a ride to school in the van at approximately 7:30. We hope to see you there!

IT IS 5TH QUARTER TIME, and our first 5th Quarter of the year is this Friday night in the Fellowship Hall after the home football game. The theme for the night is "Volleyball Night," and we will enjoy a volleyball tournament and snacks together that evening. We will finish up at 11:00 on Friday night. Help us spread the word!

LIFE OFTEN BRINGS SEASONS of difficulty, and it is in those moments that we need comfort the most. One of the greatest truths we can hold onto is that God never leaves us alone in our struggles. His presence is a source of deep comfort, reminding us that we are never abandoned, no matter how dark or uncertain the road ahead may seem. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says, *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God."* When God comforts us, He also equips us to be vessels of His peace to those around us. Even in our hardest moments, we can trust that God is close, holding us, strengthening us, and preparing us to be a light to others. His comfort is a promise we can always depend on. In whatever you face this week, remember that God is present with you, offering His peace and comfort every step of the way. Have a great week.

In Him, Carter



The Shepherd's Pen

It is almost impossible to comprehend how a world so full of information can be lacking in understanding. We are challenged to keep up with the newest trends and urged to stay competent in the latest technology. Have such endeavors filled our lives with true meaning and hope? One problem is that these endeavors, as worthy as they are, are not big enough to capture our hearts. Paul wrote, *"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ."* (Philippians 3:8). As a Christian, we have a more exciting and compelling goal. That goal is to know Christ Jesus. Not just to know about Jesus or gather facts concerning Jesus, or memorize a few verses regarding Jesus, but to have a relationship with Jesus. Jesus redeemed us by His death on the cross. How do we thank Him for this? *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20) We are to pursue Jesus with a passion. We should have a desire and enthusiasm to serve Him. Is there a need to hit the "reset" button? To *refuel, refresh, and regroup*? If so, let's do so and move in step with Him. *"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also walk just as He walked."* (1 John 2:6) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders



Tennessee
Children's Home

September Item

Canned Tomatoes
Spaghetti Sauce



Sarah, Jarrod, Jordan, Lauren, Hudson & Hallie Turbeville write: " Centerville Church, Thank you so much for the beautiful lantern you sent to our family during our time of loss. Your prayers and thoughtfulness during this time are greatly appreciated. With love and thankfulness..."



You Are Invited To
A Baby Shower for
Abigail & Brett Capps
(formerly Abigail Loveless)
on Sunday,
September 22, 2024
at the Outreach Center
from 1-2:30.
It's a Boy!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 15, 2024
\$ 14,088.15

Camp: \$ 180.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Baptisms

BAPTISM We rejoice with Terry Davis and Austin Peden who were baptized September 7, 2024 by members of the Jail Ministry.

Memorial

...a contribution has been given to Day School in honor of Phil Griggs' 30 Years Of Service to the Centerville Church of Christ by Doug Shepherd.



Please Pray For...

...Juanita Bowman has been in Tri Star Horizon dealing with an infection. She returned home on Tuesday.
...Charlie Shelton is under comfort care at St. Thomas West with his family by his side. *No Visitors At This Time*
...David Talley will have radiation treatments for 2 weeks.
...Steve Bragg had surgery September 17 at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville.
...Margie Claud was transported to the hospital Thursday due to Afib and blood pressure problems. She returned home Friday and is doing some better.
...Laura Powers is having some complications from her surgery. She is having lots of pain in her shoulders and upper back.
...Jerry Yates continues to have treatments for cancer.
...Steven George had surgery September 16th for 2 ruptured discs in his neck.
...Barrett Gallian, grandson of Phil & Susan Griggs, is recovering from knee surgery.
...Troy Parks has returned home.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Jerrie Warren, Kathy McDonald, Sandra Barber, Cori Parks, Marshall Spencer, Laura Powers, Cathie Copley, John Smith, Martha Scaife

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Davy Baker, Jerry Yates, Mark Isenberg, David Talley, Shirley Shipp, Lorrie O'Guin, Ashley Halliburton, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Todd Chessor, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Carolyn King, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley
NHC Dickson: Arch McCord

And be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
even as God
in Christ forgave
you.
Ephesians 4:32



Congratulations....
to **LIBERTY MCCAULEY**
for completing her
training! She is now a
UNITED STATES MARINE!



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Stamp
Here

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST
DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT**

Home

Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is in dire need of volunteer truck drivers. This work requires a Class A Commercial Driver's License and experience driving semi-trucks with 53' trailers. These drivers will transport supplies from our Nashville warehouse at 410 Allied Drive to areas devastated by major disasters in the U.S. We can use your help! If interested, please call Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort at 615-833-0888 and ask to speak with Mike Lewis about driving for us. He will explain the details about driving for Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort.



Communion Prep.

September 22
Betty Breece

September 29
Andy & Jenny Weber

**P.M. Communion
In Chapel**
Clay/Braydon/Bryson
Chessor

**Prayer Week of
September 22**

S.M.W.
David Brown

S.M.D.
Derek Newsom

S.E.W.
Jim Prince

S.E.D.
Randy James

W.E.B.S
Marvin Dorton

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg

September 22

Read Scripture:
Keithen Harris

Elder's Prayer:
Mike Goodpasture