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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



There are different situations that arise in this life that we must deal with and many of them are stressful and troubling. We also know that Christians are not immune from troubles that this life often brings with it. Adversity comes in many forms. It may be the loss of a friend, some kind of financial hardship, job insecurity, marriage problems, physical illness, getting old, depression, and death. Everyone has trials and tribulations with which to deal with.

It is during these times we need to lean on God the most. We sing about our friend Jesus and leaning on Him. But what does this mean in a practical and meaningful way? Allowing Jesus to be our friend means doing with Him exactly what we do with our best earthly friends, and that is talk to him. The line of the song reminds us of a very strong biblical principle "Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, Let us tell Him all about our troubles." And then the promise "and He will hear our faintest cry, and He will answer by and by..." What a wonderful reminder of our relationship with Him.

Prayer is so important! Prayer is our communication to God through our mediator Jesus Christ. Equally important in this communication process is the communication that must take place from God to us. That communication is done through His inspired word, the Word of God. Peter states, "*His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness*" (2 Pet. 1:3).

If your life seems to currently be in a mess, sit down in the quiet of your own mind and read these books of the Bible (Psalms, Proverbs, and James would be good places to start). Read a little at a time to really understand what God is saying. As you read them, you will likely be amazed as the word of God speaks to your specific situation. The Word of God will help you make sense out of a world that sometimes seems to have been turned upside down. Always remember the promise of James 5:16; "*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*" When was the last time you just had a little talk with Jesus? You might just find out that He will make it right.

God Bless -Todd



Sunday Night
February 19, 2023

Following 5 P.M.
Worship Service

In the Fellowship Hall

Sign-Up In The Lobby If You Can Bring A Dessert!



CENTERED SISTERS

There will be a

Salad Supper/Reveal Meal

Thursday, February 23rd at 6pm

Outreach Center

See Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

WE HAVE HAD GREAT TURNOUTS for all of our youth activities this past week. We started with our largest 5th Quarter of the basketball season with over 50 students in the Fellowship Hall for a fun night following the last home basketball game of the year. Our congregation has been hosting 5th Quarters for as long as I can remember, and I am thankful that we are still able to provide opportunities for our students and visitors to have safe, fun activities on Friday nights after home sporting events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

FEBRUARY 19
CHURCH FIESTA
NIGHT

FEBRUARY 22
LIGHTHOUSE
MATY HUNT

FEBRUARY 26
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
JOSEPH ISENBERG

NOT ONE, BUT TWO FIRES were actually involved in our Sr High Fireside this past Sunday night. Gwyneth Richardson and her family hosted a huge crowd of high schoolers in their home for a great evening of food, fellowship, and devotion. We are thankful to the Richardson's for opening their home up and being very hospitable to our group.

WE HAVE A BUSY SUNDAY coming up this Sunday, as our Sparks & Intermediates will have their annual "Glow Valentine Party," and the Jr & Sr High will host our annual "Soup-er Bowl" Party. The GLOW Party will take place in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 3:30 pm. We will have snacks, cupcakes, & drinks, along with several glow-themed activities. So dress in your favorite neon colors and watch them glow in the dark! The Jr & Sr High "Soup-er Bowl" Party will take place in the Lighthouse following evening worship service and will end at the end of the game or at 9:00 pm (whichever comes first). Students are asked to bring their favorite finger food or snack, as well as a can of soup for our church food boxes.

BEWARE OF RED FLAGS...that's the message that we are focusing on as a youth group on Wednesday nights in February during our Bible Class. Each year during the "Month of Love," we take time to focus on the subjects of dating, marriage, and relationships. This year, we are being mindful of the qualities and characteristics that our significant others should possess, as well as looking inward to ourselves to make sure we are showing the features of love that are expressed in 1 Corinthians 13. I challenge you this month to spend time focusing on 1 Corinthians 13 and being mindful of the excellent example of what love should look like. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Edwinter Myles who passed away.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Fund in memory of Marvin Truett by the following: Alex and Lindsey Guill, Richard & Linda Smith, Donald & Carol Spicer, Sally Chessor, Darrell & Sharon Rochelle.

...a Memorial has been given to the Benevolence Fund in memory of Ruth McFarlin by Richard & Linda Smith.

Thank You

Sally Chessor writes: "Thanks so much for remembering me with a Sunshine Basket. I enjoyed it!"

The family of Marvin Truett writes: "Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for all of the love and support shown to our family at the time of Dad's passing. Thank you for your calls, text messages, cards, visits, food, gifts, and most of all your prayers during this difficult time. We also appreciate the beautiful lantern, as well as the memorial gifts given to our church youth ministry in his memory. Dad loved this community and it's people. Thank you for being a special part of his life, and continuing to be a blessing to our entire family." In Christian love,
Tara and Clay Chessor and family
Lisa Truett and Family

Don't just pretend to love others.
Really love them. Hold tightly to
what is good. Love each other
with genuine affection, and take
delight in honoring each other.

Romans 12: 9-10

Love is patient, love is kind.
It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor
others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered,
it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 5
\$ 17,455.26

Camp: \$ 162.00

Budget:
\$13,532.00



The Shepherd's Pen

There was a good number in attendance Sunday. A beautiful sunny day that was welcomed since we experienced some icy weather for several days. When we have icy weather, there is always that possibility and fear of slipping and falling. We are very cautious where and how we walk. In our spiritual walk we are to be cautious where and how we walk. Paul wrote, *"Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil."* (Ephesians 5:15-16) Christians are called not only to redemption but to a life in the light. It is a walk. It is a journey. Since that is the case there must be forward movement. The walk cannot be stationary. It has only two directions, forward or backwards. We are either walking forward or slipping backwards. John wrote, *"If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."* (I John 1:6-7) If we find ourselves slipping and falling because Satan has deceived us, it is never hopeless. The words that John wrote are a constant encouragement to us in living the Christian life. *"My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."* (I John 2:1-2) Let us keep His word. If we say we abide in Him, we ought to walk just as He walked and walk worthy of our calling. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.
Your Elders

Please Pray For Those Who
Are Sick And Shut-In...



...Todd Parsley will have heart bypass surgery Monday, February 13th at St. Thomas West.

...Jeanette Barnes (*Elizabeth Boone's maternal grandmother*) is in ICU in Jackson, Tennessee fighting an infection.

...Nick Bradley, son of Jackie Bradley and cousin of John & Debbie Bradley, is in ICU at Summit Hospital.

...Mike Potts is recovering from surgery.

...Bobby McCoy is recovering at home after spending time in Maury Regional with Covid.

...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. She hopes to return home soon. If you would like to send Madelyn a card, please send it to one of the following addresses:

Madelyn Owens C/O Scott Owens
1747 Hwy. 100
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Or
Madelyn Owens C/O Lilly Owens
553 Rosedale Avenue
Apt. 118
Nashville, Tennessee 37211

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, 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

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee's focus is to teach locally, abroad, through our other ministries, and using technology to reach locations around the world. There are mission points supported in Turks & Caicos Islands, Africa, India, Montana, Chimala, and Ukraine. The local worship services are streamed weekly throughout the world. If you have a desire to be involved in this ministry, contact a Deacon that oversees this work.



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In the coming weeks, we will be featuring the *Deacons* and the *Ministries / Committees* they oversee.



February

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

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**Daily Updates &
Devotional Message**

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Elder's Prayer:
February 12

Mike
Goodpasture

Scripture
February 12

Don Roder

Preside
Alan Potts

Prayer Week of
February 12

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S.M.D.
Matthew Fakes

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S.E.D.
Joey Hunt

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James Aydelott

W.E.D.
Gethlyn Gardner