

# CENTERVILLE Church of Christ

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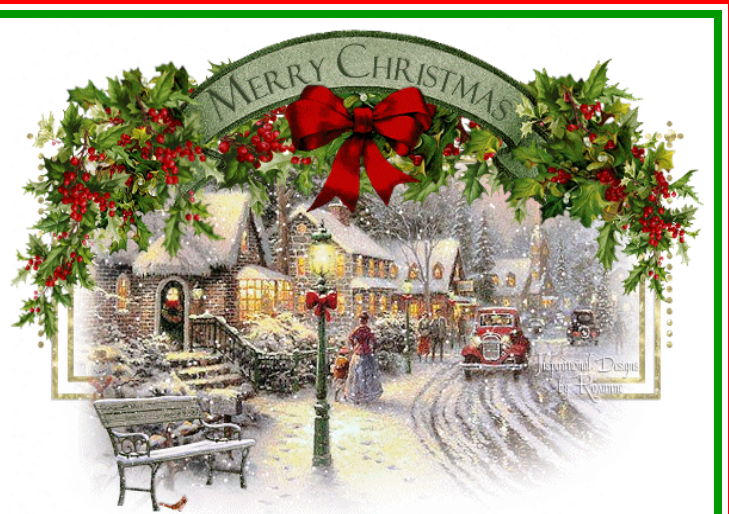
*Bryan McAlister*

"I Hope You Know"

Reflection seems to be as much a part of this season as are red and green. You cannot help but think back to events and happenings throughout the year and begin to look ahead to what you anticipate for the New Year. 2011 has been another historic year for the Centerville Church of Christ. This year marked yet another building project for this great church. With over four decades passing since the construction of our auditorium, and the growing works and ministries of this congregation, the time had well passed to bring our facilities up to date and as functional for all ages of our congregation.

While the building project and the renovation are the most visible aspects of our work through the year, much more has been accomplished to permit those works. Our financial house was brought in order in ways that honor God, and show responsible stewardship with His money. Our average weekly contribution increased by over \$1,000.00 from 2010. Our families have made a conscious effort to meet our financial needs of this congregation. This is no small task, and one which is worthy of continuing for many good reasons, chief of which is the glory it give our God. This time of year we have opportunity to think about benefiting from greater giving. Take the opportunity to give in your ability and beyond your ability, this coming Sunday. When you think about it, it's what many of you and your brethren have done all year.

Through the year we have enjoyed some of our best fellowships and time together as a family of God's people. The meals, the events, the holiday gatherings, the special occasions, all have been a blessing to us, helping us grow to closer to each other as a church family. Our best help comes from God. He is able to help His people, when His people come together as one. When we "come together" to worship, we are better for it. When we "come together" to fellowship, we are blessed by it.



*Merry Christmas  
From the Staff*

When we "come together" we are the church, and we are heaven bound because of it.

2011 was a great year for our outreach and benevolence ministry. Through the year we *cannot predict the names and faces of those who will come our way and what help we might be able to offer them.* Most recently we were able to see the faces of 318 children, across dozens of families through "Operation Santa" and our local school system. It reminds us of the abundance of goods we have in our hands. It also reminds us of the abundance of good which can be done through our hands for the benefit of our friends and neighbors. We need not stop with mere gifts of enjoyment, but we must continue to offer the gift of eternity from our God to those who need His Son's forgiveness.

2012 will be a phenomenal year. We know this with assurance because God will be there. Take these days to reflect and remember the good done. Take these days to plan to give more of your means, more of your moments, more of your minds to Christ. Take this time to know how good our God truly is. I hope you know how blessed we are and will continue to be by our God.



Dear Friend and Brother in Christ,

With a great sense of love and gratitude for your thirty-three years of service, we acknowledge your desire to resign your position as an elder of our church family here in Centerville. Our hearts can only reflect with much joy the honor of serving alongside a man of your vision and ability. We thank you from the bottom of our being for the leadership you have offered through the years, and for your vision and foresight in many, many matters related to the health of the church here.

We are thankful for the teaching you have provided to your students over the years, some of which have served with you as elders. We thank you for the encouragement our family has felt through your initiation of the visitation teams. Your organizational skills made your dream a reality and a blessing for the many who have been a part of this valuable group. Only eternity will reveal the good the "ten-thousands" of visits made by your teams have had and will continue to have.

We each value your friendship and opinion, and we will continue to be open to your thoughts, hopes, and dreams where this church family is concerned. May the Lord continue to bless you and your sweet wife, Betty, with health and happiness. Your devotion, and that of your life's companion, has helped make this congregation of God's people a valuable part of so many lives. We thank you for using your life to the glory of God and the benefit of his Kingdom!

With Love For You and Yours,

*The Elders of the Centerville Church of Christ*

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Lonnie Gilliam</i>   | <i>Wayne Qualls</i>    |
| <i>Mike Goodpasture</i> | <i>Alfred Williams</i> |
| <i>Bobby Bates</i>      | <i>Bill McDonald</i>   |



*His L.I.G.H.T.  
LEAD. IMITATE. GLORIFY. HUMBLE. TOUCH  
Chris Webb*

IT'S AN EXCITING WEEK FOR... many. School is out for a few weeks, many will enjoy a few days off of work, and we are all looking forward to some great time with our families. The holiday season is truly a blessing! I am also excited because we are only a week away from our Jr. and Sr. High Traveling Lock-In! Last year we had one of our biggest crowds ever and made some unbelievable memories! I know that this year will be nothing short of that. Anyone in Jr. or Sr. High is invited to come. There are a few things you need to know beforehand. The cost is \$35 to go, which you can bring that night. We do have scholarships available as well, so please



**COMING SOON...**  
-Dec. 28  
Jr. and Sr. High  
Traveling Lock-In  
7pm-7am

don't let \$35 keep you from coming! See me ASAP if I can help you with that part. There is also a list of items that you are encouraged to bring, as well as a waiver that your parents will need to sign. These forms can be picked up in the church office, or printed off of our youth Facebook page or youth webpage. You won't need a pillow or sleeping bag for this Lock-In, we will be on the go all night long. Invite as many friends as you wish, it will be a night to remember!

AS WE WIND DOWN 2011, THERE ARE A FEW THINGS.... that I want you to know. This has been a year like none other. I want to say thank you to our Elders, who I look up to with a tremendous amount of respect. Their love has personally helped this young minister be a better person. I want to thank my friend, Bryan McAlister. Though he gives me a hard time, he is a dear friend, and someone I am proud to work alongside. I want to thank the staff that I am privileged to work with everyday. Without anyone of them, things simply wouldn't be the same. I want to thank each of you, for allowing our family to be a part of your lives on a daily basis. Our immediate families live miles away, but we feel like we are with family everyday we are here. We love you and pray that 2012 will be a blessing to your family. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Light the Way-Chris, Erin, Kely and Hunter



**Mission Minutes**

Mission from Providenciales COC to North Caicos COC TCI

Evangelism Campaign & Gospel meeting  
December 9 to 11 2011

My family and I woke up from 4 am on Friday to get ready and drove the bus

around to pick up brethren who were getting ready to go with us to North Caicos evangelism mission trip. We got all our food from Thursday and got all our bags ready and took the first boat at 6:30 am. And we got there at 7 am.

We were 16 in total; we rent a house for the ladies and Brother Missick and His wife provided a House for the men. I was the leader of the whole group and Brother Yves Telusma was the evangelism director, Sister Loudwige (My wife) was the leader of the ladies and sister Elimon was the chef.

We started evangelizing from 10am to 12pm and took lunch break and after lunch we started from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm and we went to our separate home to rest and get ready for the evening service which began at 6:30pm nightly. We nock almost every single house in the community and gave flayers with invitation to the Gospel meeting on one side and the other side the plan of salvation. We had 500 flayers and gave 400 out.

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**THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
Wednesday Dec. 21  
Lighthouse Closed  
Wednesday December 28  
Lighthouse Closed

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### SUNDAY'S CONTRIBUTION

\$ 11,132.87

BUDGET -\$ 12,724.00

Sunday School - \$ 202.88

Many families have made the commitment to

"Be In For Ten"

Adding an additional \$10.00 to their current Contribution.

There are 236 families within our Church Family.

IMAGINE THE POTENTIAL !!!



## Memorial

...A Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of Bill McDonald and Joe Bates by the family of Charlotte Marie Baker Floyd.

...A Memorial has been given to the Framing the Future Fund in memory of Cecil Jacobs and Danny Galey by Don Luther.

## Area Events

*4th Annual  
Sounds of the Season:  
Do You See What I See?  
Friday, December 23rd  
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Fairfield Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall  
Featuring the Music Of:  
Flat Rascals*



(continued) The first night attendance was 46, the second night it was 56 and Sunday morning we had another 7 workers from Providenciales congregation the attendance was 58. It was great, I was involved in everything and I was the preacher for the three days. The gospel preached and many asked questions which we answered from the bible in our Bible class. More brethren wanted to come; unfortunately we were unable to afford everybody. The community welcomed us and they are looking forward to see us again soon.

Brother Jacques Phanor

## Baptisms



Jeff Pack and Tony Gunter were baptized on Thursday, December 15, by members of the Jail Ministry.

...Dec. 25 *Christmas Day!*  
...Dec. 28 *No Messenger* Due to Christmas Holiday. *No Classes*  
*Devo in auditorium*

### January Events...

...Jan. 1 *Courageous* shown in auditorium after P.M. service  
...Jan. 7 Worship Training Workshop 9:00—10:30  
...Jan. 21 Women's Organizational Breakfast 9:00 A.M.  
...Jan. 28 Wild Game Supper  
...Jan. 29 Fiesta Night

## Thank You

Jeffrey & Sonya Brown Daniels write: " We want to thank you for all the gifts given to Anthony, all of the prayers, care and concern shown to our family. We are so thankful to be a part of this church family."

Margie Claud writes: "My family and I would like to thank all of you for the food provided for our family, the cards, calls and for all the finger foods brought to the funeral home at the death of my mother Mattie L. Weatherspoon. I would also like to thank all of you for the visits, calls, cards, and all acts of kindness shown to my family while I was in the hospital and while I have been confined to my home for the last few weeks. I am finally feeling some better. Thanks also for the Sunshine basket It is so nice to be a part of a loving church family."

Sherry Galey writes: "Thanks so much for remembering me with a Sunshine Basket. I really appreciate it.

Mozine Atkinson writes: "Thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and every expression of concern during my three month stay at Life Care Center and since I have been home. Also, thanks for all of the cards and remembrances for my birthday and for the Sunshine Basket. May God bless you during this holiday season."

Brenda Jacobs writes: " Thank you so much for remembering me with a Sunshine Basket. It meant so much."

Hubert & Hester Moss write: " We want to thank you for the Sunshine Basket. It is nice to be remembered this time of the year ! We ask for your continued prayers in 2012. May God Bless You All..."

## Prayer Requests



...Teryl Freeman had eye surgery Monday, December 19.

...Dan Wallace will have back surgery December 22 at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Mary Wilkerson is in the Life Care Center.

...Alfred Williams is in the Life Care Center.

...Al Baltz is recovering from a kidney transplant. He is doing well. Please keep him in your prayers and also the donor, Jason Upchurch, as he recovers from surgery.

...George Dotson hopes to return home December 23rd.

...Patsy Davidson is very sick in St. Thomas Hospital.

...It was great to see Margie Claud this past Sunday. She has been sick for several weeks.

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

Lois Sanders, Yvonna Caillouet, Janet Plemmons Nixon, Reba Horner, Barbara McClannahan, Kathy Lawhon, Kolby Westmoreland, Janie Warren, Alfred Williams, Don Luther, Katie Lane Jones.

Nursing Home Residents: Life Care Center:

George Dotson, Stella Breece, Jean Plemmons, Ruth Stephenson, Nicus Loveless, Elsie Mathis, Thelma Chessor, Thelma Deitmen, Lillian Bradford, Elizabeth Coble, Ida Mable Gerard, Lois Masters.

Hickman County Nursing Home: Jean Davidson, Marie Lawhon, Brown Breece.

Home: Allene Wade, Inis Puckett, Troy Parks, Edward Loveless, Francis Coble Harris, Sue Roder, Belva Goins, James & Louise Westmoreland.

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of John McCord who passed away. He was a member of the Clearview Church of Christ. He and his wife assisted with our nursing home services for many years.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Alvena Hudspeth who passed away last week. She was the sister of Sandy Bryant.



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**Those to Serve in January**

**PRAYER WEEK OF**  
**Dec. 25**  
 S.M.W.  
 Bill McDonald  
 S.M.D.  
 Leon Gilbert  
 S.E.W.  
 Jim Hudgins  
 S.E.D.  
 Chris Teet  
 W.E.B.S.  
 Trey Hudgins  
 W.E.D.  
 Daniel Dressler

**PRAYER WEEK OF**  
**JAN. 1**  
 S.M.W.  
 Lonnie Gilliam  
 S.M.D.  
 Jim Prince  
 S.E.W.  
 Daniel Dressler  
 S.E.D.  
 Cody Woods  
 W.E.B.S.  
 Mike Elkins  
 W.E.D.  
 Charles Shelton

PLACE LABEL HERE

**READ SCRIPTURE**  
 Dec. 25 Brian Qualls  
 Jan. 1 Jason Dotson  
 Jan. 8 Patrick Sullivan

**Wait on Table**  
**1st Sunday**  
 Philip Jacobs  
**2nd Sunday**  
 Pat Sullivan  
**3rd Sunday**  
 Jeremy Qualls  
**4th Sunday**  
 Wayne Chessor  
**5th Sunday**  
 Eric Coleman  
**Serve Audience**  
**Left**  
 Eric Ghant  
 Terry Harrington  
 J.B. Brown  
 Chris Teet  
**Right**  
 Daniel Dressler  
 George Garland  
 Don Chessor  
 Lonnie Mayberry  
**Alternates**  
 Bobby McFarlin  
 Robert Bowman

**To Drive Bus in January**  
 Jan. 1 Brandon McCauley A.M.  
 Chuck Taylor P.M.  
 Jan. 4 George Garland  
 Jan. 8 Lonnie Mayberry A.M.  
 Mark Chessor P.M.  
 Jan. 11 Mike Goodpasture  
 Jan. 15 Michael Bryant A.M.  
 Bill Cude P.M.  
 Jan. 18 David Hudgins  
 Jan. 22 Patrick Allen A.M.  
 Phillip Allen P.M.  
 Jan. 25 George Garland  
 Jan. 29 John Bradley A.M.  
 Lonnie Mayberry P.M.  
 Contact John Bradley,  
 931-994-7358,

**USHERS:** Frank Atkinson,  
 Bobby Breece, Bill Cude,  
 Ronald Coates

**RADIO ROOM**  
 Rick Bruno  
 Phil Griggs  
 Riley Qualls  
 Griffin Elkins

**Bible Hour January**  
 Ryan & Lauren McDonald  
 Draven Atkinson, Blake  
 Warren, Griffin Elkins, Tori  
 Hughes  
 Humility "Zacchaus"  
*Hungry Hound Pantry Item for  
 January:  
 Macaroni & Cheese or Soup*

**BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN January**  
**1ST SUNDAY** John Jacobs, Eli Jacobs, Gage  
 Dotson, Grant Dotson  
**2nd SUNDAY** Riley Haithcoat, Bryce Hughes,  
 Jared Brown, Jackson Thigpen  
**3rd SUNDAY** Major Qualls, Aiden Wallace,  
 Lincoln Smith, Lake Bates  
**4th SUNDAY** Elijah Mayberry, Case Martin,  
 Gage Buchanan, Houston Hudgins  
**5th SUNDAY** Joseph McCauley, Wyatt Aydelott,  
 Sam Brown, Luke Brown  
 Please be up front by 8:50

**Meals On Wheels Jan.**  
 Jan. 4 Martha Leathers  
 Jan. 11 Nancy Leathers  
 Jan. 18 Corene Allen  
 Jan. 25 Suzette Potts  
**PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40**

**NURSERY**  
 Cindy Garland  
 Tabitha Beard  
**BAPTISMAL**  
**CLOTHING**  
 Glenda Dorton

**Lord's Supper P.M.**  
*Served in the Chapel*  
 Philip Jacobs  
 Matthew Kincade

**GREETERS JANUARY**  
 John & Debbie Bradley  
 Chris & Cyndi Hughes  
 Calvin & Dedra Hoover  
 Derek & Rachel Newsom

**NURSING HOME SERVICES**  
**LIFE CARE CENTER**  
 Jan. 1 Shane Willis  
 Jan. 8 David Hudgins  
 Jan. 15 Daniel Dressler  
 Jan. 22 Larry Lawhon  
 Jan. 29 Daniel Dressler  
**HICKMAN COUNTY NURSING HOME**  
 Jan. 1 Marshall Spencer  
 Jan. 8 Robert Bowman  
 Jan. 15 James Aydelott  
 Jan. 22 Alan & Warren Potts  
 Jan. 22 Mike Brown  
**Tulipwood Service** - John Bradley

\*PLEASE CONTACT DORRIS CLAUD (A.M.), 729-2933 OR  
 BRYAN WOODS (P.M.) 729-6075, IF YOU CANNOT SERVE.