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"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

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

Have you ever thanked God for air? Yes, air! That which you breath in and for that which we would die without. Have you ever thanked Him for it? Daniel wrote in 5:23; *"And you have praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see or hear or know anything, but the God in whose hand is your breath, and whose are all your ways, you have not honored"*. There is something in this verse that I seemed to have always missed when reading before. Daniel tells king Belshazzar that he has been praising false gods who had done nothing for him, all the while he was ignoring the one true God of heaven whom he owes his very life. And the thing that I had missed before is that Daniel said that Belshazzar depended on him for every breath he took. Daniel said, "Every breath is in God's hand".

Think about that. The reason you took your first breath this morning is because God gave you that breath. He not only created you, He also sustains you every second and every minute of your day. Every breath you take is a gift from Him. So, when is the last time you thanked God for the air you are breathing? Have you ever thanked God for the ability to breathe? Breath is something that we all take for granted until something happens, and we struggle to catch our breath. We should use our breath to honor God in all that we do. Later that evening king Belshazzar would take his last breath and die. He had forgotten the God in whose hand was his breath.

God doesn't owe any of us another breath of air. Without air we would die and still we don't seem to remember to thank Him for it. What is remarkable to me is that some are going to use their breath today to curse the name of God. To think that God allows them to continue breathing after doing that is a testimony to God's patience and love toward us.

None of us deserves to breathe any more than Belshazzar did. So, take a deep breath, feel the air of life rush into your lungs, then graciously and humbly thank God for the ability to do so. God holds our breath in His hand! As Paul said in 1 Thessalonians 5:18; *"in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"*. Especially for the seemingly often forgotten gift of the air we breathe. God thought of everything!

May we use every breath to glorify His name.

God Bless -Todd



The Shepherd's Pen

Carter's Corner

We have stepped into the new year of 2021. A new year with new opportunities presented to you by God. Last year, with all its uncertainty, disappointments, and despair, belong to the past. Do not look back; what is passed is passed. God is giving you a hope and a future. Let us all move forward with hope and courage. Grab hold of every opportunity that presents itself this year, and trust that we will complete what we start in faith. Your love for God and your unwavering faith in Him will make all things work together for good. Positive spiritual thinking brings about positive spiritual results.

Hebrews 10:23 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.* Hope and despair (absence of hope) are found in the heart, not in circumstances. God's love causes hope to prevail and He has enough love to turn away despair. God has woven hope into our hearts so that we can trust in the future. It has been written, "What oxygen does for the lungs, hope does for the soul, without it, we would die inwardly." When all is hopeless, then hope keeps us going. Hope strengthens us and enables us to hold firmly to the love of God and eternity. God's love is infinite and gives us hope through love.

Enter the new year with the awareness of the presence of God in your life, knowing that He holds your destiny in His hands. Expect from His loving hands only what is best for you. Work and pray faithfully, knowing that His love is at work in your life every day. Remember, should doubt bring discouragement and despair to you along the way, lay all this in prayer before God, and He will renew the hope in your soul.

We thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support through the year 2020. We are reminded of the words in the apostle Paul's letter to the church of Thessalonica, "*We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and father.*" **I Thessalonians 1:2-3**

Let us all be an ***encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!***
Your Elders



EVERYTHING IS MORE FUN when children are involved. That is what Shelby and I have found ourselves saying more and more since becoming parents. I know that many of you have enjoyed watching the beautiful snow that we had the past several days, but I think I have enjoyed this snow more than anyone because of how much fun Cade has had in his first big snow. We have had snowball

fight, built snowmen, made snow angels, eaten snow cream, and rode all over our yard in Cade's toy Jeep and tractor. Children are a special gift from above, and it's my hope that we can all never forget to stop and enjoy our world through the eyes of a child.

WE ARE BEGINNING OUR TIMOTHY & TABITHA classes next week for Jr. & Sr. High students on Wednesday nights. Over the next several weeks, the guys and girls will divide up during Wednesday night Bible Class to begin a series that helps students understand the many roles that men and women have in the church. The young men will begin a study on church leadership, which will focus specifically on leading during our worship service. Shelby is preparing to begin a study with our young ladies that will hopefully help our girls understand all the many different roles that women can fill within the work of the church. We hope that all of our Jr. & Sr. High students will all plan to be a part of this special class!

Have a great week!

In Him,

Carter

FAITH
can move
MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lorraine Cathey who passed away. She was the grandmother of Stephanie (Tim) Garrette.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Lucretia Long of Lawrenceburg who passed away. She was the cousin of Janet Barber.

Thank You

Coleen Williams writes: "Thanks so much for the Sunshine Bag! I enjoyed it."

Kitty Pharris writes: "Thank you for the Sunshine Basket. It brightens one's day to know they are being thought of."

Drop-Off Shower

BABY GIRL

There will be a drop-off shower for Trevor and Lauren (Hunt) Demary on Sunday, January 10th & 17th.

It's a Girl!!

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Viola Vickers by Doug Shepherd.



WEBSITE

HEALING PRAYER - SAY A PRAYER OF HEALING FOR THE SICK



Recently read on a church sign,

"Worship Is Something Christians Make An Effort To Do...Not Something They Try To Find Time To Do!"

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 10: \$ 13,014.62

Camp: \$ 203.00

Budget: \$ 12,976.00

Scholarship Checks



Scholarship checks have been mailed to the appropriate schools for the 2021 Spring Semester. *If you have any questions please contact the church office.*

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Randy Hammer, Don Luther, Jim Thrasher, Randall Rummage, Sherry Gale, Phillip Wallace, Teresa Carroll, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Mark Chessor, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Dot Dickens, Jesse Seagraves, Aubrey Dickens, Alden Chilton, Wanda Dotson, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ruth Reece, Ann Spencer

Hospice: Bobbie June Kittrell

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:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan, Sybil Jenkins

Centerville Church of Christ

Come Worship With Us !

Sunday 9 A.M./ 5 P.M.
Wednesday 7 P.M.



Please Pray For:

...Ruth Reece is recovering from a mild heart attack.

...Kim Boehms is showing signs of improvement at St. Thomas West as she is recovering from Covid.

...Melinda DeVore continues to be in a serious condition at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Ellieana Demary, infant daughter of Trevor & Lauren, is in the NICU at Horizon Medical Center. She is doing well.

...Donna Gaspard, niece of Carolyn (Wayne) Chessor, is in St. Thomas West recovering from a stroke. She is improving.

...Diane Hubbs, sister of Debbie Anderson and Margie Claud, is very sick with cancer.

...Ritchie Teet, brother of Chris, is home from the hospital.

Home:

Margie Willis, 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

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

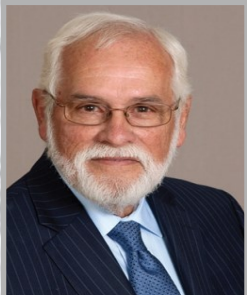
Buster Peters, Jim Gossett, Gail Kincade, Orpah Easley, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, Charles Cantrell, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Elizabeth Givens, Phil Shelton, Ann Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan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

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Our Elders

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Ken Dickerson



Mike Elkins



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls



Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

I am the LORD your GOD who
takes hold of your right hand & says to you,

“Do not fear;
I will help you.”

-Isaiah 41:13

**Prayer Week Of
January 17:**

S.M.W.
Derek Newsom

S.M.D.
Joey Hunt

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Will McDonald

W.E.B.S.
John Jacobs

W.E.D.
Major Qualls

Preside

January 17:
Wayne Rediker

**Read Scripture
January 17:**

Brett Martin

**Elder's Prayer
January 17:**

Gary Gatewood