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## Report of the Pastor

2024 has been an incredible year to serve as the Pastor of The Well at Centerville. We finished our first year under our new name, paid off our disaffiliation debt, and tackled the challenge of funding our Air Conditioner project. We have seen just over a 10% growth in attendance and continue to have visitors on a weekly basis. God has done an incredible work in the life of our church, and we expect even greater works in 2025.

Our church is a loving congregation with a heart to reach the lost in our community and to care for one another. Everyone who participates in the ministry of the church is dedicated to its' mission and reaching the goals established by leadership. God is Love and Love Lives Here is the ethos we live by as a congregation and the mission of the Body to the community we serve. Looking forward to the future our focus is to fulfil our mission in a way that communicates who Christ is in us as a congregation so that everyone knows who we are by the way we love one another. The people of The Well are willing to work hard and to give their best to see the Kingdom of Heaven impacted by the work of our church community.

Looking to the future, we are focused on three areas of growth: Finances, Average Worship Attendance, and Young Families. This is not something new but a continuation of our goals as we strive to reach our mission as a church. Focusing on a bottom-up method where we utilize both small group models and an emphasis on engaging people in worship, we are working to build our church attendance from the bottom up. Through different strategies leaning into relationships outside of the church our focus is on developing new friendships before someone attends their first service. We believe if people know others before they ever enter the building the chances of a second visit are exponentially higher than that of a first-time visitor with no previous relationships. Building relationships is key, as we continue to build deeper relationships through small groups and develop new ones through an invitation, we should see our average attendance grow. We believe that we are in the right position at the right time and with a few adjustments we should experience tremendous growth in the next two years with a goal of reaching an average 250 attendance by 2027. With prayer and your help as a congregation we believe this to be not just a possible goal but a probable outcome if we have faith; trusting in God to do what we cannot do on our own.

Nothing is impossible with God and He even promises us in John 14:12 that we will do "greater works than these" as believers. Leading this congregation is a privilege and pleasure as a pastor. Over the next years of ministry my vision is to see the congregation live into the future that God has planned for us and our community. My family and I are dedicated to working with the people and loving them to the best of our ability. We are appreciative of the people as well as the opportunity to serve The Well at Centerville!

Keep the Faith,  
Pastor Tommy

## Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ◇ In memory of Leon Hudson by Anonymous, Anonymous, Brenda Craw & Paul Smith, Miss Terry's Circle
- ◇ In memory of Tom Gamble by Anonymous, Donald & Mary Morris, Luann & Ab Samoy, Wanda & Win Brown, Roseann Pitman, Brenda Craw & Paul Smith, Mary Frances Logue, Miss Terry's Circle, Margaret Henley, Michelle Keith, Linda Cross, Brenda Larson
- ◇ In memory of Charles Houston by Anonymous, Jim & Barbara Hilliard

### Scripture and Sermon:

Genesis 1:20-25/Job  
40:15-24/Job 41:1-34

"Big Questions:  
What About the  
Dinosaurs?"



### New Concerns

Logan and Penny Ray  
Gloria Nelson

### Continue Prayers for:

Susan Mobley  
Elizabeth Reidl  
Bill Reedy  
Family of Tom Gamble  
Family of Charles Houston  
Mark Stacy  
Jeff Carpenter  
Family of Martha Lee Jones

Lamar Outz  
Paul Smith  
Phil & Betty Bailey  
Dianne Harrington  
Mac McCullough  
Kathy Blanchard  
Betty Bowen  
Michael & Jennie Walston  
Betty Byrd  
Mary Prater  
Jim & Mary Leary  
Virginia Eadie  
Bill Reedy  
Our Country, Leaders, Military and  
First Responders

### Finance Report for

11-10-24

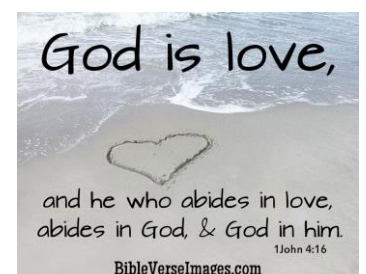
Operating Budget..... \$13,406.57  
Apportionments..... 51.50  
Food Pantry..... 200.00  
Total..... \$13,658.07

### Worship Attendance

125

### Sunday School

58





- ✓ 11-17-24 Church Conference 5p
- ✓ 11-24-24 Hanging of the Greens 11:30a
- ✓ 11-27/28-24 Office Closed- Thanksgiving
- ✓ 12-07-24 Christmas Festival 4p
- ✓ 12-08-24 Blessing of the Bears 10:30a
- ✓ 12-08-24 Parsonage Open House 5p-7p
- ✓ 12-09-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 12-24-24 Christmas Eve Service 6p
- ✓ 12-25-24 through 01-02-25 Office Closed- Christmas



Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry will be November 27, 10a-1p, and **volunteers are still needed**, even with the change of operation. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Clothes Closet is open November 27, the Clothes Closet will follow the same schedule as the Food Pantry. We will open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for shoppers and the 2nd and 4th Tuesday for processing donations. Donations now can be left in the black box trailer in front of the Outreach Center. Our new hours will be 8:45am until 1:15pm.
- The Clothes Closet will host a Community Yard Sale January 31-February 1 in the Fellowship Hall. Yard Sale donations are being accepted at the Clothes Closet and stored in the Yak Shack until the sale. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of these two missions. God is good all the time! Brenda
- November 27: Sherry Armour, Cynthia Boutwell, Barbara Brusckke  
November 27: Nancy Brechin, Sherrill Pinckney, Annette Cipra

Bible Reading Plan	
Week of November 17 <sup>th</sup> :	
Sunday.....	John 19
Monday.....	John 20
Tuesday...	John 21
Wednesday.....	Titus 1
Thursday.....	Titus 2
Friday.....	Titus 3
Saturday.....	Philemon 1

Christmas Festival

~ Our Christmas Festival this year is Saturday, December 7, 3p-6:30p. It will be different than in years past as it is being restructured to be more family-oriented and bring the community together and to also coincide with the Centerville Lighted Christmas Parade that starts at 7p. During the afternoon there will be bouncy houses, corn hole, church vendors in the Fellowship Hall and a couple of choirs. During the evening we'll be serving hot chocolate. So, come on out and join us for fun, fellowship and the parade! Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

~ Our 2024 Toy Giveaway will take place in the Fellowship Hall near Santa December 7th during the Christmas Festival beginning at 3p-6:30p. The Toy Giveaway is a collaborative effort with us and the Youth/Children at the Well. We are asking for **toy donations to be left in the Donations trailer during November**. If you find any toys there, please bring them into the closet where they can be temporarily stored as space allows. We might need to move them to the Yak Shack. Anyone willing to help with the giveaway on the 7th, please let me know. Thank you so much, Brenda

~ **The Sweet Shoppe** will be open at the Christmas Festival on December 7th from 3-6:30! We are in need of lots of items to sell such as: Homemade cakes (slices or whole), cookies, cupcakes, pies, brownies, muffins, snack mixes, candies, jellies, etc. Items should be wrapped and labeled to sell, please. There are lots of ideas for easy holiday treats online! Please bring items to the Social Hall by noon on Saturday, 12/7, so that they can be priced. We can use lots of help, as all proceeds go directly to the Church. Cake plates for iced cakes are first come, first served, in the church office. Thanks for your support!!

Friendship Circle

- The Friendship Circle will again be sponsoring a collection of bears (or other small, clean stuffed animals to delight a child) to be given to the Centerville Fire and Police Departments. We will need the help of our congregation to make this successful. A collection box will be placed near the Church office entrance. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in spreading love and happiness to children in need! Blessing of the Bears will be December 8. Many thanks, Marilyn Outz
- The Friendship Circle will be assembling some 1gallon plastic blessing bags for the homeless before Christmas. If you should have any items to donate such as small water bottles, small Kleenex packs, warm socks and gloves for men and women, packs of crackers, even \$5 bills or small gift cards to fast food restaurants - no more than \$5. Each member will carry these bags in our vehicles and distribute to those who are in need. Any supplies can be left in the Issues and Answers classroom. Thanks!!

Family Promise

Our next rotation is November 17, 18, 19. If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Please note!

Young at Heart WILL NOT meet for lunch and Bingo this month.



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- November 17

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier  
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Lynn Mayfield  
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen  
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell, Roy Carter  
9:15a Sunday School  
10:30a Worship  
5:00p Church Conference



Greeters

10:30a Cheri Cox, Marie Davis

Communion Servers

Marie Davis, Vicky Moore  
Cheri' Cox, LaWanna Porter

Prayer Teams

Luis & Jan Morales-Hill  
Don & Sharron Schall

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- November 17  
Nursery- Lauren, Brittany, Sarah  
Children- Amber Gamble  
Sunday- November 24  
Nursery- Rosalyn, Kaori, Lauren  
Children- Brenda Crow

Monday- November 18

10:00a Quilters  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- November 19

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Partners in Prayer  
10:00a Yoga  
11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers"

Wednesday- November 20

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast  
11:30a Friendship Circle  
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"  
5:15p Handbells  
6:00p Youth  
6:30p Choir Practice  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- November 21

9:00a Life Group II "Work of Art"  
9:15a Movin' n Groovin'  
10:00a Yoga  
6a-11a Stuff the Truck Food Drive  
Walmart on Watson  
11a-7p Chick-Fil-A Food Drive--Watson  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- November 22

12p-3p Young at Heart  
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- November 23

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday School at 9:15a

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!

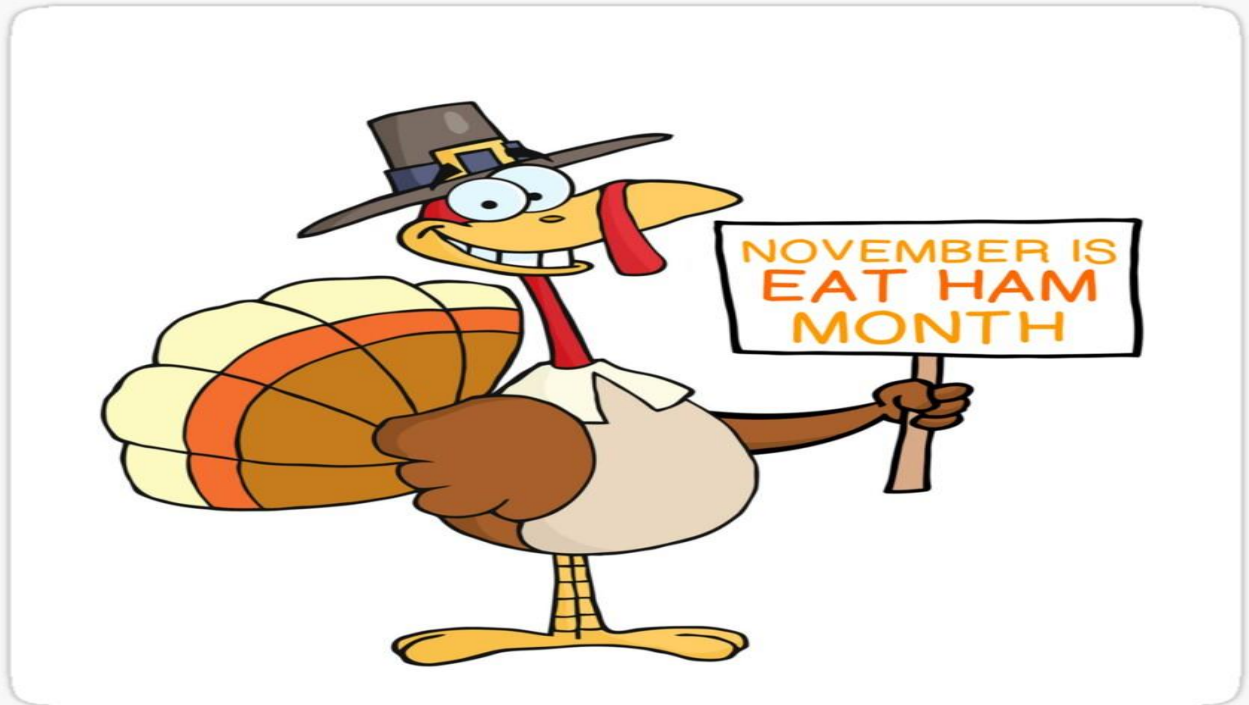
Sunday School Class  
Seekers  
Issues & Answers  
New Beginnings  
Christian Fellowship

Studies  
What Happens Next  
Luke  
Be Alert  
1 Timothy

Teacher  
Kathy Rutke  
Joy Fleming  
Nancy Hudson  
Luis Morales



# Men at the Well Thanksgiving Hams \$40



Pick up is **Tuesday,**  
**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 8a-1p**

See any "Man" or call the office  
to get yours...

They freeze well, too!

## **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Poinsettias are now available for ordering to be delivered and placed in the church November 29 and taken home after Christmas Eve Service. We will be ordering 24 poinsettias, so be sure to order yours, get one for yourself, in honor of someone or in memory of someone. Cost is \$12.50. Call or email the church to place your order.



Purchase a

*Poinsettia*