

God is love and love lives here!



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Relaunch Sunday, June 11, 2023

Why we go to The Well

Hey Friends! I'm going to give you a little preview of the message this week in our newsletter if that's ok with you. It's our relaunch Sunday of The Well at Centerville and what better story to discuss than that of our namesake. When we read about the Woman at the Well in John chapter 4 it's important to understand the why. Why was she coming to the well? Why was she coming at this time of day? Why didn't she leave? Why did Jesus choose this appointed time to do his work in such an unconventional way? Whys are often confusing for us as believers. We want to know all the answers. More than that we want to know why someone was compelled to act in a way that seems counterintuitive or even counterproductive. I knew that person a long time ago but now they seem different. Why? Then we meet Jesus for ourselves.

Jesus has a habit of changing the story in the lives of those we read in the Bible and in who we are some 2000 years later. The woman's original intentions were to simply get water; her why. She needed water for her responsibilities and to quench her thirst.

Those are our basic human needs engrained in us from the very beginning of time. But Jesus intervenes in a powerful way that not only changes her reasons for coming to the well but the very trajectory of her life. When we meet Jesus at the well what we find is that what we receive and our original intentions for coming to the well are dramatically different and can be life changing if we allow it.

Why did you come to The Well? Now, at the time the name was different. We've talked about this at length. Even though the name has changed the church is still the people who make it what it is. Why did you come? More importantly, what did you find that kept you here or changed your life in such a way that you left differently than how you came? How did your why change after meeting Jesus at The Well?

The why is important because there is no more powerful way to invite someone to The Well than to tell them what God did for you when you met Him there yourself. If your life was truly changed it's a story much like the Woman at the Well. She came with only a desire to receive a small amount of water for the day but left with living water that lasts for eternity. She came with a basic need but left with a love that covers a multitude of sins like no other. When she left, she went and told everyone her Why! Why she was different after her encounter at The Well and why Jesus was so important to the new person she has become.

The reason we give you this insight this week is because we want you to give an invitation. Even today with all our social media, the number one way to encourage someone to come to church is through a personal invitation. Yes, you can simply ask someone to come to church. That's absolutely fine. But I would encourage you, if you have the opportunity, the next time you are inviting someone to church to share with them your why. Why you go to The Well. Share how you met Jesus. Share how you came for community but found family. Share how you wanted to just have a basic need met through one of our ministries but found living hope in Jesus. You never know what God can do with your story. But you'll never know if your story can be used if you don't share it. It's not hard, it's just telling people why we go to The Well.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture & Sermon:

John 4:1-6;13-15

"The Well"



New Concerns

Robert Herrington
Family of Kathy Shurbert
Vicky Moore

Continue Prayers for:

Family of James Hudson
Tommy & Family
Luis & Jan

Wesley Glen Ministries

Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Hailey Holder Allen
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

June 4

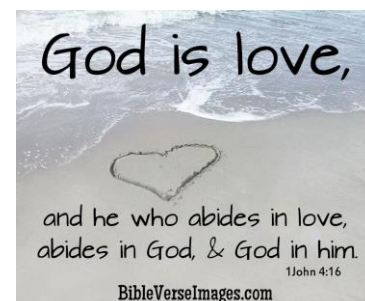
Operating Budget..... \$7,16.61
Local Mission..... 505.00
Total..... \$8,121.61

Worship Attendance:

120

Sunday School

51



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Gifts Given to the Glory of God

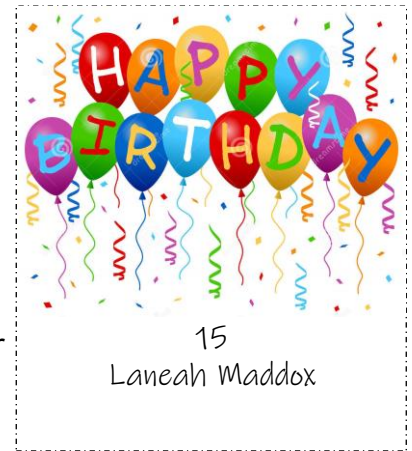
* In memory of Connie Cross by Brenda Crow

Altar Flowers

Just a note to let you know that the altar flowers have gone up to \$65 per arrangement.

Upcoming...

- ◆ Relaunch Sunday!! If you already have your new The Well t-shirts, wear them! If not, we will have tables set up for you to get one on Sunday. And remember we are having lunch after service and celebrate our new beginning, as well as remembering/recognizing/honoring our heritage and where we came from. We hope you'll join us!
- ◆ The service on Facebook Live will be streaming from our new Facebook page beginning this Sunday, June 11... The Well at Centerville, of course...
- ◆ We will have 5th Sunday covered-dish lunches in the Fellowship Hall July, October and December... the church will provide the meat and the congregation can provide side dishes... so mark your calendars for some food, fun and fellowship!
- ◆ Monday, June 12, our Finance Committee and Administrative Council will meet at 6:00p and 6:30p and both meetings are open for anyone to attend.
- ◆ Our next rotation for Family Promise is August 6, 7, 8... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>



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Laneah Maddox

Bible Reading Plan

Week of June 11th:

Sunday.....	Galatians 1
Monday.....	Galatians 2
Tuesday.....	Galatians 3
Wednesday.....	Galatians 4
Thursday.....	Galatians 5
Friday.....	Galatians 6
Saturday.....	Ephesians 1

Thank You

Dear Church, God has richly blessed me with a wonderful "Church Family". My mother, Connie, often attended our church and always felt such love from you. Your gracious spirit and your kindness brought needed sunshine in a time of darkness. I felt and continue to feel your thoughts and prayers which bring me such peace. Thank you for the cards, food, calls, prayers, memorial donations and hugs. All of you are simply the best. I am forever grateful. ~~ Amber & Family ~~

Community Missions

- The Food Pantry totals for May are: families served- 695; people served- 2482; portions distributed- 956; weight of food distributed- 27,901 pounds. Rockin'!!
- The next Food Pantry June 14, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- Clothes Closet Volunteers for June 13- Sherry Armour, Jennie Walston, Joy Fleming
- The Clothes Closet served 177 people the month of May. That's awesome!
- Our Open Door Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday 9a-noon. **We really need Size 1 (newborn) diapers; travel size- shampoo/conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste/mouthwash, sanitizer, sanitary pads/liners and plastic totes/lids.**
- The Clothes Closet will be open Saturday, June 24, 9a-12noon.

Young at Heart

The Young at Heart (Oldies but Goodies) will begin meeting the 4th Friday of the month, so our next meeting is June 22nd. We will play Bingo through the summer and have different activities once it cools down some. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or praises, contact Gloria Nelson.

New Life Group

Are you doing life to the fullest? If you are interested in learning more about life groups and possibly joining one, please come to a meeting on June 25th at 9:15a in the fellowship hall. Thomas & Joy will share information and answer any questions you might have.



Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- June 11

Relaunch Sunday

Ushers

8:30a W.C. Hester, Michael Walston

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier

Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter

Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen

8:30a Early Worship

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship

11:30 Lunch in the fellowship hall

Greeters

10:30a Sherrie Shell, Sharon Morrison

Communion Servers

Kelly & Kelly Evans

Thomas & Joy Fleming

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- June 11

Nursery- TBD, Laura McKenzie

Children- Linda Blanton, Amber Gamble

Sunday- June 18

Nursery- TBD, Laura McKenzie

Children- Sherrie Shell, Katie Odum

Monday- June 12

6:00p Finance Committee

6:30p Administrative Council

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- June 13

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Partners in Prayer

10:00a Yoga

4:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"

6:00p Life Group III "LG3"

7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday- June 14

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast

11a Food Pantry

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- June 15

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'

10:00a Yoga

5:30p Dulcimers

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- June 16

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- June 17

7:30p. .Narcotics Anonymous



United Women in Faith



Men at the Well



Sunday School

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers

Issues & Answers

New Beginnings

Christian Fellowship

Youth

Pilgrims

Studies

Where Do We Go From Here

Matthew

The Parables

Romans

Genesis Flood vs Flood Legends

TBD

Teacher

Kathy Rutke

Katie Odum

Nancy Hudson

Don Schall

Eric & Gloria Nelson

Kathy Blanchard

Men
at the
Well



Ribs
for
July 4th

The Men will be grilling ribs for your
July 4th weekend!

Pick up will be Saturday,
July 1st, 9a – 1p

Cost is \$25

Tickets are available,
see a Man at the Well

or come to the office, remember -
you know they freeze well!