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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

SEEK FIRST

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Matthew 6:33



I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring to arrive. Not just for warmer temps but for longer days of light. No one really enjoys living in the dark. Alaska with all its beauty would be a difficult place to live for me with its months of nighttime. The bible tells us that Jesus is light and that we should walk in that light as His children. Part of that also means that we should share that light with others. To teach others that they too can come out of the darkness of sin and into the light of Christ. We should all be excited to share our faith with others.

The mission of all God's children is to persuade others to be God's children. The Lord gave us this responsibility: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."* (Matthew 28:19-20). This commandment has a ring to it, the fire of compassion, the breathe of life, the spirit of conquest, the call of sacrifice, the vision of the world, and the objective of God Himself in it.

More than three years of planning led up to Christ giving this commission, and His disciples were ready to get started with the task set before them. Once they started, they could not be pushed or threatened into stopping. The rulers commanded them to stop teaching in Acts 5:28,29; nor to speak at all in the name of Christ, but they continued boldly. So much so that the Jews marveled at their persistence and their courage, and could only find one explanation, *"that they had been with Jesus"* (Acts 4:13).

Teaching the Gospel to the whole world was not a task of just a few. It is true that the command was first given to the apostles, but Christ said that all who were baptized should be taught to observe all things that He commanded the apostles. That makes it the responsibility of every Christian, and every Christian should feel like Paul did, who said *"woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!"* (1 Corinthians 9:16).

The Lord has need for every Christian to show and to share the light of Christ to all. And while the task seems hard, we can know that we are not working alone, for He promised, *"Lo, I am with you always"* (Matthew 26:20).

God Bless, Todd

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

SPRING QUARTER

February, March, April

SUNDAY FEB. 5, 2023

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 2023

BABYLAND	109	Megan Lampley, Christine Hoover <u>WED.</u> Shelby Hoover, Christine Hoover
AGE 2	200	Tara Chessor, Vicki Chessor <u>WED.</u> Shelda Qualls
AGE 3	204	Renee Parsley
PreK Age 4 & 5	206	Sylina Cannon <u>WED.</u> Ages 3, 4, 5 Rachel Newsom
Sensory Class	225	Ashley Thomas
In KG	208	Hailey Richardson <u>WED.</u> Karen Bridges
GRADES 1 & 2	220	Misty Shelton <u>WED.</u> Meredith Qualls
Grades 3, 4, 5 Girls	224	Anita Allen Brook Austin
Grade 3,4,5 Boys	226	Clay Chessor <u>Wed.</u> Alan & Suzette Potts (Boys & Girls)
Jr. High 6,7,8	B18	Jeremy Qualls
Sr. High 9,10,11,12	B8	Carter Hoover & Others <u>Wed. Gr. 6-12</u> Carter Hoover & Others
YOUNG ADULT	222	Matthew Dotson
ADULTS	214	Craig Shelton Eric Cannon <u>WED.</u> Mike Elkins & Others
ADULTS	CHAPEL	Bill McDonald Shane Willis
ADULTS	218	Wayne Qualls
ADULTS	110	Gary Gatewood
ADULTS	AUD.	Daniel Dressler Mike Goodpasture <u>WED.</u> Todd Parsley & Others

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

THE YOUNG MEN DID A FANTASTIC JOB this past Sunday, conducting services at Coble Church of Christ. Major Qualls was our speaker, Joseph Isenberg led the opening prayer, Jagger Lawson led the closing prayer, and Eli Jacobs led our thoughts in communion. Coble is a small congregation (only nine members on Sunday), but we are thankful for the opportunity that these young men are given to go and practice their skills in leading worship services. If you see these young men this week, be sure to tell them, "Good Job!"

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 3
**5TH QUARTER
AFTER THE GAME
UNTIL 11:00**

FEBRUARY 5
**SR HIGH FIRESIDE
GWYNETH
RICHARDSON**

FEBRUARY 8
**LIGHTHOUSE
FREED-HARDEMAN
ADMISSIONS**

FEBRUARY 12
**SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES
GLOW VALENTINE
PARTY**

FEBRUARY 12
**SOUP-ER BOWL
PARTY
IN THE LIGHTHOUSE
UNTIL 9:00**

FEBRUARY 16
**PRAYER BREAKFAST
WINGS LADIES CLASS**

FEBRUARY 18
**SR HIGH RETREAT
DEPOSIT DUE (\$60)**

THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS PACKED this past Wednesday night as Cameron Wright and his family hosted the Lighthouse. One of our largest crowds of the year filled the Lighthouse for a Lighthouse rarity and treat, hamburgers and hotdogs for supper! A big thanks go to the Wrights and Willis for hosting!

IT'LL BE JUST LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS this Friday night, as the Sr. High participates in "Recess Night" for 5th Quarter. It'll be an evening of playground classics like dodgeball, four square, freeze tag, and more as we all take a walk down memory lane to our younger days. This will be in the Fellowship Hall after the game until 11:00 pm. We hope to see you there!

Colossians 3:2 says, "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." This verse reminds us to keep our focus on what is truly important - our relationship with God and living a life that honors Him. It's easy to get caught up in the distractions and worries of this world, but when we stay focused on the things above, we can experience peace and joy in the midst of any situation. Take time each day to reflect on what is most important to you, and ask God to help you keep your focus on Him. Surround yourself with people and activities that support your spiritual growth, and resist the temptation to get caught up in worldly pursuits.

By staying focused on the things above, we can live a life that is pleasing to God and brings us true happiness and fulfillment. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Marvin Truett who passed away January 23, 2023. Marvin and Lisa were faithful members of the Fairfield Church of Christ. Marvin was dedicated to his family and enjoyed spending time with them. To his wife Lisa, daughter Tara (Clay) Chessor, son Caleb (Paige) Truett, and mom Betty Truett, grandchildren Braydon, Bryson, Brody Chessor, Ella and Mabry Truett we express our deepest sympathy.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Youth Ministry in memory of Marvin Truett by the following: Sam & Cindy Chessor, Ashley Thomas, Randy & Kim James, Mike & Belinda Potts, Brad & Monica Davis, Bobby & Valerie McCoy, Jimmy & Holley Krueger.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Dana Garrard by Mike & Belinda Potts.

Baptism



We rejoice with Daniel M. Cooke who was baptized January 22, 2023 by members of the Jail Ministry.

Thank You

Kitty Pharris writes:

"Thank you for this Sunshine Bag. It's so nice to be remembered. My great-granddaughter Lottie and I thoroughly enjoyed Shane's visit. In Christian Love..."

Give Thanks to
The LORD
For He Is Good.
His Love Endures
Forever

Psalm 136

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 29, 2023:

\$ 12,271.84

Camp: \$ 155.00

Budget:
\$13,532.00



The Shepherd's Pen

This past Sunday began in darkness for many due to a power outage in parts of the county. Thanks to the MLEC folks for restoring power in a timely manner. In the days before electricity, an old farmer asked a young man he had hired, why he carried a lighted lantern when he went to call on his best girl. The farmer exclaimed, "When I went a courting, I never carried one of them things, I always went in the dark." "Yes, the young man said sarcastically," and look at what you got!" Light is essential to our daily lives; would we try to walk at night on a strange and unfamiliar path without some source of light? We walk in darkness spiritually without God's light. That light is Jesus Christ. *"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* (II Corinthians 4:6) Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life."* (John 8:12) Jesus shed light when the world saw the example set in His life and the message He delivered. To follow His message and example is to receive and seize the light He gives. That light is our purpose that God has established in our lives. As a candle with the wick lit, our wick is lit inside and shines through us for others to see. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Elders

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



...Dana Webb, cousin of George Simmons, is recovering from open heart surgery and doing well.

...Arch McCord, father of Tiffany (Chris) Peters, is recovering from surgery and doing well. He is at St. Thomas Hickman Hospital for therapy.

...Madelyn Owens is in Skyline Medical Center recovering from injuries due to a house fire. She is improving daily. If you would like to send Madelyn a card, please send it to one of the following addresses:

Madelyn Owens C/O Lilly Owens
553 Rosedale Avenue
Ap. 118
Nashville, TN 37211 or

Madelyn Owens C/O Scott Owens
1747 Hwy. 100
Centerville, TN. 37033

...Troy Parks is in CCU at Maury Regional Hospital.

...Sutherlyn Cude had a tonsillectomy Tuesday, January 24th.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Clara Lewis, Janet Barber, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

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

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Dr. Jerry Nash, Brenda Powers Smith, Evan Mathis, Mark Vaughn, Sandy Bryant, Mike Staggs, Dan Wallace, David Nash, Linda Shelton, Billy & Juanita Garner, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Juanita Bowman, Gethlyn Gardner, Rachel Watts, Robert Worley, Becky Keele, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Liz Bryant, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

February Celebrations

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Coleen Williams
87 Years Old
February 6, 2023



Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner
Married 51 Years
February 26, 2023



John Thomas Givens
88 Years Old
February 24, 2023



Betty Davis
93 Years Old
February 27, 2023



Tennessee
Children's Home

February

Velveeta Cheese
Bar Soap
Twin Sheet Sets And
Monetary Donations
Always Appreciated

Those To Serve In February

Prayer Week of February 5

S.M.W.
Jonathon Aydelott

S.M.D.
Alex Seagraves

S.E.W.
George Bragg

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Wayne Chessor

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs

February 5, 2022

Read Scripture: Jonathan Longworth
Preside: Mike Elkins

Boys To Pass Out Cards During Closing Announcements

2/5: Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor,
Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson
2/12: Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls,
Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins
2/19: Bo McDonald, Boone Newsome
Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor
2/26: Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson,
Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls

Elders' Prayer: February 5:

Ken Dickerson

Greeters February 2023

Patrick & Anita Allen
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton
Monty & Amy Dunn
George & Cindy Garland

Bible Hour February

Ryan & Lauren
McDonald,
Weston Elkins, Major
Qualls, Wyatt
Aydelott, Will
McDonald, Ellie
Aydelott, Meredith
Kelley, Hailee
Halliburton, Gracie
Brown
"Stand Up For Jesus"
"Esther"
Hungry Hound
Pantry Item:

Corn

RADIO ROOM

Media Director: Gaylon Cude
Video: Major Qualls
Sound: Chris Peters
Mac/Keynote: Braydon Chessor

Communion P.M.

Joseph Isenberg
Kevin Isenberg
SERVED IN THE CHAPEL

NURSERY:

Lea Ann Buchanan

BAPT. CLOTHING:
Barbara Beard

Elders' Prayer: February 5:

Ken Dickerson

Greeters February 2023

Patrick & Anita Allen
Matthew & Ashley Halliburton
Monty & Amy Dunn
George & Cindy Garland

Meals On Wheels February

2/1: Sam Chessor
2/8: Lesley Hudgins
2/15: Glenda Delk
2/22: George & Mary Sue Bragg

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

USHERS:

Ronald
Coates
Monty Dunn
Don Chessor