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*"From Where I
Sit"*

FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will
give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

Although the Bible uses the word faith in several different ways, the **"one faith"** is the true Gospel. We read in Acts 6:7 that **"a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."** The inspired writer Luke stated that Felix **"sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ."** After his conversion Paul preached **"the faith which once he destroyed."** What message did Paul preach? He preached the Gospel that Christ revealed to him, he said in Galatians 1:11-12; **"But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ"**. By comparing these verses, we see that the **"one faith"** is the true Gospel, and it is to be taught, heard, and obeyed.

The Bible contains several instructions that relate to the **"one faith."** Note these six instructions: First, Christians are **"to continue in the faith" (Acts 14:22)**. This is one of the key components to overcoming tribulation. Second, the church is to be **"established in the faith" (Acts 16:4-5)**. This is done by keeping the teachings of the apostles. Third, Christians are to **"stand fast in the faith" (1 Corinthians 16:13)**. Fourth, the Lord wants Christians to examine and test themselves to determine if they are **"in the faith" (2 Corinthians 13:5)**. Fifth, Christians are to strive together with one mind **"for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27)**. Sixth, Christians are to **"earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3)**.

The Bible also issues warnings regarding the **"one faith."** We must not allow anyone to **"turn us away from the faith" (Acts 13)**. We must not **"depart from the faith"** by holding to false doctrines (1 Timothy 4:1). We must not **"deny the faith"** by failing to fulfill our responsibilities (1 Timothy 5:8). We must not allow false teaching to cause us to **"err from the faith" (1 Timothy 6:20-21)**. Finally, we must not become **"reprobate concerning the faith"** by resisting and refusing the truth (2 Timothy 3:1-8).

We as God's people must not give heed to anything that will prevent us from being **"sound in the faith"**. ***As our faith grows, so grows our relationship with God and our understanding of His will for us in our daily lives.***

God Bless -Todd



Make Plans To Join Us For An
Outdoor Gospel Singing
April 25, 2021
The Rock Quarry
Camp Meribah
 Time: 4 P.M.
Bring Your Own Lawn Chair

Scholarship Information



Scholarship Applications... have been emailed. If you did not receive one contact Carter Hoover. Deadline for *new applicants* is April 11th and deadline for returning *applicants* is May 16th.

AREA EVENTS:

...*Gospel Singing at the Nunnelly Church of Christ* Friday, April 19, 2021. 7 P.M. Followed by Refreshments.

...*Spring Sing at the White Bluff Church of Christ* April 25, 2021 at 7 P.M. Refreshments and fellowship following.

...*Shady Grove Stand Cemetery Perpetual Care...* Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, April 24, 2021 starting at 11 A.M. at the Shady Grove Community Center. NO potluck, just meeting. *Face masks and social distancing encouraged.

...*Nashville School of Preaching and Biblical Studies...* Classes on Tuesday evening from May 11th-June 29th, 6 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. crievehall.org/grow/Nashville-school-of-preaching

Carter's Corner



EVERY LORD'S DAY IS SPECIAL, but there was something extra-special this past Sunday as our congregation worshipped the Most-High God and celebrated our risen Savior. I am sure that I am not the only one who noticed like this past Sunday felt different (dare I even say "normal"?), as we had a great crowd with many returning for the first time since COVID began and such a beautiful day outside.

IS THERE SUCH A THING AS TOO MANY EASTER EGGS? If there is, we were certainly at our limit as all of our young children left our Annual Egg Hunt this past Sunday morning with baskets heaped over with eggs. I enjoyed watching all the kids struggle to keep the mountains of eggs in their baskets as they left with their parents. I had written in my article in weeks past about how the egg hunt after morning worship gave me a sense of nostalgia from my childhood, and I relished watching all the kids dressed in their Sunday best running around after eggs like the days of old. Thank you to everyone who answered the call yet again to help provide eggs for our children!

SUMMER CAMP IS QUICKLY APPROACHING, which means that it is time to start picking up Summer Camp applications. Clay, Tara, and Shelby, and I are excited to be back up on The Hill after a summer away last year due to COVID, and we are looking forward to a great few weeks of camp. Applications can be picked up in the lobby, church office, youth news board, or in the "Messenger Mailbox" outside of the church office. Applications for camp staff positions can also be picked up in the same locations. Help us by spreading the word and begin praying for another successful summer camp session.

"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them!" I am reflecting on the words of Solomon in the 127 Psalm this week. Shelby, Cade, and I are just two short weeks away from the arrival of baby Ansley. Children truly are a heritage from the Lord, and it is hard to explain to someone who does not have children how having children

changes and challenges you as an individual. The Lord has a beautiful design for how families should work and grow as we all serve Him together, and I encourage you this week to take time to stop and appreciate the wonderful blessing children are to their parents. Pray for your children and for the safe arrival of Ansley as you pray this week!

In Him, Carter

Upcoming Events

April 7
Lighthouse
 (Bryce Hughes)
 5:00-7:00

April 11
Jr. & Sr. High Fireside
 (Hayden & Jordan Harrison)

April 16
**5th Quarter:
 Extra Innings**
 (Immediately following the
 HCHS baseball game.)

April 28
Lighthouse
 (Halliburton & Peters)

May 5
Lighthouse
 (Anna Kate & Will McDonald)



This past Sunday was a **WONDERFUL** day! It was a blessing to see many of our families back in worship. We had visitors with us, we are thankful for their presence, they are always welcome. The sound of the babies, small children, laughter, and conversation are noises that signify this church family is alive and well. The worship service was up lifting and powerful. The easter egg hunt for the children, following bible class, was a big success! You should have left Sunday with a feeling *"I'm glad I was here."* Can you define what a Christian is without mentioning the church? If you can, your definition just might not line up with what the Bible teaches. Jennifer Maggio penned these words, *"Church attendance doesn't save you, but life is found in God's house. It's where encouragement is found. Friendships are formed. Lives are challenged."* What is the value of having a church family? We study God's word together. The church family is called to grow spiritually together, urging one another on. (II Timothy 3:16) We honor God together through worship. *"Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together."* (Psalm 34:3) We find support in trials. (Galatians 6:2) We find accountability. Accountability is vitally important in the battle to overcome sin, and the church family is a great place to find someone to pray with, talk too, and confide in. (James 5:16) We have opportunities to serve. (I Corinthians 15:58) In an age when the culture is increasingly secular, it is essential and beneficial spiritually to be in a family of like-minded believers. *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* (Hebrews 10:24-25) See you Sunday! Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged! Your Elders

2021
SUMMER CAMP
AT MERIBAH
APPLICATIONS
NOW
AVAILABLE!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

April 4:
\$16,612.40
Camp:
\$ 346.20
Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Thank You

Janet Barber writes: "I want to thank everyone for all of the phone calls, cards, gifts, food, and the birthday cake and song! You made my day special and I love you all."
Becky Coleman writes: "Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers while I recovered from surgery."

Debbie Anderson writes:
"Dear Friends, Thank you so much for all the love and kindness shown to our family during Barry's days in the hospital and after his passing. The lantern will be a sweet way to remember the light he brought to us all. You provided so much food when we needed it the most. For these things, but most of all for the love and prayers, we thank you. With love Debbie."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Dr. Mani Mission Fund for the purchase of Bibles in memory of Floy Gatewood.

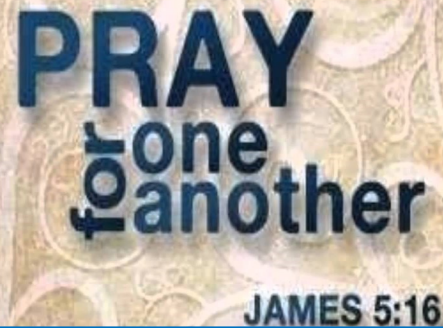
...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Floy Gatewood by Ernie & Linda Hyne.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Sybil Jenkins who passed away. She was the grandmother of Renee (Michael) Horner.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Wilma Mathis who passed away. She was the aunt of Karen (Gary) Phillips.

Home: Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks



...Kathy McDonald will have gall bladder surgery April 15th at Centennial Hospital.

...Earline Warren, sister of Gary Gatewood, continues to be in ICU for the treatment of Covid.

...Brianna Duke is recovering from surgery and doing well.

...David Dansby has been diagnosed with cancer. He will be having an MRI and Bone Scan on April 14th.

...Katherine Claud Chestnut, (Orval) great niece of Dorris & Margie Claud, is very sick with Covid.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan
NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Kenneth Dotson, John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Ruth Staggs, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, tn. 38401



Prayer Week
Of April 11

S.M.W.
Derek Newsom

S.M.D.
Shaun Lawson

S.E.W.
Alan Potts

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S.
Daniel Dressler

W.E.D.
Brad Davis

Read Scripture
April 11

Phil Griggs

Preside
April 11

Philip Jacobs

Elder's Prayer
April 11

Ken Dickerson