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Jim Brown

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"The Gospel"
Part 3
John 13:12-17

Sunday PM
"Job"
Part 10
Job 28:20-24

9AM and 5PM



THE TRIUMPH OF THE TOWEL

Sunday, as we return to our preaching series, 'The Gospel', we come to the scene of John 13 as Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. It is one of the most important stories told by any of the gospel writers and we must not miss its true meaning. Sharing the gospel with others **MUST** come wrapped in acts of service, lest it be received as nothing more than words. The gospel is never more powerful than when it is demonstrated to others by the way we love and serve them.

We have all heard the old saying, 'Talk is cheap' and it's true! When we are intentional about serving others in the name of Christ, the gospel of Jesus is then put on full display. Nothing makes the message of Christ more appealing than genuine acts of service to those who are lost and who need to hear about the One who can save them.

Sunday, I plan to challenge us all to think hard about doing more than just preaching to people or even preaching 'at' them about their need for a Savior. We are going to have a candid discussion about the example of Jesus Himself and how He captured the attention of everyone He encountered, including us, by love and self-sacrifice. May God give us ears to hear.

Jim Brown



During the month of September, our September Series featured ministers who have grown up in this county. The final speaker this week will be Mike Kelley. The previous speakers: Brent Beard, Kevin Johnston, and Mickey Mathis have done an outstanding job. We appreciate each of these men and their devotion to preaching God's Word. As of this past Monday, we have entered the fall season. We will witness changes slowly but surely in the days to come. The daylight hours are shortened, the foliage changes in color, temperatures will become cooler, and we anticipate the first morning frost. These attributes reflect the change of season. Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:1, "*Be imitators of God as dear children.*" The whole of the Christian life is summed up here, be imitators of God. What are we

doing when we imitate God? We're trying to become the greatest good in existence. But let's understand our place. We are children of God; we are not God. We are called to imitate God, not be God. God has certain attributes, all-powerful, all knowing, self-existent, that we cannot imitate, but He has other attributes we must imitate. Holiness, kindness, and love we can imitate. These attributes reflect the Godly change within our life through Jesus Christ. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



THE WEATHER MAY HAVE CHANGED OUR PLANS this past weekend, but it did not stop the fun. Our 5th Quarter was cancelled Friday night due to the lightning delay at the football game, which pushed the final whistle late into the night. We're glad the Bulldogs still pulled out the win, and we'll look forward to more opportunities to gather soon.

BIKE NITE ON SUNDAY WAS A BLAST, even with the rain! A sudden downpour sent us scrambling from the bus garage to the Fellowship Hall, but the fun didn't stop. We had a great time together riding, racing, and hanging out. Big thanks to Harper Shelton for organizing and hosting the night!

THE LIGHTHOUSE PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIP wraps up this Wednesday night with bracket play. After weeks of intense preliminary rounds, the final matchups are set. Who will walk away with the gold paddle? Come cheer on your friends and enjoy the fun!

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL IS COMING UP Saturday, October 25th, and we're expecting a huge crowd! We need *lots* of decorated cars and candy for Trunk or Treat, so please consider signing up to help. The sign-up sheet is in the lobby.

In life, we tend to measure everything—grades, playing time, likes, followers, wins, losses, and how we stack up next to someone else. But the truth is, God doesn't measure you the same way the world does. *"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'"*—1 Samuel 16:7

When God chose David, He wasn't looking for the tallest, strongest, or most impressive. He was looking for someone with a heart that belonged to Him. That hasn't changed. So whether you're in the spotlight or the background this week, whether everything is going right or nothing is going your way—what matters most is that your heart is His. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 24

**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIP**
JAGGER LAWSON

SEPTEMBER 28

JR HIGH FIRESIDE
AMELIA SLAVINSKI

OCTOBER 12

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
SARAH & JOSEPH ISENBERG

OCTOBER 15

**LIGHTHOUSE TRIVIA
NIGHT**
WILL & JACKSON
MCDONALD

OCTOBER 17

5TH QUARTER

OCTOBER 24

5TH QUARTER

OCTOBER 25

**HALLOWEEN ON THE
HILL**



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Troy Parks by the following: Michael & Jill Ward, Melinda Murray.

...a contribution has been given to the Outdoor Baptistry at Camp Meribah in memory of Troy Parks by the following: Employees of Randstad, friends of Troy & Angie Parks, Mallory & Alec Dorton, Shane & Tammy Willis, 32nd Judicial District Attorney General Office Staff.



If anyone would like to deliver Meals-On-Wheels in 2026 and is *not* currently helping with this, please contact the church office or email:

tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org

This service is greatly appreciated!

Thank You

Liz Bryant writes: "To the Centerville church, thank you so much for the love you have shown me during my cancer and back surgeries. I am still getting beautiful cards. I especially appreciate the prayers. Thank you for all your thoughtfulness during the past months for food, calls, visits, gift card, and all that's been given. It has helped me and shown the love you have for me. In Christian love..."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 21, 2025:

\$ 13,949.55

Camp: \$ 164.25

Budget: \$14,978.00



SEPTEMBER ITEMS

Paper Towels

Pine-Sol Floor Cleaner

Deodorant



....Melissa Shelton is recovering at home following an appendectomy Sunday, September 21st.

...Tim Sanderson will have carpal tunnel & elbow surgery Wednesday, September 24th.

...Sandy McFarlin is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital.

...David Talley is in St. Thomas Hickman Hospital for rehab.

...2 year old Hadley Phillips, a friend of Laura Harris, is recovering from surgery and doing well.

...Floy Cochran, sister of Barbara Beard and grandmother of Misty Aydelott, is very sick at Life Care.

...Janet Harrison, mother of Ryan Harrison, is doing well following surgery. The family is very appreciative of the prayers. *Ryan is a teacher & coach at HCMS.*

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

John Dennison, Jana McCord Buttrey, Hank Porter, Bobby McCoy, Laura Powers, Pam Griggs, Kurt Seebach, Cathie Copley, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Jones Yates, Dale Thomas, Renee Clavette, Ed Sullivan, Owen Vanderhorst, Willie Powers, Rodney Tune, David Talley, Bobby Stone

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Jean Barber, Floy Cochran, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

NHC At The Trace
8353 Hwy. 100
Nashville, Tennessee 37221:
Juanita Longworth

Home: Janet Barber, Don Luther, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Martha Weber

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ruth Hale who passed away. She was the aunt of Angela (Jim) Brown.

THE SEPTEMBER SERIES



Wednesday 7 P.M. Adult Auditorium Class

September 24, 2025
Mike Kelley (Fairfield)

"Treasure Is Owned" Matthew 13: 44-46

When The Prophet Comes Home
Matthew 13:53-56

Our Elders



Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

Place
Stamp
Here

Order of Worship

Read Scripture September 28

Tony Powers
Elder's Prayer
Craig Shelton

Preside

September 28
Jeremy Qualls

*(PLEASE BE
ASSEMBLED UP FRONT
BY 8:55*

Left Side

Brett Martin
Don Roder
Jonathan Longworth
Justin Beard

Right Side

Cameron Wright
Aden Weber
Randy Wright
Andy Weber

P.M. Chapel

Jeremy, Major,
Macray Qualls



Communion Prep.

September 28
Betty Breece & Linda Shelton

Prayer Week Of September 28

S.M.W.
Bill McDonald

S.M.D.
Robert Bowman

S.E.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.
Marvin Dorton

W.E.B.S
Eddie Boone

W.E.D
Aden Weber

