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*Todd Parsley*

**"From Where I Sit"**

## FAITHFULNESS

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

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the Christian system (1 Corinthians 15:14). If there was no resurrection, Christianity is a hoax, and we are wasting our time. But the truth is, the event of Jesus' resurrection is incontrovertible. Professor Thomas Arnold of Rugby, a world-renowned historian, once said that Christ's resurrection from the dead is the "best-attested fact in human history" (1939). This being the case, just what is the significance of Jesus' resurrection? Think about these matters.

First, the resurrection is one of the major evidences that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Paul affirmed that Christ is "declared to be the Son of God with power . . . by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4).

Second, Jesus' resurrection represents an assurance that we can have forgiveness from our sins. Paul contended: "If Christ hath not been raised, our faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (1 Corinthians 15:17). The reverse of the apostle's affirmation would be this: If Jesus was raised, sins will be forgiven when we obey the gospel (Acts 2:38; 22:16).

Third, the resurrection tells the world that the kingdom of God is ruled by a living sovereign. The founder of Islam is dead and his bones lie dormant in the earth. But the founder of Christianity—sixty years after his death—appeared to John on the island of Patmos and said: "I am the first and the last, and the Living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive for evermore" (Revelation 1:17-18).

Fourth, Jesus' resurrection proves that physical death is not the termination of human existence. God, who is the giver of life (1 Timothy 6:13), has the power to reanimate the human body. Christ's triumph over the grave is Heaven's pledge to us that we too shall be raised. This is why Jesus is referred to as the "firstfruits of them that are asleep" (1 Corinthians 15:20,23).

Fifth, the Lord's resurrection previewed the ultimate victory of Christianity over all its enemies. In the book of Revelation, Jesus is depicted as a lamb that had been slain, but was standing again (5:6). This same Lord was "the lion of the tribe of Judah" that had overcome his foes (5:5). Christians too will overcome as a result of the Lamb's sacrifice and victory over death (Revelation 12:11).

The resurrection of the Son of God should be a constant reminder to us of these wonderful biblical truths. We honor our Master's victory over death—not once a year, but every week!

This is part of an article by Wayne Jackson entitled, *The Significance of Christ's Resurrection*.



## Placing Membership



We want to welcome Kevin, Leah, Sarah & Joseph Isenberg to our Centerville Family! Their address is:  
6034 Gray Fox Lane  
Nunnely, Tennessee 37137  
Welcome!

## Carter's Corner



IT WAS A FAST-PACED WEEKEND this past weekend, with Cookies With Santa and the Progressive Dinner packed into the same weekend. Cookies With Santa was a huge success, with well over 100 cars and nearly 300 children passing through our Bus Garage to enjoy cookies and milk with Santa. A big thanks goes to Sam Chessor and Bobby McFarlin for helping to put up the lights on the garage, all of our youth group students for dressing up as Christmas characters, Shane, Tammy, & Shelby for helping the night run smoothly, and all of our ladies who helped provide cookies. This event keeps getting better and better each year!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 15  
**A LIGHTHOUSE  
CHRISTMAS**  
(DOTSON & YAM'S)

DECEMBER 19  
**JR. HIGH  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DECEMBER 27-29  
**CAMP SNOWBALL  
XIV**

THE PROGRESSIVE DINNER was a great evening for our Sr. High students. The group had a delicious four-course formal dinner in the Lodge, followed by a fun evening of games and Dirty Christmas. Thanks goes to the wonderful Hoover women (Shelby, Dee, & Christine) for helping to plan, decorate, and prepare for the meal.

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP for Camp Snowball XIV is this Sunday, December 19th. Camp Snowball is scheduled for December 27-29 at Camp Meribah. All the info needed to sign up can be found on our website at [centervillechurchofchrist.org/snowball](http://centervillechurchofchrist.org/snowball).

THE JR. HIGH CHRISTMAS PARTY will be this coming Sunday night from 6:00-8:00. Meet in the Lighthouse following services. Bring a \$15-\$20 gift for Dirty Christmas.

Enjoy the photos this week!  
In Him, Carter

**FRESHMAN**

## SENIOR HIGH PROGRESSIVE DINNER 2021

**SENIORS**

**SOPHOMORES**

**JUNIORS**



## Thank You

Leon Gilbert writes: "Thank you for all of the calls, cards and food over the last few weeks. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness."

Susan Griggs writes: "Dear Christian Family, Thank you so very much for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and certificates during my surgery and recovery. It means so much to myself and my family. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. In Christian Love..."

John Plemmons, Jr. writes: "Thank you so much for all of the calls, cards, and food I received after my recent hospitalization and recovery. I am so thankful for all of you."

## Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Ruby Beasley Nash who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of James Roder who passed away. To his wife Sue, all family and friends, we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Leo Scott who passed away at the age of 103. He was the grandfather of Mike (Regina) Elkins.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Underhill who passed away. He was the uncle of Randy (Kim) James and cousin of Jerry (Marilyn) Nash.

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Hospitality Fund in memory of Bobby Breece by his son and daughter-in-law Randy & Carol Breece. "He was so special to us and his servant heart is missed."

### December

...December 15th

**Sunshine Baskets**  
assembled & distributed

...December 17 School dismissed at 10 A.M. School System break December 20-31.

...December 17 Bill McDonald's Class Christmas Party 6 P.M. at CCOC Bring \$15-\$20 Dirty Christmas Gift & Finger Foods

...December 27-29 Camp Snowball XIV

...December 29 No Messenger Devo Only

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**December 12:**  
**\$ 10,850.50**  
**Camp: \$ 225.00**  
**Budget:**  
**\$ 12,979.00**

## Sunshine Bags



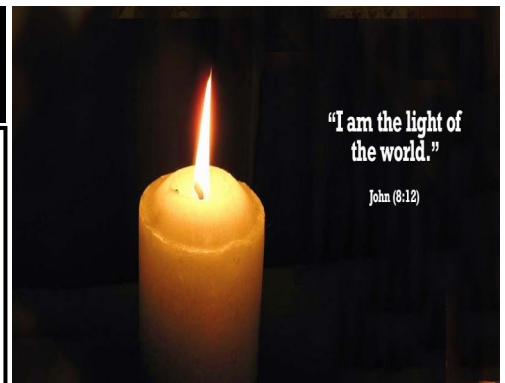
*Sunshine Bags* will be assembled on Wednesday night December 15th. These will be distributed to Tulipwood, Nursing Homes and throughout the community.

### Hickman County Community Event Night of Hope & Healing

### Motivational Speaker Jeff Yalden

...will be holding an assembly for our parents and community.

January 3rd  
*The Stables Event Space*  
5 P.M. Check in & Music  
5:30-6:15 Eat & Visit  
6:15-6:30 Student Program  
6:30-7:45 Jeff Yalden  
7:45-8:30 Dessert Bar & Visit with Mr. Yalden



## Please Pray For:

...Rebeca Mears is suffering with pneumonia. She is in Centennial Hospital. Room # 629, 2410 Patterson Street Nashville, TN. 37203  
...Jessica Knott, friend of Edgar & Barbara Beard, has improved and is now in rehab.  
...Alex Chambers is dealing with some health issues and waiting for surgery.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Mark Chessor, John Plemmons, Jr., Janis Rediker, Lowell Parsley, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Kari Mobley, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

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



### December Items:

**Canned Ravioli**  
**Toilet Paper**

## 50th Anniversary Celebration



You are invited to celebrate the **50th Anniversary of James & June Aydelott** on December 18, 2021 from 2-4 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and celebrate with them!

**Drive Through Cookies With  
Santa!**

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE



**Elder's  
Prayer**

**December 19:**

**Mike  
Goodpasture**

**Read  
Scripture**

**Joey Hunt**

**Preside  
December 19  
Ken Dickerson**

**Prayer Week of  
December 19**

**S.M.W.  
Cecil Qualls**

**S.M.D.  
Cameron Peters**

**S.E.W.  
Harrison Kelley**

**S.E.D.  
Colby Shelton**

**W.E.B.S  
Marshall Spencer**

**W.E.D.  
Cameron Wright**