



God is love and love lives here!

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Something in a Name

Several years ago I had the pleasure of meeting a man in my local church named Jack. Every Sunday Jack would bring Dum Dum suckers for all the kids at church. Every week, just before service started, you could see the kids flock to Mr. Jack for their morning sugar rush! One particular Sunday he was running late to church and everyone was concerned. He was 92 years old but he didn't miss and he always answered his phone. When he finally arrived we found out he had been pulled over by the Georgia State Patrol and was very frustrated by the predicament. He explained that he was indeed speeding but for good reason; he forgot the kid's candy at his house and had turned around. The officer just wouldn't understand his reasoning for excessive speeds and still wrote the ticket.

I grew to know Jack over the course of several years and had the blessing of knowing some of his family as well. They loved him very much and he had built a life worth living from small and humble beginnings. He had already lost his beloved bride, his oldest son, and would unknowingly lose another within a few years. Through it all he maintained his faith and love for God. On one particular visit, I asked Jack "What does it mean to be a man?" I've learned over the years that some questions, no matter how elementary, need to be asked of some people because of life's experiences and Jack had more experiences than most people have in two lifetimes. I'll never forget his response. With tears in his eyes, he said "It's your name". He went on to explain that years earlier when he was a much younger man, another gentleman in town had the exact same name but with one letter changed. But unless you knew both men their names could be used interchangeably. He said that this was frustrating. He was working hard to raise his family, build a business, and serve the community. The other barely participated in life and only worked to benefit himself. Even though there was only one letter difference the impact of the other Jack's actions would often cause our Jack headache and frustration. No matter what though, Jack maintained his integrity through the good, bad, and other Jack.

It was a pleasure to participate in Jack's service when he passed. Months earlier we honored his Son in life and I spoke to him in person for the last time. He was much older and really didn't understand all the events taking place but there was a part of the man I once knew still there. I remembered my question to Jack just a couple of years before. My takeaway from his life is that one letter truly does make a difference. People lined the church at his service; it was standing room only as we honored the real Jack in that small community. A life lived, life given, and life received in eternity. Life well lived.

Studying Paul reminds me a lot of Jack and how one letter can make all the difference. Saul became Paul so that people would know who he was in Christ as much as who he was as a Roman. It may have been only one letter but it's one that made all the difference. I would ask you this week as you read, to ask yourself what would make the difference for you? Maybe it's a small change that doesn't require a different name. Maybe a change of heart or an ask for forgiveness. Whatever it is I pray God give you the strength to remember that wherever you are and wherever you've been His name matters more than our own. We are who He makes us to be if we are willing. Jack and Paul didn't fulfill their obligations in life because of their own name but because of the name of Jesus.

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture & Sermon:

Acts 22:17-21

"Apostle Paul:
Rest of the Origin Story"



New Concerns

Teresa Hines
Jesse Lowery
Donna McAtee
Michael & Jennie Walston

Continue Prayers for:

Ann Stafford
Debbie Gray
Sharron Schall
Ray Hubbard
Kitty Barfield
Blanchard great grands
Christa Avret

Warren McDow
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Cary Martin
Mac McNeal
James McNeal
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

October 8

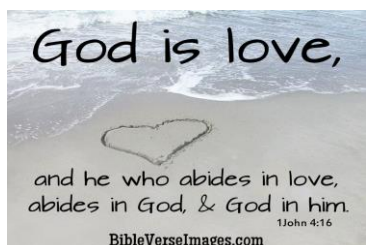
Operating Budget..... \$14,583.00
Technology..... 126.25
Apportionments..... 100.00
Local Mission..... 5251.00
Total..... \$20,060.25

Worship Attendance:

88

Sunday School:

50





All Saints Day

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday is November 5... If you would like to display a memorial to your loved one on the All Saints table, please respond to the office with the name of your loved one by October 24 and have the items to be displayed on the table to the office by October 31.

Church Website

Please contact Sabrina Williams at sabrinawilliams2@cox.net for any requests to have something added or delted from our church website. Also contact Sabrina if you have any pictures taken at any church function that you would like posted.

Christmas Cards for the Troops!

Our congregation is hereby challenged to place in our designated collection boxes at least 200 cards (OR single sheet letters or artwork) that will be taken to an organization who will then distribute them on base and also send to those deployed from Robins AFB. Some cards will be available to use by the boxes. We can do this! **Deadline is OCTOBER 30th !!!**

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry October 25, 11a... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
➤ Clothes Closet Volunteers for October 17- Jennie Walston, Joy Fleming
➤ The Clothes Closet totals for September: 114 people served, shopping for 313 people.
➤ Our Clothes Closet is open every Tuesday, 9a-noon.
➤ Beginning October 11, the Clothes Closet will be open 9a-12noon on Food Pantry days, which is the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Anyone willing to volunteer, please call Susan Howdeshell at 478-508-0709 or Sabrina Williams.
➤ Thank you for your generosity to the Open Door Clothes Closet. Each week we see more and more clothed and cared for because of your gifts of love. Winter is Coming and we will be in need of several items. If you're cleaning out your own closets or looking to donate items, please consider donating to the Clothes Closet. We also ask you to look for some of the specific items listed below as you are preparing for the change in season. Thank you again for all you do to support our ministry!
Winter clothes/coats/jackets/shoes/socks/scarves/hats/gloves;
linens/sheets/blankets/throws/comforters; towels/washcloths.
➤ Workers are needed in the Clothes Closet on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9a-12 noon.

Church Apparel

We now have order forms for those that would like to order, at your cost, church apparel other than the tshirts. We have available polo shirts, long-sleeved tshirts, sweatshirts, pullover hoodies, zip-up hoodies and hats. You can pick up an order form from the office, the tables around the church or I can email one to you. Please have your completed order form, with payment, to the office by October 16th.



Kettle Sunday – Every 3rd Sunday of the month is Kettle Sunday. The money you place in the kettles will go towards our local missions/food pantry.



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Barbara Hilliard
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Bennie Wyatt
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Keith Mobley
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Trevor Hill
Sherry Armour
Debbie Herrington
Eric Nelson

Bible Reading Plan

Week of October 15th:

- Sunday..... Nehemiah 8
Monday..... Psalm 103
Tuesday..... Psalm 40
Wednesday..... Psalm 84
Thursday..... Micah 5
Friday..... Micah 6
Saturday..... Habakkuk 1

Poster for 'The Well at Centerville FALL FESTIVAL'. It features pumpkins, autumn leaves, and text: 'The Well at Centerville', 'FALL FESTIVAL', 'Food. Games. Bounce houses.', '4-6 PM FREE EVENT', '600 N Houston Lake Blvd Centerville, GA 31028', '22 October', and 'More info | 478-953-3090 | www.thewellatcenterville.com'.



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- October 15

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship

Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Sherrill Pinckney, Nancy Hudson
Elaine Shierling, Vicky Moore

Finance Stewards

Nancy Hudson, Amber Gamble, Joy Fleming

Assisting with Children

Sunday- October 16

Nursery- Brooke McKeever, Dawn Wilkins
Children- Brenda

Sunday- October 23

Nursery- Kelly Evans, Laura McKenzie,
Joy Fleming
Children- Sherry Armour

Monday- October 16

10:00a Quilters
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- October 17

9a-12n Open Door Mission Closet
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
7:30 p Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesday- October 18

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
11:30a Friendship Circle
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- October 19

10:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
5:30p Dulcimers
6:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- October 20

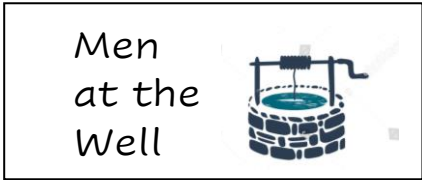
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- October 21

7:30p . Narcotics Anonymous



We're here to
Serve



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

Favorite Scripture
Matthew
Psalm 91
1 Corinthians
Highway to Heaven
Acts

Teacher

Class Members
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson
Kathy Blanchard

THE WELL AT CENTERVILLE

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

600 N. Houston Lake Blvd, Centerville 31028

Saturday December 2rd

9AM - 2PM



Take Pictures with Santa 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Bring your camera or phone

Vendors and Christmas Items

Music

Fresh Baked Goods

School Choirs

Quilt Raffle

Arts and Crafts

Children’s activities

Bouncy House

Food

Vendor Spaces Available

Call, email or come by the office for a vendor application