



# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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## Retiring



**Ruth Reece Church Secretary**  
1980-2013

My life with the Centerville Church of Christ began December 26, 1971 when Jimmy and I married and settled in Centerville. We placed membership the next week. Not long after I began helping Johnnie Elkins with her 4 year old Sunday School Class. Later I assisted Martha Loveless and after a while was asked to be the Pre-School Supervisor. I have helped with this until the present.

We brought Jason home to the Centerville church in November, 1973 at age 6 weeks. He was in the first Tuesday School/Mother's Day Out. I was hired to work in the church office in January 1980.

I worked and served under wonderful Elders, Dr. Parker Elrod, Jim D. Bates, Bill Kittrell, Ed Shepard, Dr. James Blackwell, Bobby Bates, Bill Davis, Alfred Williams, Bill McDonald, Wayne Qualls, Lonnie Gilliam, Mike Goodpasture, Shane Willis, Gary Gatewood, and Mike Elkins. I enjoyed my over 20 years working with Paul Rogers and my association with his family. And then came Bryan — what a preacher ! One of the greatest, smartest I have even known. I am so thankful for my years with him, Mendy and their precious children. They are very special to me. Our church staff is # 1, the best ever and work together great. I would like to thank the elders for giving me the opportunity to serve the congregation and work under the elders and ministers during the past 33 years. I love you all.

In Christian Love, Ruth

**Bobby McCoy Camp Superintendent**  
2006 - 2013

After completing high school in 1967 I attended lab school in Nashville. My first full time job was working with Dr. Parker Elrod at the Centerville Clinic. This was during the time that Camp Meribah was being developed. After all the patients were seen, it was off to Camp Meribah with Dr. Elrod traveling the trails that Mr. Howard Gilliam had made with his bulldozer. On one occasion returning back to the clinic Dr. Elrod asked me to help him work at Camp Meribah. During the late 60's and early 70's I saw the early development of the Camp. We should share the history of the camp with the younger generation. Such as: Where was one of the first meetings held to discuss the camp outside the church building ? Who were the elders then ? Who gave the land for the camp? Which elders rode dune buggies around the camp ? Who donated the funds to build the cabins ? Which 2 young boys pulled up a cedar sapling that still stands by the sidewalk ? Why is the gym called the Ken McDonald Hall and who built it ? What couple from our congregation were the first caretakers of Camp Meribah ? What lady from our congregation knows every plant, flower, and tree on the grounds ?

I would like to thank everyone who helped me during my years at camp. Thanks to our good camp neighbors, the Plunketts, Harlows and Kincaids for helping keep the road clear and keeping an eye on things. May the next Camp Superintendent accept the job as a children's ministry and remember the past and present church members who have dedicated their hard work and money to have such a nice camp. Thanks for your support. I feel God had a role in the elders' decision in giving me the opportunity to serve at Camp Meribah.

In Christian Love, Bobby



*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

As a husband and father, he had had enough of the world around him. It seemed like every one he knew, believed something different than what he believed, and it also seemed like everyone served a different God than the God He served. He was fed up, done, and it was time to no longer be silent about the matter. So he took the risk, he spoke up. He was nice about it, as nice as anyone could be when you're getting ready to call out other people for their denial of truth.

"Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in which land you dwell. But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:14-15).

There is a choice we must make as individuals, as husbands and wives, as sons and as daughters, and that choice is, who will we serve? Will we serve our interests and our desires or will we serve the interests and desires of God? Will we seek the gods we have created for ourselves and the rulers of our hearts or will we resign our heart to the one who fashioned it with the express image of His nature, saturating our being? The truth found from the beginning ("God created") solves so many of our modern day dilemmas, if we will allow that truth to speak to our heart. If we are too hardened, too resistant toward this message, we will miss it or just dismiss it as something which has no value. While we resist the message of God, creation, His authority, and will, we still live with unresolved feelings and a longing in our lives for something to be different. If we would let the God who creates rule our life, we would find for ourselves the healing and the hope we need. Whether you are single or married, widow or widower, divorced or separated, struggling or thriving, young or old, you are part of a family calling you to come home where you can find help and renewal, support and supply you need for your everyday living, if you'll make that choice.

I hope you know, in 2014 we are calling to all who will take the courage to choose to do so, to "Hurry Home" to the God who has created for us all we need, and is ready to meet from His all sufficient grace, our needs through His Son, His church, and His word.



**YOUTH ON HIS PATH**

**PRAISE, APPLY, TEACH, HEIGHTEN**

CRAIG SHELTON



January 17  
5TH QUARTER  
Fellowship Hall  
After Game-  
11:30

January 18  
SPARKS &  
INTERMEDIATES  
MONKEY  
JOE'S  
12:00-5:00

January 19  
FAMILY FIESTA  
FILM FIASCO  
FELLOWSHIP  
5:00

January 20  
BIBLE STUDY  
Girls-D&R  
Newsom  
Guys-M&C  
Dotson  
6:00-7:00

January 22  
LIGHTHOUSE  
5:00-7:00

January 24-26  
20/30  
RETREAT  
Gatlinburg  
COMING SOON

Feb 28-Mar 2  
SR.  
SPOTLIGHT /  
SR. HIGH  
RETREAT  
Gatlinburg

**FANTASTIC TIMES TOGETHER!**

Thanks to Jim & Leslie Hudgins and Chris & Jenny Teet and their families for hosting last Wednesday's Lighthouse. In all we had over 40 for our time together. Then, on Sunday night, Jim & Leslie Hudgins and their family hosted the Junior High Fireside. We enjoyed some delicious soup, fun games, and our devotional centered on "dwelling on the right things" from Philippians.

**BE SURE TO KEEP UP WITH THE CALENDARS**, this article, our website, or facebook and twitter for all that is coming up. We are making a more conscious effort to limit announcements during our worship times, so we will encourage you to use our other resources for the latest updates and upcoming events.

**SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES, WE ARE GOING TO MONKEY JOE'S SATURDAY!** Please eat before you come and plan for a fun afternoon together. The bus leaves at 12:00 and cost will be between \$5-\$10.

**20/30 RETREAT IS NEXT WEEKEND!** If you would still like to go, please let me know! Cost is \$75 and the bus will depart Friday at 5. We have over 20 signed up, but still plenty of room for this weekend to "Focus" in Gatlinburg. Come join us!

**HOW HAVE YOU INVESTED?** I am not nosing into your portfolio, rather I am questioning where and on what do you spend your time? We cannot expect a closer relationship with God and other Christians if we spend a small percentage

of time in study and worship with God or in fellowship with our fellow Christians. I like the thought I read this week, "Wouldn't it be great if we could see the church as 'What can I do with all this help?' rather than asking ourselves, 'Where can I find help?'" What have you or what are you currently investing your life in? Will it last beyond your life? Will it be temporary or eternal? No matter how busy your life may be or how much you have piled on your plate, there is no greater investment than time with God and other Christians. Begin today deciding to be more with other Christians, dedication to focusing on Christ and a desire to... follow His path, -Craig

# Thank You

Billy & Juanita Garner write: "Thanks so much for the calls and cards on our anniversary and Juanita's birthday. We appreciate it so much!"

From the Hickman County Family Resource Centers: "Thank you for helping us provide Christmas for needy children this holiday season. We could not have accomplished this huge task without you. The children were excited to receive the gifts and the parents were truly grateful. Thank you for making Christmas special for these children. Becky, Alison, Mislessa"

Paul Litton writes: "Thank you so much for the Sunshine Basket. It is nice to be remembered."

# Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Day School in memory of Chip Minick by the *Hickman County High School Class of 1978.*

# Area Events



## CHIP Coronary Heart Improvement Program

As we begin a New Year, a community Health Program that could give you optimum good health will be offered beginning in February. This program is designed to substantially lower high blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, heartburn, angina and to lessen depression. It facilitates the reversal of narrowed arteries. Thousands have been helped and you can be one of them.

Dr. Bill Dysinger, board certified in Public Health and Preventive Medicine, who has worked with the World Health Organization, and is also a graduate of Harvard University will conduct a free information session on Monday, January 27th from 7:00 - 8:00 P.M. in the Chapel of the Centerville Church of Christ. For more information call: 931-583-2792.

...*Columbia Avenue Church of Christ* invites you to : *Annual Fellowship Meeting* Sunday, January 19, 2014. Speaker: Wade Russell Sunday School: 10 A.M. Worship: 11 A.M. Lunch will be served following morning services. Afternoon services with begin at 2:30 P.M.

# STEWARDSHIP REPORT

## CONTRIBUTION

\$ 12,739.93

BUDGET \$ 13,169.00

## Sunday School

\$ 195.90

# JANUARY



... Join Us January 19th.....



## Family Fiesta Film Fiasco Fellowship

5 P.M. Worship

6 P.M. Mexican Fiesta

7 P.M. Family Movie

*\*Please Sign-Up in the lobby if you can  
bring cupcakes for this event !*

....January 24-26 20/30's Retreat



*Lauren Gatewood* has moved and has a new job at the Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital. Her new address is :  
811 Mallet Hill Road  
Apt. 1503  
Columbia, South Carolina  
29223



*Jamie & Andrea Spears and their children* have moved.

The new address is:  
1601 Haley Road  
Duck River, TN 38454

# A Baby Shower !



Friends & Family of Sarah & Andrew Rogers invite you to a baby shower on Sunday, January 26th from 1:00—3:00 P.M. at the Lomax Church of Christ Annex, Hohenwald, TN. Registered at Walmart & Target.



## Please Pray For :

...Andrea Spears is in Williamson Medical Center with pneumonia.

...Thelma Bates, the mother of Wanda Berry, suffered a heart attack and is in Horizon Medical Center.

...Carolyn Chessor has been diagnosed with shingles.

...June Aydelott is recovering from surgery.

...Mozine Atkinson is recovering at home.

...Geraldine Delaney, the grandmother of Brent Delaney, is in Horizon Medical Center.

...James Westmoreland is in St. Thomas West recovering from surgery.

...Holly Stewart, daughter of Sherry Galey, is in Maury Regional Hospital with the flu and pneumonia.

...Martha Jo Wallace is in the Life Care Center for therapy.

...Melvin Roberson has returned home.

...Amanda Greer is recovering from a tonsillectomy.

## The following are recovering from surgery or dealing with an illness:

Randy Deitmen, Willie B. Coates, Loretta Cunningham, Fred Wineman, Gene Morris, Ruth Reece, Andrea Spears, Lonnie Garrett, Henrietta Rochelle, Jeff Denton, Lisa Shephard, Tina Johnson.

**Home:** Floyd Powell, Barbara Baker, Stephen Church, Charles Minick, Lula Mae Gilliam, Jean Plemmons, Sammie Elrod, Margaret & Curtis McCord, Dorothy Easley, J.W. & Sue Roder, Edward Loveless, Troy Parks, Louise Westmoreland

**Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:** Opal Roder, Ruth Stephenson, Beverly Bruno, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford. **Hickman County Nursing Home:** Ruby Wells, Francis Harris.

# Our Elders



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Lonnie Gilliam



Mike Goodpasture



Bill McDonald



Wayne Qualls



Shane Willis

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## Worship Service Times

Sunday A.M.	9:00	A.M.
Bible Class	10:15	A.M.
Sunday P.M.	6:00	P.M.
Wednesday	7:00	P.M.

## Ministers

Bryan McAlister	931-994-3525
Matthew Dotson	615-418-2051
Craig Shelton	615-418-2228
Shane Willis	615-308-9161

### Wait on Table

January 19  
Cody Woods  
January 26  
Ward Mayberry  
Left  
Michael Harrison  
Barry Shelton  
Pat Sullivan  
Michael Horner  
Right  
Eric Mayberry  
Chris Hughes  
Don Qualls  
Randy James  
Alternates  
John Bradley  
Marty Smith

### Prayer Week of January 19

S.M.W.	S.M.D
Alan Potts	Eric Hughes
S.E.W.	S.E.D.
Marshall Spencer	Derek Newsom
W.E.B.S.	W.E.D.
Bob McDonald	Jimmy Reece

### READ SCRIPTURE

January 19	Mike Brown
January 26	Gregg Johnston

Worship Involvement: Please contact the following if you are unable to serve :

Dorris Claud	931-729-2933
Lonnie Mayberry	931-242-2644
Bryan Woods	931-994-7042
John Bradley	931-994-7358

### Secretary

Tammy Willis

If you would like to have the *Messenger* e-mailed to you weekly or visit it on our website, please contact the church office to be *removed from our mailing list.*

*Please call: 931-729-4201 or e-mail: tammy@centervillechurchofchrist.org*

there's no  
place like  
home

