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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

ALWAYS ABOUNDING

STEADFAST & IMMOVABLE IN 2022



I am thankful for the wonderful turnout on Sunday night at Camp Meribah for our annual Back to School Watermelon Roast. The watermelons were roasted to perfection and tasted great! Even better was our worship to God. I always enjoy the opportunity for our congregation to be up at camp. If you didn't attend, you missed out on a great evening of worship and fellowship.

I often wander as a minister regarding church attendance why any faithful child of God would ever ask such a question as "Do I have to be there?". Unless there is a compelling reason that prohibits one from attending, where else and with whom else would a faithful Christian want to be than with other Christians? We have the obligation to submit ourselves to elders in such matters as attendance, the inspired writer of Hebrews 13:17 says: *"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."* The elders are charged with the oversight of the congregation. They have been given the responsibility to "feed the church of God" (Acts 20:28), and that "feeding" involves providing the necessary teaching to bring them to spiritual maturity (Ephesians 4:11-13). Thus, when the elders set a day and a time for the church to assemble, the church should assemble without hesitation or question in order to be spiritually fed.

From the well-known passage of Hebrews 10:23-25 we read: *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and to good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."* Willful absence from any assembly of the congregation of which we are a member serves to discourage those who do attend. That is why the Hebrew writer said, *"And let us consider one another to in order to stir up love and good works."* Let's ask ourselves, "How does my personal, willful absence from any service that I could have attended indicate that I am thinking about anyone but myself?"

Most importantly, how does our staying home help us get to heaven, which should be our primary goal? In what way does our staying home, when we honestly and truly could have been at the worship service, serve to encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ "to love and good works"? Philippians 2:3-8 exhorts us to do the following: *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."*

After you read and study the above passages in context, I truly cannot imagine any faithful Christian asking, "Do I have to be there?" As the question was asked last Sunday evening, are you a member of the church or are you a faithful member of the Lord's Church? There is a truly a difference. See ya at church! -Todd

2022 Byron E. Bates Teacher Of The Year



PRESENTED TO: KAREN BRIDGES

For some teaching is a task to be accomplished for a time. For others teaching is a fulfillment of love for lives. To pursue this desire with the heart of a servant and the zeal of a caring, organized teacher, we this day recognize your devotion to teaching God's word for a decade and beyond. From your family at the Centerville Church of Christ, we offer our deepest thanks and love.

*Award presented by Lonnie Mayberry
Sunday School Superintendent*

As you Teach,
Do not get tired of doing
what is good. At just the
right time you will reap
a harvest of blessings.

Galatians 6:9 NLT

Carter's Corner

Carter Hoover



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 10
WELCOME BACK
LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 14
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
GRACIE ORTON

AUGUST 18
JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

AUGUST 21
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
GRACIE & SAM BROWN

AUGUST 24
LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 26
5TH QUARTER

OUR FALL SEMESTER OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES begins this week, and I am excited to begin another year with our students. A new school year is always a new beginning in youth ministry, and I am looking forward to spending time with our upperclassmen and getting to know our incoming middle schoolers. If you have never been a part of our youth program and would like to get involved, there's no better time than now to grab a calendar, follow us on social media, and join right in!

OUR YOUNG MEN DID A FANTASTIC JOB leading our worship service this past Sunday morning. It always makes a youth minister proud to see young men who were a part of the youth group growing up continuing to serve and lead the church in the future. Matthew and Cissy do a great job with the YAMs and I am proud of the many great young people we have involved here in Centerville.

FIX THE CABINET. MOW THE LAWN. CLEAN THE HOUSE. It seems as if there's a growing list of things to always do around the house. Our responsibilities as Christians can sometimes feel the same way: Read the Bible. Attend services. Serve others. When following Jesus is viewed in this way, however, our closeness with him can get lost. Jesus calls us to a relationship as well as to responsibility. When you spend time with God, is it to merely check off your daily to-do list? Or do you submit yourself to God in order to be taught by him so that you can live like Him? I challenge you this week to make sure you spend time with our Heavenly Father daily (Mark 3:13-15). Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! The young men did an outstanding job leading the worship service on Sunday morning and a good crowd Sunday evening at Camp Meribah for the Watermelon Roast. The schools are back in full swing this week and even though the weather continues to be very hot, the fall season is only a few weeks away. September will bring our annual *Family and Friends Day* on Sunday, September 11th. There will be more details forthcoming. "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." (II Corinthians 2:15) Some celebrities have fragrances named after them. Fans can identify with an actress or actor by dabbing on the scent bearing their name. The Ladies Home Journal published a quiz to help readers determine the perfect fragrance for them. The idea is that every woman, to be memorable, should have a specific scent associated with her. The idea of a signature scent is not new. God introduced it as part of worship. In the tabernacle, a certain scent was to be associated with the Lord (Exodus 30:34-35). The people were forbidden to use this fragrance for anything but worship (vs. 37-38). This idea continues in the new covenant, but with a remarkable difference. Instead of using incense to make people think of Him, God uses Christians as his fragrance to the world. Should we ask ourselves, "What do people think about Jesus, as a result of being around me?" Do we bear a resemblance to Christ when we love? Do we bear a resemblance to Christ when we extend grace and forgiveness? Do we bear a resemblance to Christ in our example? Do we remind God of His Son when we offer our lives as living sacrifices? Are we a sweet-smelling aroma? "And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." (Ephesians 5:2) We should live in such a way that when God smells us, we have a Christlike fragrance. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, be steadfast, immovable, and abounding! God will see us through.

Your Elders

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Bennett Schmid by the following: James/ Nancy Grubb/Jessica Morgan/ Justin Grubb, Emily Warren, Jonathon & Katie Morris, Corbin & Lauren Barr.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Marshall Buchanan by Donna Buchanan.

Thank You

Junior Baker writes: " I would like to thank everyone for all the birthday cards I received. A thank you to Ward for the birthday cake."

Don Luther writes: " I would like to thank everyone who remembered me on my birthday with cards, words of encouragement, and food. Many, many thanks for making it a very good special one! Love for all..."

AREA EVENTS

...Gospel Meeting at the Parhams Chapel Church of Christ August 14-16, 2022. Sunday A.M. 10:30 Followed by Meal Sun. Eve 7:30 P.M. Monday & Tuesday 7 P.M. Speaker: Dennis Tidwell



LIFE-LINE

Daily Updates &
Devotional Message

931-729-5055

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

August 7, 2022:

\$ 13,828.12

Camp:

\$ 167.61

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Keithen, Laura & Camden Harris to our Centerville Church of Christ Family!

Their address is:
111 College Avenue
Centerville, TN 37033

Welcome!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Claud Teet, father of Chris (Jenny), is in St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Gerry Parker, brother-in-law of Renee (Todd) Parsley, is at home with palliative care.

...Charlie Shelton will have retina surgery August 10th.

...Tommy McClanahan will have a kidney transplant August 18th. Kathy Gossett Scott is his donor.

...Macy Jorenby, sister of George (Mary Sue) Bragg has been diagnosed with leukemia and is in Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Sue Eubanks, sister of Robert (Sandy) Bryant, is sick with Covid.

...Juanita King, mother of Carol (Randy) Breece, has returned home and will be undergoing treatments for leukemia.

A Baby Shower!



You are invited to a baby Shower for Dustin & Keller (Miley) Mizell on August 14, 2022 from 1-2:30 at the Outreach Center.
It's a Girl!!



CSI: CENTERVILLE

(College Secret Involvement)

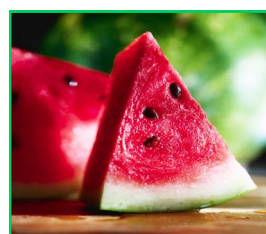
Our college students will be returning to their schools again soon, so we are gearing up for our CSI. We hope many will want to support this ministry.

There are information sheets and a sign-up form on the table in the foyer for all who are interested in joining this effort again this year. See Ken or Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.



Back-To-School Worship and Watermelon Roast At Camp Meribah

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Prayer Week of August 14

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Cory Martin

S.E.W.
John Bradley

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Will McDonald

Preside August 14

Scripture
Don Roder

Preside
Matthew Dotson

