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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



What a wonderful day of worship this past Sunday as a good number was gathered to worship God. You just never know the encouragement one may give just by coming to faithfully obey God's command to worship on the first day of each week. It was good to see our members and many visitors.

My almost two-year-old granddaughter has really started to voice her opinion on things lately. One of the things she will say when she sees something that she likes is "Oh Wow!". I can only imagine what is going on in her little mind at that moment of exclaiming "Oh Wow" to something she has just seen. The first thing that comes to my mind, as we talked about the past couple of Sundays is HEAVEN. Can you imagine what it will look like? The Bible gives us some idea but even that doesn't come close to its beauty, we can only dream of its splendor. But I just know when we see heaven for the first time in eternity our first thought will be "OH WOW"! As I see the place the God has prepared for the faithful as He promised in John 14:1-4.

Heaven will be thrilling indeed because of the absolute goodness that characterizes it. It will be inhabited by God, by Christ and the Holy Spirit (Revelation 4:8), by angels (Luke 9:26), and by the "just" (justified) ones who have been made perfect through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:23). There is much we cannot know until we get there, but of this we are sure: Heaven is where the faithful will spend eternity in the presence of the Creator free from death, sorrow, and pain. How beautiful heaven must be indeed.

Oh, the wonder of heaven. What confident anticipation is the hope of the Christian. "OH WOW"! Won't it be wonderful there! Have you prepared for your eternal home?

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

I COULDN'T TELL YOU the first thing about hockey, but I received several lessons this past weekend as both our Jr and Sr High students enjoyed hockey nights in the Fellowship Hall. For starters, our Sr. High 5th Quarter was a huge success on Friday night with one of the year's largest crowds on hand. The food was great (thanks to Shelby), the crowd was great (thanks to our students, who always do an excellent job inviting and spreading the word about our activities), and our activity was a lot of fun.

THE JR HIGH STUDENTS decided they needed to try their hands at indoor hockey on Sunday night during the Jr. High Fireside, so we took to the Fellowship Hall after our devotional and a great meal hosted by Braydon Chessor and let the middle school students enjoy hockey as well. We received high praise from a student who told me that hockey night was "the most fun ever" at a fireside. Thanks to the Chessors for hosting!

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

The verse from Romans 12:2 reminds us that in order to truly know and follow God's will for our lives, we must first renew our minds. This means actively choosing to let go of the ways of the world and instead filling our minds with the truth of God's word. As we do this, we will be transformed from the inside out and better equipped to recognize and obey God's will for us. It's a process that requires diligence, consistency, and commitment. Let us strive to renew our minds daily so that we may fully walk in the will of God. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 25
LIGHTHOUSE
CAMERON WRIGHT

JANUARY 29
YOUNG MEN AT
COBLE COC
MAJOR QUALLS
PREACHES

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



Thank You

Billie True writes: " Just a note to say thanks for the many cards, calls, food and gift cards I received following my surgery. I appreciated it very much."

Junior Baker writes: " Thank you so much for the Sunshine Basket. I really appreciated it."

Linda Shelton writes: " Thank you so much for the meals, gifts, cards, calls, and the Sunshine bag as I am recovering from surgery. Charlie and I appreciate all the prayers and concern you have shown for us. We are so thankful we have been blessed with wonderful Christian friends. In Christian love..."

John Bradley writes: " Centerville Church of Christ, Thank you for all the calls, texts, etc. during the time of my surgery. I really appreciate the thoughts. Also, thank you for the gift cards from Fish Camp. They are greatly appreciated. God Bless you all..."

Corene Allen writes: " I want to thank you all for the Sunshine Bag. I really appreciate it and I enjoyed it. Thank you for everything you do...I love the church at Centerville. God Bless you all..."

Jimmy & Cathie Copley write: "Thank you for our Sunshine Bag that we received. We appreciate the thoughtfulness so much. We also enjoyed Gary & Becky's visit."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Joe Thomas Shipp by Doug Shepherd.

Twins!



Congratulations to Spencer & Audrey Smith on the birth of twins on January 17, 2023! Oliver Reed weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and Audrey Rose weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs. *The twins are the 14th & 15th great-grandchildren of Coleen Williams.*



January

Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Men's Deodorant

Twin Sheet Sets And
Monetary Donations
Always Appreciated

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 22, 2023:
\$ 11,773.65

Camp: \$ 185.00

Budget:
\$13,532.00



The Shepherd's Pen

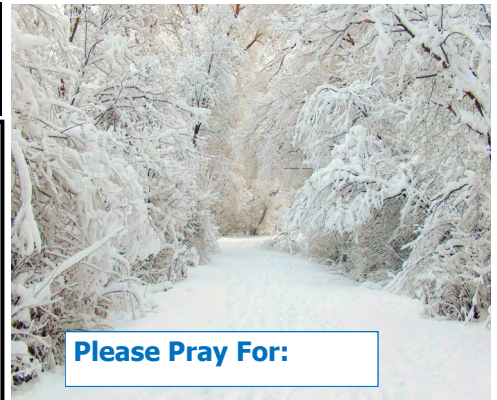
The *Men's Retreat* this past Saturday was well attended. We appreciate everyone that participated. The elders had the opportunity on Saturday night to join the church in India during their worship service. It was 10:00 pm here and 10:00 am there. The technology of Zoom enabled us to join them during their worship service and pray with them. The experience was an encouragement to them, as well as us. Let us keep our India brothers and sisters in Christ continually in our prayers. *"Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you."* (Jeremiah 29:12) Bill Moyers was a special assistant to President Lyndon Johnson. He was asked to pray at a dinner held at the White House for visiting dignitaries. Moyers began his prayer by speaking softly to God. President Johnson, sitting several seats away at a long table, said, "Speak up Bill, I can't hear you." Moyers, a minister, stopped in mid-sentence and without looking up, said, "But Mr. President, I wasn't addressing you." He was addressing God. When you pray, talk directly to God. Be exact and clear. Tell Him how it is with you, and how He can help you. Talk to Him from the heart. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Elders

Prayer Request



Ann Hooten has requested your prayers. Ann is a sweet lady with a joyful smile. She asked for prayers for a renewal in her dedication to God in her life. She wants to be the right example to her family and others.



Please Pray For:

...Clara Lewis is in Life Care.
...Arch McCord, father of Tiffany (Chris) Peters, will have neck surgery Thursday at Centennial.
...Madelyn Owens is in Skyline Medical Center recovering from injuries due to a house fire. She is improving daily. Her **NEW** address is: TICU Room 107
TriStar Skyline
3441 Dickerson Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37207
...Delton Mayberry is dealing with an infection in his hand.
...Stacy Hickerson is doing much better.
...Troy Parks is in CCU at Maury Regional Hospital.
...Sutherland Cude had a tonsillectomy Tuesday, January 24th.

Home:

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

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:

Stacy Hickerson, Dr. Jerry Nash, Brenda Powers Smith, Evan Mathis, Marsha Shelton, Mark Vaughn, Sandy Bryant, Mike Staggs, April Baker, 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



MEN'S LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Thanks To Everyone For Great Participation!

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Prayer Week of January 29

S.M.W.
Gary Baker

S.M.D.
Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.D.
Eddie Boone

W.E.B.S
Edgar Beard

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg

Elder's Prayer: January 29

Gary Gatewood

Scripture January 29

Weston Elkins

Preside
Michael Bryant



LIFE-LINE

**Daily Updates & Devotional
Message**

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