



# CENTERVILLE

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**"From Where I Sit"**

*Todd Parsley*

### *Hickman County Treasures*



Mickey Mathis is a native of Hickman County and grew up attending the Wolf Creek Church of Christ until he married at 21. He and his wife Jill then worked with the Clearview Church of Christ. He served as a Deacon and the Education Director. Since May of 2005, he has served as the Minister of the Five Points Church of Christ. He and Jill have 2 children Julie (20) and Carson (18). He also has worked for the Hickman County School System for the past 21 years as the World/ Bible History teacher

as well as a full time bus driver. *Mickey will speak on Wednesday night, September 14th at 7 P.M.*

I pray that you are planning to join us next Sunday for our annual *Friends & Family Day*. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite others to come and worship with you as we worship our great God. We will have a potluck meal following Bible classes, Jim Brown will be here to teach the combined adult class. So, bring a dish and come worship and fellowship with us here at Centerville.

Have you ever said or heard someone say, "I really want to go to Heaven, but I don't want to go today." It's unfortunate that this may very well express the true feelings of many Christians today. It, in many ways, says that we love this life and our present world too much and lack the spiritual understanding to truly know and desire to be looking forward to our heavenly home. Honestly if we really understand how wonderful heaven will be, we will desire it far more than anything that comes in this life. The Scriptures warn us about placing too much affection in earthly things because it will diminish from our longing for the spiritual. Jesus said we must lay up treasure in heaven, not on the earth (Matthew 6:19-21) because our heart will be where our treasures are.

When we think about the second coming of Christ. We all have probably said at times that we're looking forward to His return, just as long as it's not today, next week, or in our lifetime. Our Savior said, *"Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find them watching."* (Luke 12:37) If we are not eagerly waiting for Christ to come again, then perhaps we've got some spiritual growth yet to do. Could it be that we are so richly blessed with family, and friends and material wealth that we have lost some of the desire to be with the Lord? Peter encourages us to be ready and enthusiastic about going to heaven. *"Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless; and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation."* (2 Peter 3:14-15)

Remember; There is nothing in this world that is better than what is to come for a faithful child of God in eternity. The promise of John 14:1-4 keeps us mindful of our future home!

God Bless -Todd

September 11, 2022

## Friends & Family Day!

9:00 A.M. Worship  
10:15 Bible Classes

Jim Brown Speaks To Adult Bible Class



11:00 A.M. Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall  
First Responders To Be Recognized

Afternoon Devotional Immediately Following In  
The Fellowship Hall

Invite Your Friends and Family!  
Bring Enough Food For Your Family And Another  
Family!

## Carter's Corner



*Carter Hoover*

**IMPROVISE-IT'S AN IMPORTANT WORD** in a youth minister's vocabulary. It is inevitable when planning activities outdoors that the weather will turn on you exactly when you don't need it to. That was certainly the case this past Sunday as the Elkins Drive-In Movie ended up in the Lighthouse. Muddy conditions on Elkins Drive and a power outage at Camp Meribah caused us to improvise and host our movie event inside the Lighthouse. We ended up with a fantastic night as we held a crowd of 36 students in our makeshift theater in the Lighthouse. Thanks to Colby Shelton, Levi Parks, Weston Elkins, and Sloan Rochelle for helping us to set up our theater room on the fly.

**I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING** for our Lighthouse Ping Pong Championship which takes place all September long during our Lighthouses. Sharpen your ping pong skills, tie up your tennis shoes, and come prepared to compete for our LPPC trophy this month!

**OUR SECOND 5TH QUARTER OF THE YEAR** takes place this Friday night in the Fellowship Hall. This week we will be playing life-sized foosball inside of a giant inflatable foosball court which is sure to be lots of fun. Grab your friends and join us for a great event this Friday night, after the game until 11:00.

Have a great week!  
In Him, Carter

### UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7  
**LIGHTHOUSE  
PING-PONG  
CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
JENKINS & CHILTON

SEPTEMBER 9  
**5TH QUARTER  
AFTER THE GAME  
UNTIL 11:00**

SEPTEMBER 11  
**FRIENDS & FAMILY  
DAY**

SEPTEMBER 16  
**FCA TAILGATE PARTY**

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

SEPTEMBER 21  
**LIGHTHOUSE**  
AIDEN WALLACE



## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Margie Northcott who passed away. She was the sister of Betty Banks.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of J.B. Brown by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Macy Jorenby by Mr. & Mrs. Everett Mayberry.

## Happy 80th Birthday!



Charlie Shelton  
80 Years Old  
September 25, 2022

## AREA EVENTS...

...26th Annual Gospel Singing at the Rocky Valley Church of Christ EMCEE: James Tidwell Friday, September 9, 2022 7 P.M. until ? Break for refreshments around 9 P.M.

...Gospel Meeting at the Shipp's Bend Church of Christ September 18-20, 2022. Speaker: Jerrie Barber Sunday A.M. Worship: 9; Bible Study: 10:15 Sunday P.M. 7:30 P.M. Monday-Tuesday Nights: 7 P.M.

...Gospel Meeting at the Humphreys County Church of Christ 1412 E. Railroad St. Waverly, TN. Speaker: Caleb Wray September 18-23, 2022 Bible Class: 9a; Worship 10a & 6p Weeknights 7p

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**September 4, 2022**

**\$ 12,880.88**

**Camp:**  
**\$ 189.62**

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

## Thank You

Mary Katherine Bates writes: "Thank you for the beautiful lantern and your thoughts and kindness at the passing of my sister-in-law Martha Bates. In Christian Love..."

Peter Houston writes: " Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your prayers for me both in last Wednesday evening's service as well as last week's bulletin. Your remembrance of Lynda and me mean very much to both of us. We shall always remember your love and friendship. As Always..."

George & Mary Sue Bragg write: "Thank you so much for the beautiful lantern, cards, and kind words of encouragement and prayers during the loss of my sister. In Christian Love..."

The Family of J.B. Brown writes: "Centerville Church of Christ, Words cannot begin to express our thanks for the love and kindness shown to J.B. these past 6 months. Thank you for the food, cards, phone calls and flowers during his passing. Thank you for the beautiful lantern. Thank you for being such a loving church." With Love, Carolyn & Family

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...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.

...Joyce Coleman, mother of Eric (Becky), is at home and has been placed on Hospice care.

...Eddie Boone is in Centennial Hospital due to complications from gallbladder surgery.

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

...Nathaniel Roberson, father of Melvin, is recovering at home.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Linda Smith, Bob Dunagen, Leona White, 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, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Hugh David Love, Bobby Mayberry, 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

## A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Corbin & Lauren Barr on the birth of a baby girl September 2, 2022. Evelyn Jane Barr weighed 1 lb. 7 ozs. Proud grandparents are Gary & Becky Gatewood.



## The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday will be our annual *Friends and Family Day*. Following worship service we will recognize those that are "First Responders" in this community. *Todd* will speak at the morning service. We will have a combined adult bible class in auditorium with *Jim Brown* and following bible classes enjoy a potluck meal together. The day will close with a devotional service in the fellowship hall following our meal. *Matthew* will be the speaker. It will be a wonderful day! Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

*Your Elders*



THANKS FOR A FANTASTIC WORKDAY LAST SATURDAY... OVER 40 FOLKS  
SHOWED UP AND WORKED...WOW!!



#### UPDATE FROM JOHN DURHAM "HERE'S THE LATEST FROM CLUJ!"



Sunday, September 4, 2022  
Salutare din Cluj,

I finally have enough time to send out a note on my trip. I arrived here Thursday, August 25 and hit the ground running. Thankfully, I didn't actually hit the ground but was concerned it could happen.

After a night at the *Pensiunea* (Guesthouse) *Boema*, I joined in the work at the Food Pantry where we continue to help large numbers of Ukrainians - some too cute for words!

My first challenge nearly took me to new heights. Dragos, our preacher, handyman, van driver, caretaker, custodian, and janitor needed help redirecting the condensation from an A/C in the apartment building next to the church. This is the one the church uses to house refugees and of course, the issue was in the unit located about 50' off the ground!

The challenge - how to attach a plastic hose to the unit without losing the only Romanian preacher within a 100 km. I cautiously declined joining him on the roof!

Thankfully, he was able to get the job completed without loss of life or limb providing the occupants of the apartment with some relief from the mid-80-degree weather.

Incredibly, since I was here in April, the congregation (Dragos) has added a classroom and a porch area to meet the ever-growing needs of the congregation.

Here is the new classroom and the kids enjoying Sunday School on the new gazabo/porch.



Sunday services are quite interesting! I am speaking on "*Lest I Forget*" and on the "*Humbled and Exalted Christ of Philippians 2*," and trying to navigate the language barriers created by having Americans, Romanians, and Ukrainians all meeting together has proven tricky.  
(Continued Next Week)

#### Prayer Week of September 11

S.M.W.

Derek Newsome

S.M.D.

Brad Davis

S.E.W.

Randy Wright

S.E.D.

Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S

Edgar Beard

W.E.D.

Major Qualls

#### Preside September 11

Scripture

Alan Potts

Preside

Bill McDonald