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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

The snow and ice are gone, the sun is shining through my office window and though I may be pushing it just little, it feels a little bit like spring! I'm ready for the change of season to happen, as I'm sure that you are as well. I enjoyed the snow, but I enjoy the warm sunshine more.

I want us to consider what the Bible says about contentment. Being content seems to be a rare thing in our materialistic age. There is always something better, an updated version of what we already have. The apostle Paul addressed the danger associated with a materialistic mindset, when he wrote, *"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs"* (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

Is there something inherently wrong with material possessions? Certainly not. But there is danger to be avoided, namely the danger of giving higher priority to earthly possession than to the possession of spiritual treasures. In the light of eternity, it is foolish to lose ourselves in "things" of this life. John encourages us, *"Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever"* (1 John 2:15-17). The only treasure that will truly last is the treasure that we store up in heaven.

The real danger is to miss out on the riches of heaven just to seek material riches. Jesus said, *"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions"* (Lk. 12:15). Our society judges a person's worth by the wrong standard of what he owns, what he wears, or what he drives. Parents have a great responsibility to set a proper example of contentment before their children.

While there are no easy answers or short-cuts in accomplishing this, teaching our children to express thanks is a great way to begin. The Bible says that we are to give thanks in everything (1 Thess. 5:18). While we are living in a day of unparalleled wealth and prosperity, it seems strange that our greatest danger should be the danger of forgetting God, the real source of all our blessings.

As Craig said in his prayer Sunday evening "our cup runs over" God has certainly blessed us and will continue to bless us, and for that we need to express to Him just how thankful we are. Thanks be to God for His immeasurable blessings in our lives. God Bless -Todd

FAITHFULNESS

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelation 2:10

2021 SUMMER CAMP AT MERIBAH

June 14-16	Day Camp	Ages 4-9
June 17-18	Mini-Meribah	Finished K-Finished 5th
June 20-24	Youth Week	Finished 2nd-Finished 6th
June 27-July 1	Teen Week	Finished 6th-Finished 12th

Baptism

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Sam Brown who was baptized by his father Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Sam is the son of David & Kathy Brown.

Placing Membership



We want to welcome Richard & Becky Mears to our Centerville Church of Christ Family.
Their address is:
3535 Hwy. 100
Centerville, TN. 37033
Welcome!

Carter's Corner



THE SNOW WAS BEAUTIFUL AND A LOT OF FUN, but I am thankful to see sunshine and warm weather return to Centerville. I am hopeful that Spring is just around the corner, and the changing of the seasons will bring about a time of renewal for all of us. Shelby, Cade, and I are excited about the coming Spring as baby Ansley is scheduled to make her appearance by c-section on April 19th. I hope that you will continue to pray on our behalf as we await the arrival of our baby girl.

Upcoming Events

February 25th
Jr. & Sr. High
Prayer Breakfast
(Fish Camp Restaurant)
7:00am

February 28th
Jr. High Fireside
(Wyatt Aydelott)
6:00-8:00

February 28th
Sr. High Retreat
Deadline

THIS THURSDAY, the Jr. & Sr. High will be having our monthly Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Lake Bates. This Prayer Breakfast will take place inside of Fish Camp Restaurant at 7:00 am. Please note the change of location as you drop off your students. We will still provide a ride to school for any students who do not drive themselves to school.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SR. HIGH RETREAT is this Sunday, February 28th. Space is quickly filling up for our trip, and our retreat will be here before you know it. The Sr. High Retreat will take place in a beautiful lake house on Lake Weiss in Cedar Bluff, AL, March 4-7. The cost for the retreat is \$85, which covers all the cost of the weekend. If you have any questions or need

help with attending retreat by way of scholarship, let me know as soon as possible.

THE DATE FOR THE JR. HIGH RETREAT is set for March 26 & 27 at Camp Meribah. More information will be coming soon, but I encourage all of our Jr. High students to go ahead and save the date!

SPRING CALENDARS should be available to pick up this coming Sunday. I am excited and optimistic that we will be able to enjoy a "normal" calendar of events this Spring.

In Him, Carter

OVERCOME

MARCH 4-7 SENIOR HIGH RETREAT LAKE WEISS

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ in memory of Ruth Reece by the following: Ashley Thomas and Coleen Williams.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Margie Willis by Ken & Tina Dickerson.

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Thank You

Coleen Williams writes: " Thanks for all the cards, texts, phone calls, gifts and wishes on my 85th birthday. (That number still has not sunk in!) I must say a special "Thank You" to my family for the "Surprise Drop By Gathering". It began on Friday and continued through Saturday. Family dropped by and celebrated safely from Hickman County, Williamson County, Davidson County, Dickson County, Kentucky and East Tennessee. Such a special time! * *I still have a hard time believing that number!"*

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Orrie & Julie Rice on the birth of a baby boy February 21, 2021. Oliver Graham Rice weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and is 20 inches long. Proud grandmother is Debbie Gilbert.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 21st:
\$ 16,190.97

Camp: \$1,321.00

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Brad Sullivan, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Angie Lynn, Megan Arnold, Bobby McFarlin, Ruth Staggs, Gage Dotson, Donna Gaspard, Ritchie Teet, Randy Hammer, Jim Thrasher, Randall Rummage, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Mark Chessor, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Casey & Deirdre Griggs on the birth of a son February 22, 2021. Nolan James Griggs weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs. and is 19 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tim & Pam Griggs.

Prayer Requests

It's a blessing as believers to be able to share your burden with others. We will gladly join our faith with yours in prayer over your needs.

Please Pray For:

...Barry Anderson continues to be very sick as he battles infection.

...Walker Corbitt, brother of Lynda (Peter) Houston, is in Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Kay Shaw, sister of Reba Horner and Sandy McFarlin, has a broken wrist after falling this week.

...Elijah Hubbard, great nephew of Karen Bridges, has been in LeBonner Children's Hospital in Memphis due to Multiple System Inflammatory Syndrome due to having Covid. He has returned home.

...Marie Bradley, mother of John (Debbie) suffered a mild stroke and spent some time in Horizon Medical Center. She is at home and doing well.

...Donna Roberts has been very sick with pancreatitis.

...Tony Duncan, of the Brushy congregation, has been in St. Thomas West with Covid pneumonia.

Nursing Home

Life Care Center:

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

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Eleanor Hamilton, Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan, Sybil Jenkins

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

John Dennison, Allison Staten, Buster Peters, Jim Gossett, Gail Kincade, Oprah Easley, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Elizabeth Givens, Phil Shelton, Ann Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Home:

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

WinGS
Women in God's Service

Wings Ladies' Class

At The Outreach Center
At 10 A.M.
Each Wednesday
Hope To See You There!

Tennessee Children's Home Food Drive

The Food Truck From Tennessee Children's Home Will Be Here Thursday, March 18, 2021. We Hope You Will Be Able To Help!
We will be collecting by classes for the next few weeks. Please help the Children's Home by providing the following items. You can leave them in your classes or in the bin in the lobby.

Babyland Age 2: Toilet Paper

Age 3: Paper Towels

Age 4: Little Debbie Cakes

Kindergarten: Sugar Cereal

1st & 2nd Grade: Kool-Aid Canisters

3rd & 4th: Men's Deodorant

5th-8th: Bottled Apple Or Grape Juice

9th-12th: Dishwasher Detergent

YAMS: Dishwasher Detergent

Craig Shelton Adults: Worcestershire Or Steak Sauce

Bill McDonald Adults: Velveeta Cheese

Wayne Qualls Adults: Liquid Dish Detergent

Gary Gatewood Adults: Trash Bags (39 Gal. Or Larger)

Ward Mayberry Adults: Toilet Paper Or Paper Towels

Dressler/Goodpasture Adults Auditorium: Floor Cleaner

**If Families Could Also Give \$20.00 for perishable items that would be greatly appreciated.*



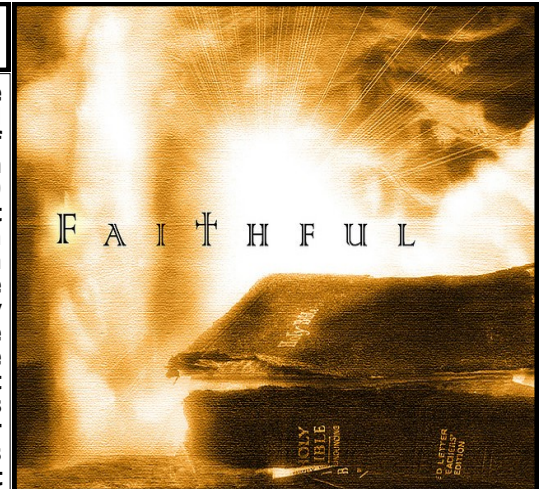
The Shepherd's Pen

The white blanket of snow, covering the ground this past week, cannot be duplicated by man with any mixture of colors. As the sunlight reflected off the snow, the brightness was almost blinding. Snow is evidence of God's creation. Wilson (Willie) Bentley (1865-1931) was born on a farm in Jericho, Vermont, an area with average annual snowfall of over 120 inches. At the age 15, he began drawing snowflakes while looking at them through his microscope. It was no easy task because most of them melted before he could complete a drawing. At age 16, he learned about a camera that could be used with a microscope. His parents saved the money and when he was 17 they bought him the camera. He eventually was able to photograph a snowflake, the first one ever taken. Over the years he made thousands of such pictures for universities and science magazines. At age 66, he walked home in a snowstorm, caught pneumonia, and died two weeks later. This man, who devoted most of his life to study of snow, ultimately died from walking in the snow. After years of photographing and studying snowflakes, he observed snowflakes are much like people. (1) Like snowflakes, everyone is unique. To the best of his knowledge, no snowflake was an exact duplicate of any other snowflake. You are unique and special to God. (Matthew 10:29-31) (2) Like snowflakes, every person can be beautiful, but in different ways. You may or may not ever be beautiful physically, but everyone can be beautiful spiritually. (Romans 12:4) (3) Like snowflakes, we won't be here long. Bentley said, "When a snowflake melted, that much beauty was gone, without leaving any record behind." (James 4:14) "whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away."



David prayed to God for forgiveness Psalm 51. The whiteness of snow is what he envisioned, comparing it to the forgiveness he sought. "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." We extend a big thank you to Leon Gilbert for clearing the snow from the parking lot for Sunday worship. We thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Looking forward to Sunday. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!

Your Elders



Prayer Week
Of February 28

S.M.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.M.D.
John Jacobs

S.E.W.
Luke Worshman

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S.
Daniel Dressler

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs

Elder's Prayer
February 28:

Mike Elkins

Read Scripture
February 28

Wyatt Aydelott

Preside
February 28:

Randy Wright