



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

### Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM  
"Forgiveness"  
(Ephesians 4:30-32)

Sunday PM  
"Generation to Generation"  
(Psalm 145:1-5)

9AM and 5PM



Our theme of "Good Works" focuses on "Forgiveness for the month of September. We are all familiar with the New Testament's teaching on forgiveness. It has many exhortations, examples, and commandments concerning the practice of forgiving. The subject of forgiveness is a great and wonderful study in the Bible. All mankind stands in need of God's forgiveness and the only way through which mankind can have forgiveness is through the blood of Christ. As I've said many times the greatest example of forgiveness are the words Jesus uttered on the cross as He was about to die: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34). Such compassion and forgiveness shown toward mankind!

Can we forgive like Jesus? Our capacity to forgive is directly tied to our salvation. "For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions" (Matt. 6:14-15). "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions" (Mark 11:25). Forgiveness might be something we don't give out easily, but oh, how we want it when we have offended. We plead for forgiveness from God, yet we might not be prepared to extend the level of forgiveness we have received to others.

God forgives generously, as we are to forgive generously. It would be well with us to imitate Him in practicing forgiveness each and every day. C.S. Lewis once observed that forgiveness is a beautiful word, until you have something to forgive. He was reminding us that forgiveness is by no means an effortless task, and like anything else worthwhile, it often takes a great deal of maturity, sacrifice, and exertion. Forgiveness is difficult, but Jesus commands it. It's not optional. It's not something I do when I feel like it. Forgiveness is part of the nature of God and therefore needs to be central to our life.

Sunday we will begin to look at the many aspects of forgiveness, both God's forgiveness and our forgiveness toward others.

God Bless -Todd

# Carter's Corner



THE FCA TAILGATE was a success this past Friday night. We had a great crowd, mixed with our youth group students and the HCHS FCA. Matthew always does an excellent job leading the FCA at the high school, and his officers and members are such a great group of students. Around 100 or so students joined us for snow cones, a corn hole tournament, and fellowship before Friday night's game. I am thankful for the opportunity to reach out to the school community and host this event every year.

## Ice Cream Freeze-off! September 8, 2024

Following 5P worship  
in the Fellowship Hall  
bring your best  
homemade ice cream  
and join the competition!

## CALLING ALL FISHERMEN!



The Lake at Camp Meribah is full, and we would love to have it full of fish too! If you would like to help us stock it by releasing your catches, it would be much appreciated!

**THE CAMP BOARD**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 11  
**LIGHTHOUSE PING PONG CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
(AMELIA SLAVINSKI)
- SEPTEMBER 15  
**SR HIGH FIRESIDE**  
(WYATT AYDELOTT)
- SEPTEMBER 19  
**JR & SR HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST**
- 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**

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP for RUSH at Freed-Hardemen University. RUSH is set for Saturday, September 28th. The vans will be leaving at 7:00am to head westward for a full day of devotionals, bible classes, and games on campus in Henderson. This trip is a unique opportunity for high school students to deepen their faith and spiritual understanding. We will open registration for 8th graders if any extra spaces are available in our vans next week. The cost is \$20 per person to attend, plus money for supper in Jackson on Saturday night. An online sign-up list is available on our GroupMe, the Youth News Board, and the Lighthouse. Don't miss out!

ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS is an essential act of humility and faith. It acknowledges our need for God's grace and our recognition that we fall short of His perfect standard. When we ask for forgiveness, we open the door to healing, restoration, and a deeper relationship with God. It is not just about clearing our conscience but about realigning our hearts with His will. Scripture reminds us of this truth in 1 John 1:9-- "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This verse assures us that God's forgiveness is not conditional on our worthiness, but on His unwavering faithfulness and justice. By asking for forgiveness, we embrace the promise of being cleansed and renewed, allowing us to walk in the fullness of life that God desires for us. May we never hesitate to seek forgiveness, knowing that it is the pathway to experiencing God's boundless grace and love. Have a great week! In Him, Carter





**Tennessee**  
Children's Home

## September Item

**Canned Tomatoes  
Spaghetti Sauce**

## Thank You

Laura Powers writes: "My sincerest thanks to all who have provided meals for us, checked on me, called and prayed for me during my recovery. It is my honor to be surrounded by such loving and gracious people."

June Bowen writes: " I would like to extend my gratitude to the church for the beautiful throw given to me at the passing of my brother-in-law Sammie Windsor. I am so blessed to be a member of such a kind, loving church family."

Jerry & Marilyn Nash write: "Centerville Church Family, Thank you very much for the prayers that went up for our brother-in law Dan Turbeville. Also, the kindness of the beautiful lantern given at the time of Dan's passing. We appreciated all very much these thoughtful kindnesses. (Gal. 5:22)

Harper Shelton writes: " Thank you for the opportunity to intern at church this summer. It was a great experience. I also appreciate the scholarship money each year for college. It has been very helpful."

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

September 1, 2024

\$ 13,180.56

Camp: \$ 187.00

Budget: \$14,186.00



The Senior Group's next outing will be September 10, 2024. We will go to the Beacon Light Restaurant.

The vans will leave the church parking lot at 4:30 P.M. A Sign-up sheet is in the foyer. Contact George Bragg for more information at 994-1714.



Thanks continued.....

*Liberty McCauley wishes to thank everyone for the notes and cards. She has enjoyed getting them. She will not be able to receive mail after September 8th. Please continue to remember her and her platoon and the whole BRAVO company as they go through intense training this week. Upon completion, she will be a Marine.*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Sandra Barber will have back surgery September 5th at the Howell Allen Clinic.

...Wayne Chessor will have back surgery September 12 at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Gethlyn Gardner is in Maury Regional Hospital. He is undergoing tests and biopsies.

...Steve Bragg, son of George & Mary Sue, will have back surgery September 10th at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Cori Parks, Marshall Spencer, Laura Powers, Cathie Copley, John Smith, Martha Scaife

### Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer:

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

## A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Alex & Lindsey Guill on the birth of a baby girl September 1, 2024. Maisie Elise weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Sam & Cindy Chessor.

## A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Ken & Tina Dickerson on the birth of their 1st great-grandson. Beau Daniel McConnell was born

August 31, 2024 and weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are Lexi & Wyatt.

## DEDICATION....

**Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 4 P.M. at the River Park Pavilion in Centerville there will be a dedication ceremony to name the new basketball courts in honor of Coach Doug True and J.B. Brown. The public is invited.**

**Area Events...28th Annual Gospel Singing At The Rocky Valley Church of Christ Friday, September 13, 2024 7 P.M. until... Break for refreshments at 9p.**

**...Ladies' Day at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia 38401 "Rest In God Alone" Saturday, September 21st from 9a-12p.Call 931-388-6811 to register.**



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138 N. Central Ave.  
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Outreach Center

Monday, September 9th  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Schedule your donation:  
[bloodassurance.org/centervillecoc](http://bloodassurance.org/centervillecoc)



# Blood Drive

One donation can save three lives



All donors will receive our '9/11 Memorial' t-shirt while supplies last!



# The Shepherd's Pen

Place  
Stamp  
Here

We are now in the month of September! Wow! Where has this year gone? We are thankful for the much-needed rain and the milder temperatures. This Sunday evening will be our "Ice Cream Freeze Off" following evening service. Bring your best Homemade Ice Cream and join the competition. We read in *Acts 24:22-26* Paul's encounter with Felix. Paul reasoned with Felix about righteousness, self-control, and the judgement to come. Felix's response was, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you." What is a convenient time? The word convenient means "filling in well with a person's needs, activities, and plans or involving little trouble or effort." We live in a society that welcomes convenience. We all appreciate convenient markets. They are usually open 24/7 filling in well with our needs and plans. The going trend is ordering online. It is so convenient, with little trouble or effort. We all desire a degree of convenience in our daily life. When something or anything is labeled convenient it usually requires little or no self-sacrifice on our part. The tragic scenario seen in the world today is many want a convenient religion. A religion that fills well with our needs, activities, and plans. A religion involving little trouble or effort. When you fall into that comfort of convenience, it can quickly smother any desire to do otherwise. When Jesus was praying in the garden, He desired a more convenient way, but to please the Father and be obedient to His will, He made the sacrifice. Where do you stand spiritually in your relationship with God? What sacrifice are you willing to make? Is your faith a faith of convenience, requiring little effort or sacrifice? A faith filling in well with your personal preferences or plans. Is your faith a faith of commitment? Remembering daily Jesus gave it all. Is your faith a faith that has your priorities in the right order? "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe." Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders



Maurice Rogers, brother of former minister Paul Rogers, perished on April 20, 2024 in Birmingham, Alabama and manifest as a very exceptional friend to all. Maurice worked as an attorney to the age of 94 in same Ensley law office for 72 years. He was wed to Peggy Williams for 74 years; and, upon his passing, they had 10 great-grandchildren. He was visiting Centerville Church of Christ in 1955 on College Street when Paul commenced his ministry; and he continued to support and encourage the congregation for the next 50 years. Maurice funded the A-Frame Chapel at Camp Meribah in 1975 utilized for goodwill by countless children and teens. He rendered longstanding gifts of generosity to both the Centerville Church of Christ and Homewood Church of Christ in Birmingham, and he desired great success for programs in need. In 1976, he was very active in the building plans and fundraising for a new Homewood congregation. Longstanding Homewood minister Wayne Kilpatrick was a close friend to Maurice for over five decades. Maurice was in Centerville for Camp Meribah's 50th anniversary in 2019 and attended Bill McDonald's wonderful delivery at the church on camp history. He was also ever-present for the presentation afterward at Ken McDonald Hall and pledged more assistance to campers. Maurice held an endearing relationship with the Centerville church and very missed. - Susan Harber

## 30 Year Service Award



Phil Griggs was presented a 30 Year Service Award on Sunday, September 1, 2024 for his service to the Centerville Church of Christ. Award presented by Mike Goodpasture.

### Communion Prep.

September 8  
Shaun & Jamie Lawson

September 15  
Randy & Jana Wright

September 22  
Andy & Jenny Weber

September 29  
Betty Breece

### Prayer Week of

Sept. 8

S.M.W.  
Jim Hudgins

S.M.D.  
Brad Garland

S.E.W.  
Brad Davis

S.E.D.  
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S  
Aden Weber

W.E.D.  
Eli Jacobs

Read Scripture:  
September 8  
Justin Beard

Elder's Prayer:  
Ken Dickerson