



CENTERVILLE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

CENTERVILLE MESSENGER Free Upon Request-Published Weekly by Centerville Church of Christ, 138 N. Central Ave., Centerville, TN 37033-1427
September 9, 2026 Volume XXXXVI –Number 34



Jim & Angela Brown

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

“Esther and The Providence of God”

Lesson #4

Esther 4:12-14

Sunday PM

“The Gospel of Mark”

Chapter 1

Mark 1:9-11

9AM and 5PM



ESTHER AND THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

PART 4

Sunday, as we come to the fourth lesson in our study of the book of Esther, we hear the cry for help on behalf of God's people from Mordecai. The news is out that on Adar 13, all the Jews are to be annihilated, and the people of God will be no more. It is a time of great mourning. It is a time for weeping and to sit in sackcloth and ashes, but according to Mordecai, it is also a time for action on the part of Esther. The call comes for Esther to realize and to understand that God has called her to the kingdom for precisely this time and this moment and she must rise to meet the challenge!

So, to what has God 'called' you in your life? What is there in the kingdom at precisely this time and this moment that you are supposed to do? Are you willing to rise and meet the challenge in front of you as a believer in Christ and a member of His body? There is much good to be accomplished by the Centerville Church. Listen closely to Esther's story and apply it to your own!

Jim Brown



This Saturday will be our Men's Annual Fish Fry in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 4:00pm. Jim concluded the study of Genesis this past Sunday evening and did a wonderful job exploring that wonderful book. We will begin this Sunday evening a chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of Mark. Steve Baggett will be with us Sunday evening to kick off this study. Jesus says, *"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me."* (John 15:4) Jesus spoke these words on the night before His crucifixion. He gave an example of a vine and branches to teach an important spiritual truth. What does it mean to abide in

Jesus? To abide means to remain, continue, dwell, or be stable. It is a relationship built upon His word, His love, and steadfast prayer. Jesus is the true source of life. Our salvation begins with Him and growth continues through him. Our character should reflect Jesus and our service glorify God. We cannot accomplish anything of eternal value apart from Jesus and every spiritual victory depends upon Him. The key to a fruitful Christian life is simply abiding in Him by *"Walking In Step With The Savior."* Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Carter's Corner...



FRIDAY NIGHT'S 5TH QUARTER WAS A GREAT NIGHT as we brought the County Fair to the Fellowship Hall! We had a great crowd join us after the football game, and Harper Shelton's fried Oreos were definitely the hit of the night. A lot of work goes into making 5th Quarter happen, and I am especially thankful for everyone who jumps in to cook, set up, clean up, and help make these nights a success. Their willingness to serve makes a difference.

BIBLE HOUR IS OFFICIALLY BACK for another school year! Our children ages 3 through 3rd grade have a special place to learn during Sunday evening services through Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, movies, skits, and more. We are thankful for everyone who gives their time to make Bible Hour a fun and meaningful place for our children to learn about God and His Word.

THE LIGHTHOUSE PING-PONG CHAMPIONSHIP BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT! This has become one of our favorite Lighthouse traditions each September. Jackson and Bo McDonald will host as we begin the tournament and start working our way toward crowning this year's champion. Whether you think you can win the whole thing or just want to come hang out, we want you there from 5:00–7:00!

OUR BIB 101 WORD THIS WEEK WAS FAITH. Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."* (ESV) We learned Sunday that those two words help us understand what biblical faith really is: assurance and conviction. Faith is more than hoping something is true or believing in God when life makes sense. It is having assurance in what God has promised and conviction about what we cannot yet see. That kind of faith changes the way we live. If I am truly convinced that God is who He says He is, that His promises are trustworthy, and that eternity is real, then those truths should affect my decisions today. This week do not just say you have faith—live with the assurance and conviction that what God has promised is true. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 9

**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIP**
JACKSON & BO
MCDONALD

SEPTEMBER 13

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
JOSEPH ISENBERG

SEPTEMBER 17

**JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**
MARSHALL MCCAULEY

SEPTEMBER 20
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
AMELIA SLAVINSKI

SEPTEMBER 23
**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIP**
JULIA HALBROOKS

SEPTEMBER 25
**5TH QUARTER:
VOLLEYBALL NIGHT**

OCTOBER 2
**5TH QUARTER:
RECESS EDITION**

OCTOBER 4-9
FALL BREAK WEEK

STAY IN THE KNOW!

Updates. Reminders. Events. All the important info.
RIGHT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

**THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT GROUPS
FOR DIFFERENT AUDIENCES!**



**CCOC
YOUTH
MINISTRY**

For students.
Get youth group updates, event
info, reminders, and more!



**CCOC
YOUTH GROUP
PARENTS**

For parents.
Important info, schedules,
announcements, and what
you need to know.



**CCOC
KIDS**

For families with kids.
Kids ministry updates,
events, and resources.



**THREE
GROUPS.
ALL FOR
YOU.**



**DOWNLOAD THE
GROUPME APP**



**SEARCH FOR THESE
THREE GROUPS**



**JOIN THE RIGHT
GROUP FOR YOU!**

DOWNLOAD. SEARCH. JOIN. STAY CONNECTED.
DON'T MISS OUT ON WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Thank You

The Family of Jean Qualls writes:

"On behalf of our family, I want to express our sincere appreciation for the love and kindness shown to us during Jean's illness and since her passing.

Thank you for every call, text, card, meal, prayer, visit, and the many other acts of kindness shown to us. We are also so grateful for the many ways you honored Jean and showed your love for her and for our family. Whether through your presence, your prayers, or simply reaching out to let us know you were thinking of us, each expression of love and support meant so much.

These have been some of the hardest days of our lives, and we will never forget how you cared for us and continued to surround our family with love after we said goodbye to our beloved Jean.

I am deeply grateful for the way you have walked beside us through it all. Your kindness, prayers, and friendship have meant more to me than I can say. With love and gratitude,

Wayne Qualls, on behalf of the Qualls Family

Clara Shannon writes: Thank you for the many cards and prayers, for the surgery and during my recovery."

Sympathy

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

...We express our sympathy to the family of William Hicks who passed away.

Memorial

Memorials have been given to the Widows/Orphan Ministry in India in memory of Jean Qualls by the following: John Plemmons, Jr., Randy & Kim James, James & June Aydelott, Sandra Harrington, Lonnie & Diane Garrett, Doug & Billie Sue True.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Sue Banks by the Centerville Church of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION September 6, 2026

\$ 12,179.02
Camp: \$ 127.75

Budget:
\$15,075.00



Ladies interested are invited to take *Cindy Colley's* study entitled 'The Hand of God'. It will be held in classroom 110 each Wednesday night.

UPCOMING EVENTS

...30th Annual Gospel Singing at Rocky Valley Church of Christ. Friday, September 11, 2026 7p until ?

...Ladies' Day at the White Bluff Church of Christ Saturday, October 24, 2026. 9 A.M. Registration 8:30 Speaker: J.J. Davenport Topic of Discussion: *Words*, how to use them, keep them pure, and when to stop using them. Breakfast and lunch provided.



...Stevy (Woods) Odom has a skull fracture and other injuries as a result of a seizure.

...Danny Skelton is recovering from a recent heart procedure.

...Woody Woodruff has been diagnosed with cancer.

...Ann Johnston is having problems with her heart rate.

Remember Those Who Are Sick...

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Dale Gordon, Martha Loveless, Chris Scott, Vanessa McMullen, Kathy Baxter, Woody Woodruff, Rodney Rochelle, Brian Wilkie, Bobby McCoy, Cathie Copley, David Nash

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Woody Woodruff, Matt Howell, Lynda Walton, Rufus Woodard, Linda Thomasson, Nick McNabb, Felecia Howell, Jerrick Booker, Chris McCurley, Hilda Atkinson, Jogenna McDonald, Dale Thomas, Ed Sullivan

Home: Ann Johnston, Bobby & Sandy McFarlin, Billie Sue True, Janet Barber, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, John Thomas & Wanda Givens

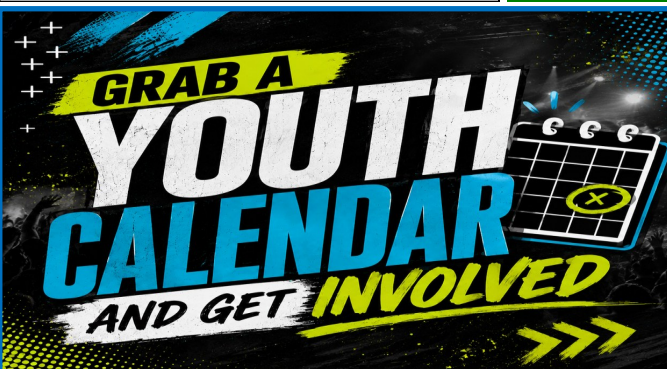
Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Jo Anna Campbell, Willie B. Coates, Frances McClanahan, Larry Talley

Glenda Dorton:
Shirley Ryan Ability Lab Hospital
355 E. Erie Street Room 2133
Chicago, Illinois 60611



The next outing will be September 10, 2026. We will be going to Voodoo Gumbo restaurant in Bellevue, TN. We will leave the parking lot at 4p. Please sign the list in the lobby so that reservations can be made. Any questions contact George Bragg at 931-994-1714.



The September trip to the Well in Clarksville will be September 28, 2026. If you haven't been and would like to go we need 2 more volunteers for September. If you have been and would like to go again please contact George Bragg to be put on a future list.

Centerville Church Of Christ

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship

10:20 Bible Class Sunday Evening: 5 P.M. Wed.: 7 P.M.



Place
Stamp
Here

Men's Fish Fry

September 12, 2026
4 P.M. In The Fellowship Hall
Sign-Up In The Lobby



Tennessee
Children's Home

September Items

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Preside

September 13
Robert Bowman

September 20
Slater Springman

September 27
Randy Wright

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

Left Side
Daniel Dressler
Marshall Spencer
Brad Davis
Justin Beard

Right Side
Michael Bryant
Kristen Slavinski
Sam Chessor
Bryan Woods

P.M. Chapel
Trevor Buchanan

Communion Prep.

September 13
Randy & Kim James

September 20
John & Debbie Bradley

September 27
Patrick & Alice Jones

Prayer Week Of September 13

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Keithen Harris

S.E.W.
Bill McDonald

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Robert Bowman

W.E.D
Major Qualls

Read Scripture

September 13

Michael Jenkins

Elder's Prayer
Gary Gatewood

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

A CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER STUDY



Taught by **STEVE BAGGETT & CARTER HOOVER**



SUNDAY NIGHTS
5:00 PM



AUDITORIUM



BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 13



CENTERVILLE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

