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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



Sunday was another blessing as we gathered to worship the Almighty God. With all the distractions of the world it is good to stop and remember what our focus should be, to love God, faithfully obey His commands and share the Gospel with others.

We all want our lives to matter. It's the reason we do the things we do. We work hard for promotions and leadership positions because we want to make a difference. We encourage our kids to go to college, get a good job, and make lots of money, in hopes that they, too, will make a difference. There's nothing wrong with having success or influence, but those things alone won't change the world and they aren't what we were made for. We were made to obey the Lord, to share the Gospel and to build up the church (Eph. 4:11-13). God made each one of us with unique gifts, personalities, and skill sets. And when we are raised with Christ in Baptism (Col. 3:1-4), we are to seek things above and begin using those gifts to build up the Kingdom. We seriously get the most joy and make the biggest difference when we use our God given talents, gifts, and abilities to build up His church.

In 1 Corinthians 12 Paul compares the church to a human body. Just like our bodies are made of many parts serving specific functions, the church is made up of people with different skills and abilities. Alone these pieces aren't very useful but joined together it creates something beautiful. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever."* Servant leadership is a way to express gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and to share the love and grace we've been given to those around us, both within the church and those outside of Christ.

Serving others is good for your soul! Studies have shown that helping others is so good for the mind and body that it can ease symptoms of stress and anxiety. Serving others can be the best distraction from our own problems and distractions. Serving others helps keep us focused on God and our commitment to serving Him as well.

Throughout the Bible God used men and women just like us today with similar doubts and fears. Moses didn't think he was much of a leader, but God worked through him to bring Israel out of bondage in Egypt. David was the youngest, and therefore most insignificant of all his brothers, but God worked through him to defeat Goliath and eventually made him king. Paul used to persecute the Christians before he met the Lord and was converted, he went on to become one of the most highly regarded and prolific writers in the history of the church.

God wants us to take the gifts and abilities which He has given to us and use them, get more involved, make a difference in the lives of everyone around us, build up the Church. Take the time to consider the gift which God has blessed you with and use it.

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

THE SCHOOL YEAR IS IN FULL SWING now as students have their first whole week of school under their belts and the youth group is falling into our normal rhythm of activities. Our first Lighthouse of the year was a great success with a group of 40+ students in the Lighthouse to enjoy the evening. The Lighthouse is such a crucial part of our youth ministry as it gives students the perfect environment to spend time with one another, grow closer together, and invite their friends to be involved also. A big word of thanks goes to Philip and Alice Anne Jacobs for hosting our Kickoff Lighthouse.

IT'S A SIXTH GRADER INVASION...that was the feeling this past Sunday night as we hosted our first Jr. High Fireside of the school year. Our incoming 6th-grade class has over 10 students on the roster and they are eager to invite friends, so the Jr. High group has grown with the addition of this group. It is always exciting for a youth minister to see another big group of students eager to be a part of our youth ministry. The future is bright here in Centerville! Gracie Orton was a great host to our group Sunday and we are thankful to have so many great families willing to host the youth group throughout the year.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR FIRST PRAYER BREAKFAST for both Jr. & Sr. High students Thursday morning at 7:00 am in the Lighthouse. Jacob Kreuger will host our group that morning and the students are already excited about what Holley will have cooked up for them. Remember that we will provide a ride for anyone who does not have a way to get to school from the Lighthouse.

HAVE YOU EVER had something come up in life that you wanted? I'm not talking about something that is a need, but something that you really wanted. Maybe it was a house, a car, a boat, or something similar.

Sometimes when this happens, people are willing to go to extremes to get what they want. Many people have taken part-time jobs to afford new houses and cars. The truth of the matter is that human nature is to struggle with being content. The words of David in Psalm 23 are some of the most popular in the Bible. They are often quoted for comfort in times of distress and grief. Many people know the entire Psalm by heart, but do we truly understand what David is saying in the very first verse?

David says that God is his shepherd and that he shall not want. David says that God is the one that is ultimately responsible for all aspects of his life. God provides, cares, and controls all the things about his life. David says that because God is in control, he has all that he could ever need. What an amazing statement of contentment! It is easy to get distracted by the nice shiny things in life. We often let our human nature get the best of us and want so many things. As you reflect this week, reflect on what God has done for you and what He has provided. Our prayer today should be that God would help us be completely content in Him. Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 18

JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

AUGUST 21

SR HIGH FIRESIDE
GRACIE & SAM BROWN

AUGUST 24

LIGHTHOUSE

AUGUST 26

5TH QUARTER

SEPTEMBER 4

ELKINS DRIVE-IN
MOVIE

SEPTEMBER 7

LIGHTHOUSE
PING-PONG
CHAMPIONSHIPS



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Kari Pitts by Bobby & Valerie McCoy.

...a Memorial has been given to the Scholarship Fund in memory of "Our uncle and aunt Robert & Marge Gilmer" by Lisa Barber, Jenny Teet, Carol Talley and Andy Talley.

Thank You

Charles & Carol Gilmer write:

"Thank you so much for the meal following Robert Gilmer's burial. A special thank you to the ladies who prepared food and served. We really appreciate your kindness."

AREA EVENTS

...You Are Invited To A Gospel Meeting At The Five Points Church Of Christ August 21-24, 2022. Speaker: *Bill McDonald* Sunday A.M. Bible Class 9; Worship 10 Fellowship Meal 11-1 Eve. Worship 1 P.M. Mon.-Wed. 7 P.M.



LIFE-LINE
Daily Updates &
Devotional Message

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September 11, 2022

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

August 14, 2022

\$ 9,508.79

Camp:

\$ 222.00

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00

Baptism



We rejoice with Aden Weber who was baptized Tuesday, August 9, 2022. Aden is the son of Andy & Jenny Weber. He was baptized by his father Andy.



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Claud Teet, father of Chris (Jenny), is in Maury Regional Hospital.

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

...Charlie Shelton is recovering from retina surgery.

...Bobby Mayberry is in Life Care due to suffering a stroke.

...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.

...Juanita King, mother of Carol (Randy) Breece, is in St. Thomas Mid-Town. She has leukemia.

...Hugh David Love is recovering from surgery at St. Thomas Rutherford.

...Leona White, sister of Shane, is in Maury Regional dealing with an infection.

...Patsy Pinckard is in critical condition in Vanderbilt Hospital.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Billy & Juanita Garner, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Carey Hight, Juanita King, Willie Taylor, Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Jill Akens, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Doyle Rushton, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

Home: Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Coming Soon..... September Series

HICKMAN COUNTY TREASURES

September 4 5 P.M. Kevin Johnston
September 14 7 P.M. Mickey Mathis
September 18 5 P.M. Brent Beard
September 25 5 P.M. Mike Kelley



Friends and Family Day

September 11th



Sunday 9:00 am
Bible Class 10:20 am
Luncheon 11:15 am
Afternoon Service 12:30 pm

Honored Guest First Responders




CENTERVILLE
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Wings Ladies' Class
Will Resume This Wednesday
August 17, 2022
at 10 A.M.

At The Outreach Center

Prayer Week of August 21

S.M.W.
Alan Potts

S.M.D.
Michael Bryant

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Colby Shelton

W.E.B.S
Clay Chessor

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg

Preside August 21

Scripture
Justin Beard

Preside
Jeremy Qualls

