

*"KNOW JESUS AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"*

## Center Church of Welcome

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Hours 2:00-6:00PM



### Muddy Shoes

On May 10, 1864, over 250 Cadets from the Virginia Military Institute were called up for active duty to aid the Confederate Army and fight against a much larger Union Force. These men as young as fifteen years old gladly marched some 80 miles to New Market to protect the Shenandoah Valley. Once the enemy was engaged by the adult forces; they joined and entered the fierce fighting. They ran into battle. Recent rains left the freshly plowed soil a muddy trap. Their shoes were mired in Virginian Clay. They abandoned their shoes and fought shoeless! By the end of the battle while victorious against the Union forces, ten of the boys were dead and forty -five cadets were wounded. Their bravery and dedication serve as a reminder today of the courageous act of these youth. It is hard to imagine the fortitude of these young soldiers.

These boys remind us of their dedication to a cause. We are called to serve our Lord. When we joined the church, we vowed to support it by our prayers, presence, gifts, service and be a witness for Jesus Christ. Are we stuck in the field of battle? Perhaps we have left the field altogether for someone else to serve. Thank God many are serving! Faithfully working and fighting the good fight regardless of the cost. You are casting aside whatever hinders you for service for your Jesus.

Throughout February we will center our preaching about spiritual gifts. All will be given information about opportunities to serve. Sometimes we think no one really wants us. Trust me we want you and need you. Be in prayer about giving your gifts of time and talent to the Lord. Even our youth and children will have an opportunity to answer God's call to service. Who knows you might have to get your shoes muddy!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Mitch

**Date: January 14, 2024**

### Center Church of Welcome Administrative Board Meeting

The board met with 16 members present a long with 6 visitors. Jeff Mendenhall opened the meeting with a devotional using Proverbs 16:13.

The December minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus vote.

Marlene Wood presented the December financial report and it was approved by consensus vote.

Mike Craver had a reported praise that we ended our financial year \$26,000 more than the previous year with also paying out all of our disaffiliation fees. Still working on Mitch's pension.

Trustees: John Snyder reported:

Insurance has been renewed

Hand wash signs have been ordered

Question as to when to remove Christmas lights

Swivel mounts will be installed for the TV's in the CFC to protect them from basketballs

Children's ministry: Tina Fulcher reported that the Christmas play was a success. They will do

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something for Easter parade and will have breakfast with the Easter Bunny  
Angie Leonard will have a safe sanctuary class 1/26

Worship committee: Reida Snyder reported on 1/28, we will be blessing our Mission team  
2/11 is American Heritage girls Sunday  
2/13 Shrove Tuesday Youth pancake supper  
2/14 Ash Wednesday  
3/24 Easter Cantata  
3/28 Maundy Thursday with communion  
3/31 Easter sunrise 7:00 AM. Sunday school at 9:30 AM and a combination service at 10:30 AM

Discipleship: Karri Hollingsworth reported they are in need of Sunday school teachers and shepherds.

Missions: Aaron Whitfield reported  
Mission team is leaving 1/24 (first team) and 1/26 (second team) for Jamaica .They will be building a fence and start work on a church school.

Staff Parish: Nathan Thanos reported:  
Yearly 1% Christmas bonus for staff in place of annual love offering. Talks of a Facility manager, what would that include?  
Help for Mitch

Youth Chair: Heather Noel reported:  
Gatlinburg had 20 youth attend. 26 youth participated in the Christmas progressive dinner.  
Basketball is in full swing. The Chicken stew was a huge success. They exceeded their goal of 75 quarts to 126 quarts  
They will have a lock out 1/19 with a hockey game attendance, nerf game at church and a trip to the Waffle House.  
Shrove Tuesday 2/13 they will do a pancake supper 5:00-7:00 PM  
June 15-19 is MFuge

Evangelism: Jennifer Brinkley reported:  
This committee is working on a workshop called Get Plugged In. The purpose is to discover your spiritual gifts. March 9th will be the Workshop with breakout sessions and lunch. We would ask people to serve for one year in capacities that they feel led to.

Kaitlyn Berrier

After school staff is doing well. We are on target to start PreK this August. Target number of 12 four year olds, 4 hours a day for 4 days. Monday-Thursday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.  
Long term goal is an Elementary Academy with Christian Foundation. All of the church needs to be on board with this. We will have an open forum/discussion with the school board and church members. March 2 Soup to Go \$15 a quart. Pick up starting at 12:00 PM.  
Clay Berrier presented a fund raiser using The Band Cain. He asked for the board to pay the initial \$31,700. We guesstimate a profit between \$27,000-\$33,250 after all bills are paid. Kerri Hollingsworth made the motion to grant the \$31,700 and Heather Noel seconded it. A vote was taken and motion carried.

New Business

Jeff Mendenhall reported we need to update our church directory. Please do revisions and give to Joyce Rector. Our website also needs updating and a new mission statement posted. Know Jesus and make him known. Communication is key. Our Sunday missions needs to be evaluated. Possible recipients are Pastor's Pantry, Alpha Pregnancy, community mission, Ronald McDonald House and any other needs. We will look at this in March.

The Men's Ministry needs revitalizing. At our Plugged In workshop we will focus on surveying the men to determine what suits them and what direction they want to go.

Nathan Thanos made a motion that we give all church staff a 1% bonus In December and make that a separate line item in the budget. Gray Boger seconded it. A vote was taken and motion carried.

Kaitlyn Berrier asked the board for permission for her brother to use our facilities to hold a Gaming Guild for 5th and 6th graders. April 13th 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM. It would be on how to create their own game. The motion was made by Heather Noel and seconded by Kerri Hollingsworth to approve the date with the condition there also be parent education on safety restrictions. A vote was taken and motion carried.

Mitch Wilson urged us all to be upfront with each other. He stated we need Champions for Christ. There is a great need for Christian Schools to teach our youth. Children are our most precious gift. There was a discussion about the school building.

February we will work on the church calendar.

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We will host a 5th grade graduation for Welcome School. It will not be school sponsored. There was a consensus vote to allow them to use our facilities with no fee charged.

Tina Fulcher volunteered to have the devotion for our February meeting.  
With no further business, Mitch Wilson adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Mendenhall, Chairperson  
Terri Bates, Recording Secretary

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**Women's Ministry**  
Happy New Year!!

Our Women Ministry was canceled due to inclement weather for the month of January. Our next meeting will be held on February 13th. There will be a youth fundraiser meal that evening as well. We hope everyone can attend that before our meeting. Here is the information for the meeting:

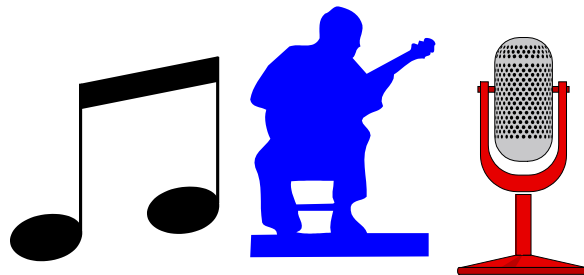
Devotion: Audrey Wagner  
Program: Lisa Bates  
Thinking of you cards: Audrey Wagner  
Community Missions: Canned food for the blessing box at Center Church

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Lisa Bates, President  
Angie Leonard, Secretary

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*Thank You  
I'm so grateful there's people like you in the world.  
Pastor Mitch & Church Family,  
Thank you for sharing in the celebration of Dale Robbins' life.  
We deeply appreciate the prayers for Dale during his illness and passing.  
Thank you for the kindness, love & support you showed our family during  
this difficult time.  
We miss him so much.  
The Robbins Family*

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**Pickin' & Grinnin' at Center**

Come join us for an evening of Pickin' & Grinnin' in the Christian Fellowship Center on  
**Thursday, February 29 at 7:00 PM**

***A Hotdog Meal will be sold for \$6 starting at 6:00pm***

**The Offering this month will be given to:  
Davidson County First Hope Ministries (Crisis)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING-SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 4:00 PM**

All church committee chairs will meet with the Administrative Board Sunday, February 11, in the Fellowship Hall to plan programming for the 2024 calendar year. It is very important that each church committee is represented. Planned events for 2024 will be placed on the church calendar at this meeting! We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT ROTATION FOR FEBRUARY, 2024**

- FEBRUARY 4 – Patti Miller**
- FEBRUARY 11 – Tina Fulcher**
- FEBRUARY 18 – Angie Leonard**
- FEBRUARY 25 – Warren Miller**

**ACOLYTE**

- FEBRUARY 4 Michael Thanos**
- FEBRUARY 11 AHG**
- FEBRUARY 18 Ervin Hobbs**
- FEBRUARY 25 Katlyn Leonard**

**BIBLE BEARER**

- Joseph Brown**
- AHG**
- Leland Hobbs**
- Elena Langau**

**GREETERS FOR JANUARY, 2024**

- FEBRUARY 4 Smiley and Karen Tysinger; Tad Leonard and Holly Bowman**
- FEBRUARY 11 Vann and Rita Wood; Rusty and Wendy Grubb**
- FEBRUARY 18 Gregg and Glenda Stabler; Gary and Christine Brinkley**
- FEBRUARY 25 Gray and Barbara Boger; Tim and Debbie Williams**

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**MEMORIALS/HONOR Through January 28, 2024**

*In Memory of Allan Thompson*  
*Youth Fund*  
Donese Leonard

*In Memory of Dale Robbins*  
*Hymnal Fund*  
Dave and Barbara Kesler

*In Memory of Johnny and Bobby Leonard*  
*Hymnal Fund*  
Marcia Craver

*In Memory of Steve Craver*  
*Hymnal Fund*  
Marcia Craver

*In Honor of Molly Long*  
*Budget Fund*  
Ann Robbins

*In Honor of Charles Richardson*  
*Budget Fund*  
Dave and Barbara Kesler

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**MISSION OFFERING**

- First Sunday – Community Mission Offering**
- Second Sunday - Macaroni & Cheese and Sugar Offering**
- Third & Fourth Sundays - Breakfast Cereal for Greater Things Outreach Center**
- Fifth Sunday - Crisis Ministry Cash Offering**

## **TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

(Any updates should be sent to the church office with a brief explanation and will be shared in our monthly newsletter)

**Dawn Barker – Recovering from emergency laser eye surgery**

**Lynda Beck – Has pneumonia**

**Teresa Beck (Eddie Beck's wife and Kay Beck's daughter-in-law) – Having a lot of pain with bone marrow transplant**

**Andy Brown (Lynn & Sylvia Upchurch's son-in-law) – Waiting on a kidney transplant**

**Jim Chandler (A Karios Friend) – His son was killed in a car accident recently**

**Gena Chisholm – Current problem with congestive heart failure**

**Tommy Chisholm (Gena's Husband) – Recovering from surgery for 2 broken bones in his ankle when he fell**

**Richard Church (Patti Miller's Uncle) – Recovering from serious gallbladder surgery**

**Kim Dorton – Having peritoneal dialysis**

**Diane Henderson –Receiving injections for persistent leg pain and unspoken prayer request**

**Gene Hinkle (Dana Hinkle's Father) – Moved to Abbotts Creek Nursing Home**

**Brad Hutchins – Heart issues**

**J. C. Johnson – Recovering from hip replacement surgery**

**Sherry Lanier – Battling COPD**

**Erickia Leonard – Recent death of her mother, Becky Archie**

**Jimmy and Brenda Leonard – Moved to Grayson Creek**

**Kenneth Leonard – Muscle spasms in neck**

**Larry Lineberry (Marlene Wood's Son) – Recovering from recent surgery**

**Kris Middleton – Eye problem requiring surgery**

**Bill Minter –Praise! Recovered from covid**

**Donna Muraco – Having a lot of pain with fibromyalgia and stress**

**John Muraco – Recovering at home from hip replacement surgery, receiving rehab**

**Bruce Phillips – Long term eye condition requiring treatments**

**Charles Richardson – Prayers for successful rehabilitation, pain control, healing of surgical site and navigation in this new challenge**

**Meredith Rollins – Successful surgery to repair a hole in her heart**

**Linda Russ – Health issues**

**Faye Sambleson – At Lexington Health Care Center, Room 131B**

**Craig Shillinglaw – Upcoming PET scan February 7 and next CT is May 15**

**Bud Sink – Receiving injections for back pain and experiencing some improvement**

**Jean Sink – At home now from a recent hospital stay**

**Martha Slabach – Metastatic cancer, prayer for improvement from treatments**

**Margaret and Randy Story – At home with major health problems**

**Jackie Thrift – Recovering at home from a serious car accident**

**Bob Tiller (Kevin's Father) – Recovering from open heart surgery**

**Karen Scott Stump – Pending hip replacement surgery, recent fall and hospitalization for stroke**

**Karen Tysinger – Diagnosed with diverticulitis and her son, Sandy & family, need our prayers**

**Martha Varner –Home from rehab and doing well**

**Scott Wagner – Cancer**

**Charlie Ward – 3 year old fighting cancer for the fourth time**

**Lois Weaver – Back home from a recent hospital stay**

**Janice York (Joshua York's Mother) – Critically low hemoglobin levels resulting in a blood transfusion & iron infusions, colonoscopy soon.**

**Military: Dylan Coleman in Georgia**

**Madison Brauser – US Air Force at Spokane, Washington**

**Blake King (Rebecca Sadler King's Husband) – US Army in Poland**

**Aaron Lineberry – Doha, Qatar**

# FAT TUESDAY Pancake DINNER

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY  
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SUGGESTED  
DONATION  
\$8 ADULTS  
\$6 KIDS

ADDITIONAL  
DONATION  
FOR  
SECONDS

*includes*

PANCAKES, 3 SLICES OF BACON,  
JUICE, MILK, AND COFFEE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT  
CENTER CHRSTIAN ACADEMY

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CENTER CHURCH OF WELCOME

# *Winter Soup To-Go Fundraiser*

MARCH 2, 2024  
12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

AVAILABLE BY THE QUART  
PRE-ORDER BY FEBRUARY 21ST

TAKE OUT

TAKE OUT MEAL SERVES 2 - ONE QUART OF SOUP: YOUR  
CHOICE, CRACKERS, AND 4 COOKIES \$15.00  
EACH ADDITIONAL TAKE OUT MEAL IS \$12

BROCCOLI & CHEDDAR, TOMATO BASIL, POTATO,  
VEGETABLE BEEF, AND WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

CALL 336-239-0844 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS





# Maloy Ministry Moments

January 2024



Mays returned from school on foot, her shoes soaked with rainwater, and in apparent discomfort and distress. As soon as she noticed we were giving out clothes, she entered our distribution area and realized that the bags contained rain boots. Immediately, she removed her worn-out shoes and slipped on the yellow boots. A big smile spread across her face, and she rejoiced that water would never again enter her shoes on her trips to and from school. No longer would she be distracted by wet feet in her classroom. Incidentally, she wants to become a teacher! Her excitement over this practical gift allowed for a warm introduction to her family, and a conversation about God's love for them. Caring for this family's physical needs allowed an opportunity to minister to their spiritual needs as well. Our prayer is that her joyous find would eventually lead Mays and her family to the source of our ultimate joy, a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Prayer Requests:

We have a lot of exciting ministry opportunities coming up!

January: Shannon & Chloe will be in Cuba later this month to assist with two Women's Health Initiative workshops. Please pray that the women who attend will receive practical health resources & spiritual care to bless their families & communities. Shannon will also be studying for her EMT recertification exam & Chloe will turn one!

February: Dan will be heading to Central Asia for a conference with Cru leadership from across North Africa & the Middle East, then for a visit to a new country in Central Asia to explore the possibility of doing humanitarian work there. Please pray for open doors to new people groups!

June: We are helping to launch a new Unto summer mission in partnership with Cru! We will minister to refugees in America's "refugee capital" (Lancaster, PA) & serve in conjunction with our Mission Packing Project at the Unto Global Logistics Center—all while equipping college students to grow in their faith, walk by faith, & multiply their faith!

## Photos:

Mays enjoys her yellow boots;  
Happy Holidays from the Maloy children!



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***Rise and Shine Service (Parking Lot) 8:30 AM***

***Drive In Service; tune your radio to 93.5 FM***

***Centered Service (Christian Fellowship Center) 9:00 AM***

***Sunday School for All Ages 10:00 AM***

***Traditional Center Service (Sanctuary) 11:10 AM***

**WORSHIP WILL BE STREAMED EACH WEEK!**

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