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Todd Parsley



Sunday was another special time here at this congregation. We worshipped together in the morning and the evening and then enjoyed a special "All Church Night' dinner and fellowship. A special thank you to Tammy and so many others who worked so hard to give us the wonderful meal and the festive holiday atmosphere. Congratulations to Don Qualls and Lonnie Mayberry who were selected as Volunteers of the Year. We appreciate you both for your dedication to this congregation. All Church Night is one of my favorite nights of the year. The opportunity to worship and share a meal with many of you is a blessing, and I am thankful for all of you who attended.

God through this church has brought so many amazing folks into my and Renee's life. Over the last 5 years we have seen so many who encourage others, who serve, who pray, who teach, and some who just hug to encourage others. What a blessing it is to see this church family reflect the love of God. Renee and I look forward to being a part of this wonderful family of God for many years to come.

As we bring the year to a close let us finish strong with our commitment to seek first the Kingdom of God. Our commitment to seek Him in all areas of our lives and to say at the end of our lives that we had no reserves, no retreats, and no regrets in this walk with God. Because we recognize that life is not about me, but about Christ. We live to exalt his name, not our name. We live for his kingdom, not our own. May we all live our lives for His will, and not our own will. No matter what happens in our lives let us always put Jesus Christ first.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and all his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you". Matthew 6:33

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



youth group

* upcoming EVENTS













Thank You

Barry Shelton writes: "A note of thanks for the prayers and heartfelt messages that I received from the Youth Group students before my surgery, and for those thinking of me after surgery with prayers, get well cards, phone calls, texts, food, and gift cards. In Christian Love..."

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Becky and Gary Gatewood write:
"Dear Christian Friends and Church

Family,

Our heartfelt appreciation continues for each of you as Gary, our family, and I move forward in my journey with cancer. How grateful we are for you and the many loving ways that your concern, encouragement, and support are being expressed to us daily. The many texts, phone calls, beautiful cards with encouraging and uplifting messages, shared Bible verses of strength and comfort, and food are providing us with much needed reassurance and inspiration. We are most grateful for the manner in which our God's great love is being manifested and evidenced to everyone who is blessed to see your acts of goodness and love.

Please continue to remember not only us in prayer, but all who are encountering struggles in their lives. Prayer is a blessing that we all need. Gary, our family, and I are confident in our God to be with us each and every step of this journey. Remember how much we love and appreciate you and the dedication and commitment that you exemplify as you serve God. We pray God's blessings to be with this wonderful church family. In Christian Love..."

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<u>Laura Powers writes</u>: "Dear Church

Family, Thank you so much for the
prayers, cards, calls, and gift cards
over the last several weeks. I couldn't
be more grateful for the loving people
that you are. Most sincerely..."



Jail Ministry Meal Saturday, December 9, 2023. If you can help please meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

December 3 \$ 15,110.43

Camp: \$ 197.01

Budget: \$13,989.00

Baptisms

We rejoice with Jessica Haggie and Joy Bonestill who were baptized December 2, 2023 by members of the Jail Ministry.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Joan Mitchell by Doug & Billie Sue True.

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2023 Volunteer Of The Year Lonnie Mayberry



2023 Volunteer of the Year Presented to

Lonnie Mayberry

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

In appreciation for your willingness and desire to serve in whatever capacity needed, especially scheduling Worship Service Participants for 17 years and Sunday School Superintendent for 8 years.

Thank You for your time and dedication.
Sunday, December 3, 2023

Please Pray For:

...Francis Qualls, mother of Cecil (Donna), has been in St. Thomas Mid-Town with septic shock. She is much better and is back at Life Care.

...David Talley is in St. Thomas Mid-Town with pneumonia. He is doing

better.

...Becky Mears will see her oncologist this week.

...Valerie Mears, mother of Richard Mears, will have surgery December 6th. Her address is: 1548 Pigeon Hill Road McMinnville, TN. 37110

...Karen Phillips is recovering from

surgery at home.

...Kyson Rudolph, grandson of Tim & Melissa Sanderson spent a couple of days in Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital due to RSV. He is at home and doing better.

...Bobby Stone, father of Kristen Garland, saw his oncologist Tuesday,

December 5th.

...Betty Qualls, mother of Anita Allen, had some tests at the local ER on Sunday night. She is at home.

Ann Spencer is in: Select Specialty Care Facility Room 4503 2000 Hayes Street Nashville, Tennessee 37203

2023 Volunteer Of The Year Don Qualls



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Don Qualls

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23-24

In appreciation to your devotion and dedication as Sunday School Junior High, Senior High, and Adult Supervisor for 28 years. Your desire to serve is an example to all of us. Thank You for your time and dedication.

Sunday, December 3, 2023







The Shepherd's Pen

The Annual All Church Night was a spectacular evening. An event like this cannot happen without the dedication and efforts of many. Congratulations to the Volunteers of the Year, Don Qualls, and Lonnie Mayberry. We want to thank those that set-up and decorated, the many desserts that were prepared, everyone that served and pitched-in during the evening, and the many that helped clean-up. It was a wonderful, wonderful night! "Whoever offers praise glorifies Me; And to him who orders his conduct aright I will show the salvation of God." (Psalm 50:23) The world is full of people who complain constantly. Sometimes their complaints are valid but often they come from a spirit of discontent. Complaining constantly can become a habit. Eventually you forget that there are more things to be grateful for than to complain about. Complaining more often than expressing gratitude will impact the quality of life you live. A grateful heart makes having a good relationship with others easier, is more rewarding, and makes those around you, as well as you, happier. Never let a day go by without purposely expressing your gratitude. Let us open our eyes to the beauty around us and praise God for what we see or experience. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Let us all invite someone to be our guest.

<u>Community Christmas Day Meal</u>: Please consider helping with this very special Christmas Ministry. We need volunteers to prepare food ahead and Volunteers to work on Christmas Day. Please sign the list in the lobby if you can provide a dessert for this meal and deliver it on <u>Christmas Day</u> to Hickman County Middle School between 8-8:30 A.M.

<u>Contact Nancy Dansby</u> 615-574-9887 for more information.

<u>Prayer Week of</u> <u>December 10</u>

<u>S.M.W</u>. Gary Baker

<u>S.M.D</u>. Shaun Lawson

> S.E.W. Brad Davis

<u>S.E.D</u>. Randy James

<u>W.E.B.S</u> John Bradley

<u>W.E.D</u>. Brett Martin

Scripture December 10

Derek Newsom

Elder's Prayer:

December 10 Wayne Qualls

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Communion Prep.

<u>December 10</u> Keith & Judy Matlock

<u>December 17</u> James & June Aydelott

<u>December 24</u> Jonathan & Misty Aydelott

<u>December 31</u> George & Mary Sue Bragg

> P.M. Communion In Chapel

Shaun & Jagger Lawson

Preside

(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55

<u>December 10</u> Daniel Dressler

<u>December 17</u> Bill McDonald

<u>December 24</u> Randy James

<u>December 31</u> Robert Bowman