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Sunday, March 2, 2025

Finding Comfort in Mourning: A Reflection on Matthew 5:4

Hey Church Family,

This week, we turn our hearts and minds to a profound statement made by Jesus in Matthew 5:4: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." This verse, part of the Beatitudes, invites us to explore the themes of grief, loss, and the divine comfort that follows.

Mourning is often associated with loss—whether it be the death of a loved one, the end of a significant chapter in our lives, or the weight of the brokenness we see in the world around us. Jesus acknowledges that mourning is a natural response to our experiences of pain and sorrow. However, He also assures us that there is hope and comfort available to us in these difficult times.

In this beatitude, Jesus speaks of a divine comfort that comes when we allow ourselves to grieve. It's an assurance that God meets us in our pain, offering solace and healing. When we mourn, we open ourselves to the presence of God, who comforts us through His Spirit, Scripture, and the support of our community.

Mourning is not a sign of weakness; rather, it is a crucial step toward healing and wholeness. Acknowledging our pain allows us to process our emotions and seek the support we need. It's important to remember that mourning can take many forms, and each person's journey through grief is unique.

As a church community, we are called to walk alongside one another in times of sorrow. Let us be a safe space where individuals can express their grief and find comfort in shared experiences. Whether it's through prayer, sharing a meal, or simply being present, we can offer the love and support that reflects the heart of Christ.

This week, we encourage you to take time to reflect on your own experiences of mourning. Are there areas in your life where you need to process grief? Consider reaching out to a friend, joining a support group, or speaking with a member of our pastoral staff. Remember, you are not alone on this journey.

Keep the Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Ash Wednesday Service
March 5 at 6p
Come join us!



Michael's Address

Some of you have asked for Michael Walston's address at the VA Hospital and it is: Michael Walston, 1826 Veteran's Blvd, #8A West, Dublin, GA 31021. I'm sure he would appreciate any cards and letters.

Scripture and Sermon:

Matthew 5:5

"Beatitudes:"



New Concerns

Cyndi Sears

Continue Prayers for:

Cassandra Yazinski

Stevie Bowen

Terry & Kitty Barfield

Josh Goodman

Bill Reedy

Sophie Phillips

Mac McCullough

Lamar Outz

Paul Smith

Phil & Betty Bailey

Dianne Harrington

Mac McCullough

Kathy Blanchard

Michael & Jennie Walston

Mary Prater

Jim & Mary Leary

Virginia Eadie

Bill Reedy

Our Country, Leaders, Military and
First Responders

Finance Report for

02-23-25

Operating Budget..... \$4,574.60

Capital Expenditures..... 350.00

Food Pantry..... 100.00

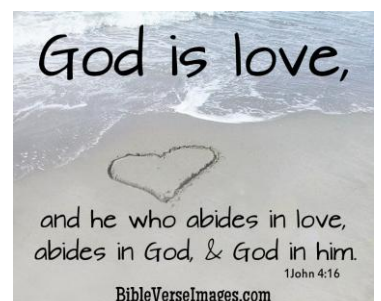
Total..... \$ 5,024.60

Worship Attendance

121

Sunday School

43



Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- ◇ In memory of Jim Blanton by Betty Byrd, Tony & Hilda Rozier, W.C. & Janet Hester, Gary Clayton, Men at the Well

Foster Parent Training

Hey Church! On March 11, 2025 we will be hosting a community Foster Parenting group that helps foster parents meet their continuing education requirements here at the church. This groups is solely supported by the foster parents and churches who help provide their facility, child care, and a meal if possible. We are excited to partner with their ministry and help support local community efforts like these that truly make a difference in the lives of kids in Houston as well as other surrounding counties. We will be providing child care and a meal for this event, if anyone can help please reach out to Dawn or Katie to register as a volunteer. Their itinerary is listed below.

Foster Parent Training classes itinerary

- Childcare drop off start at 5:45pm
- Training meeting starts at 6pm
- Dinner served at 6:15pm
- Speaker begins at 6:45pm
- Meeting ends at 8pm and children picked up promptly over

Thank you!!
Pastor Tommy

5th Sunday Lunches and Church Meal Contact Info

Hey Church! Guess what? We eat a lot at the church! Yes, we do! It is a joy to gather in community and share stories around the table as we eat together. Sometimes it's a 5th Sunday Lunch and sometimes it's to share in memories of someone we cared for as they enter into eternity. The purpose in either is the same; to commune with one another as the people of God. However, this is not possible without our volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure we have enough food and to organize events in the fellowship hall. To help, we want to make sure everyone knows who to contact for church meals in the future when we have the opportunity to gather. Vicky Moore is the head coordinator for 5th Sunday Meals and other special meals in 2025. Cheri Cox is the coordinator for all bereavement meals along with Nancy Hudson and Kimberly Cochran while Cheri is recovering from surgery. If anyone has any questions or would like to volunteer to cook, serve, or clean please reach out to Vicky. Thank you to Vicky and Cheri both for all their work to make these events happen. If anyone has any questions, please contact the church office.

Thank You,
Pastor Tommy



- ✓ 03-05-25 Ash Wednesday 6p
- ✓ 03-10-25 Finance Committee Meeting 6p
- ✓ 03-10-25 Administrative Council Meeting 630p
- ✓ 03-30-25 5th Sunday Lunch 1130p

Community Missions

- The next Food Pantry will be March 12, 10a-1p. Please see Cheri to help with this ministry. You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The next Clothes Closet is March 12 (9a-1p) and second and fourth Tuesdays for processing (9a-1p) anyone that would like to volunteer, see Brenda. Donations can be dropped off in the small white trailer. The door may need a hard tug to open; it is unlocked.
- March 12- 8:45-11:00... Vicky Moore, Susan Glidewell, Barbara Bruschke
- March 12- 11:00-1:14... Annette Cipra, Cynthia Boutwell, Barbara Hilliard

Potential Volunteers!

Yes! That's you! So many great opportunities are available to you for Christian fellowship and ministry here at The Well at Centerville! Some are listed in the newsletter each week. There are so many **more** possibilities waiting for you! Ask and ye shall find a great fit! Help in sharing with our congregation in facilities or at their home - read a devotion, leave a book, puzzle, coloring book, puzzle game book, an Upper Room. Help with various meals from set-up, serving, to clean-up. Help process our library donations! Join in whatever interests you to see what ministry fits best!



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Caleb McKeever
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Dianne Harrington
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Quin Odum
Robert Herrington

Bible Reading Plan

Week of March 2nd:

Sunday.....	Job 31
Monday.....	Job 32
Tuesday....	Job 33
Wednesday-.....	Job 34
Thursday.....	Job 35
Friday.....	Job 36
Saturday.....	Job 37



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

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- March 2

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

Greeters

10:30a Joy Fleming, Susan Glidewell, S

Communion Servers

Betty Byrd, Sherrill Pinckney
Denice McClarnon, Carolyn Nettles

Prayer Teams

Sherry Armour, Carrie Blackburn
Don & Sharron Schall

Finance Stewards

Mel Smeltz, J.O. Miller, Gary Rutke

Assisting with Children

Sunday- March 2

Nursery- Lauren, Sarah, Rosalyn
Children- Dawn Wilkins, Kelly Evans

Sunday- March 9

Nursery- Lauren, Rosalyn, Sarah
Children- Sherry Armour, Linda Blanton

Monday- March 3

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- March 4

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga
11:30a Life Group IV "J Walkers"
6:30p Miss Terry's Circle
6:30p Bass Club

Wednesday- March 5

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
1:00p Life Group I "Under Construction"
6:00p Ash Wednesday Service
6:00p Youth
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Thursday- March 6

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Friday- March 7

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- March 8

8a-2p CMC Annual Conference
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

Single Lesson
Luke
Questions Christians Ask
Matthew

Teacher

LaWanna Porter
Joy Fleming
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall/Luis Morales



Men at the Well
Easter Hams
\$40



Pick up is **Saturday,**
April 19th, 8a-1p
See any "Man" or call
the office
to get yours...
They freeze well, too!