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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



There is an attitude in our society toward religion that they are all pretty much the same. Once this concept is embraced, the door is open for each of us to make choices which best suit our own lifestyles. This really makes it easy, but it may be too easy!

The concept that "one is about as good as another" just does not make sense. Is one wife just as good as another? Is one school just as good as another? Is one boss just as good as another? Is one residence just as good as another? Is one parent just as good as another? Is one doctor just as good as another? Hardly anyone uses this "one is as good as another" in making life choices.

What about religious books? Is the Koran just as good as the Bible? Is the Book of Mormon just as good as the Bible? Are books written by fallible men just as good as the Bible? Are the creeds and manuals which come from church councils just as good as the Bible?

What about life styles and the partners we choose? Are "one night stands" just as good as marriage? Are "same sex marriages" just as good as marriage? Are those "living together but not married" arrangements just as good as marriage? Is polygamy just as good as marriage?

As you think more deeply about this, you sense an element of truth that "one is as good as another," until you consider that this all changes when there is divine intervention. One book might be as good as another book as long as you leave the Bible out of it! When the Bible becomes part of the consideration, one is not as good as another.

One "marriage" arrangement might be as good as another, until you consider the divine arrangement for marriage. As long as one leaves holy matrimony out of consideration, one way might be equal to another and this allows personal choices. Yet, when God's arrangement is included, one is not as good as another.

The same is true of churches. Jesus established a divine church and purchased it with His blood. It teaches His morality. It worships in His divinely given ways. There are humanly designed churches and one of these is just as good as another. But when His church enters the picture, one is not as good as another. As the Bible is a divine book and marriage is of divine origin, so the church itself is divine.

Because of this, we are not at liberty to ignore His revelation about any spiritual matter! His thoughts and His ways are higher than our thoughts (Isa. 55:8-9). My thoughts and yours are equal, but His thoughts are all that matter! -Dan Jenkins

God Bless -Todd



Spring Quarter

February, March, April, 2024

Sunday, February 4, 2024
 Wednesday February 7, 2024

Carter's Corner



AM ALWAYS ENCOURAGED AND IMPRESSED by all the many ways that our students find ways to lead others by their example. Our students are involved in many different activities at school and church, and it is always great to see them shine their lights as they go about their daily lives. I am proud of their academic commitments, clubs, sports, other school activities, and dedication to growing spiritually. Stop and encourage a young person in our congregation this week and praise them for all the ways they lead by example!

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY 31

LIGHTHOUSE
 MCKENNA ALLEN

FEBRUARY 4

SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES TRAMPOLINE PARK TRIP
 FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 8

JR & SR HIGH PRAYER BREAKFAST

FEBRUARY 11

SUPER BOWL PARTY
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
 AFTER WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 14

SWEETHEART LIGHTHOUSE
 ELI JACOBS

FEBRUARY 18

CHURCH FIESTA NIGHT

FEBRUARY 21

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT DEPOSITS DUE
 (\$60)

THE LIGHTHOUSE WAS PACKED this past Wednesday night for our first Lighthouse of the Spring semester. We were delayed a week due to the snow, and I believe everyone was excited to be back into the routine of the youth group. A special thanks goes to the Isenberg family for hosting!

OUR COMBINED JR & SR HIGH FIRESIDE brought a massive crowd of students to the Lighthouse Sunday night following services. We enjoyed a great night of food, devotional, and fun together. Thanks to the Richardson, Kreguer, and Chessor families for helping to host the event!

OUR SPARKS & INTERMEDIATES ARE GOING JUMPING this Sunday Afternoon, February 4th, following morning services. We will leave following Sunday School, carpool to grab a quick lunch at the food court of the Cool Springs Mall, and make the short trip over to UrbanAir on Galleria Boulevard. Each parent will pay for their child at the door, and we plan to jump from 1:30 to 3:00. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me this week.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:3-4). This scripture reminds us that humility is a selfless and Christ-like quality. In the midst of a world that often exalts pride and self-promotion, may our lives stand as a testimony to the power of humility. Let us approach each day with a servant's heart, seeking opportunities to uplift and encourage one another. Through our humble actions, we can be a light that points others toward the love and grace of our Savior. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

BABYLAND	109	Megan Lampley, Laura Harris WED. Shelby Hoover, Christine Hoover
AGE 2	200	Tara Chessor, Vicki Chessor WED. Shelda Qualls
AGE 3	204	Renee Parsley
PreK Age 4 & 5	206	Ruth Gardner WED. Ages 3, 4, 5 Rachel Newsom
Sensory Class	225	Ashley Thomas
In KG	208	Ridonna Goodpasture, Becky Mears WED. Karen Bridges
GRADES 1 & 2	220	Misty Shelton WED. Meredith Qualls
Grades 3, 4, 5 Girls	224	Hailee Halliburton
Grade 3,4,5 Boys	226	Clay Chessor Wed. Boys & Girls Jean Qualls
Jr. High 6,7,8	B18	Jeremy Qualls
Sr. High 9,10,11,12	B8	Carter Hoover & Others Wed. Gr. 6-12 Carter Hoover & Others
YOUNG ADULT	222	Matthew Dotson
ADULTS	214	Craig Shelton & Others WED. Mike Elkins & Philip Jacobs
ADULTS	CHAPEL	Bill McDonald Shane Willis
ADULTS	218	Wayne Qualls
ADULTS	110	Eric Coleman
ADULTS	AUD.	Daniel Dressler Mike Goodpasture WED. Todd Parsley & Others

Thank You

The Family of Wayne Rediker writes:
 " Thank you for the many prayers, the love and support you have given our family. All of the food has been wonderful. We are truly blessed to be a part of this loving congregation of saints. With Much Christian Love, Janis Rediker and Family".

Kathy McDonald writes: " Dear Church Family, I am so thankful to be a part of this church family. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, texts, food, and gift card were so appreciated. I haven't gone a day without someone checking on me. I so hope to see you all soon. In Christian Love..."

The Family of Dylan Staggs writes:
 " Dear Church Family, Words fail to express how thankful I am for you. You have been "my bridge over troubled waters" always. Thank you so much for the lovely cross for the grave or my flower garden. Mike, Keaton, Rachel and I are so grateful for all the expressions of sympathy at the loss of our beloved Dylan. He was a very special young man and will live in our hearts always. In Christian love." *Ruth Staggs*

Jane Talley writes: "Church family, We want to thank you for all the cards, gift cards, phone calls and especially the prayers that David has received during his time at Life Care. He is also having more cancer treatments. Please continue the prayers."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

January 28, 2024

\$ 17,785.75

Camp:

\$ 540.61

Budget: \$13,989.00

Prayer Request

PRAYER REQUESTS



Ben Rediker has requested prayers as he continues to face the struggles and challenges before him dealing with the tragic death of his father.



...Mary Katherine Bates has a fractured rib due to falling and is in a lot of pain.
 ...Bobby McCoy is in Maury Regional Hospital. He has shown signs of improvement the last few days.
 ...Garrett Gordon, 35 year old cousin of Kristen Garland, is recovering from a stroke.
 ...Lonnie Baker, brother of Junior Baker and Mary Sue Bragg, is recovering at home after spending some time in the local hospital.
 ...Joanne Bragg, daughter-in-law of George & Mary Sue Bragg, will be undergoing tests this week.
 ...Wayne Chessor continues to be in a lot of pain.
 ...Todd Chessor will have surgery February 2 to remove a mass on his pancreas.
 ...Jacob Kruger is recovering from a broken arm.
 ...Joyce Cochran, sister-in-law of Bobbie Lowery, is in Maury Regional Hospital. Roy Cochran is also having health problems.

February Celebrations



Coleen Williams
 88 Years Old
 February 6, 2024



John Thomas Givens
 89 Years Old
 February 24, 2024



Betty Davis
 94 Years Old
 February 27, 2024



Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner
 Married 52 Years
 February 26, 2024

Recovering from surgery or other illness: David Nash, Kathy McDonald, Truman Wrenne, Arch McCord, James Aydelott, Jimmy Copley, Roy Cochran

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: David Talley, Becky Gatewood, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin, Walter Holsomback

Nursing Home Life Care Center: John Fly, Floy Cochran, Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

Home: Dan Wallace, Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Gerald McFarlin, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

Ann Spencer
 AHC Decatur County Nursing Facility
 Rehab. Wing Room 500 726
 S. Kentucky Avenue
 Parsons, TN. 38363

Margie Copley
 The Bridge in Columbia, TN.
 851 W. James Campbell Blvd. Apt. 218
 Columbia, TN. 38401



Tennessee
Children's Home

Pop Tarts
100 % Grape and Apple Juice
Cooking Oil
Hot Sauce

Donations are also appreciated to help purchase perishable foods such as milk, meat and produce.
Thanks for your help!

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt
LOVE THE LORD THY GOD with all
thy **HEART**, and with all thy
SOUL, and with all thy **MIND**.
This is the **FIRST** and great
COMMANDMENT.
And the **SECOND** is like unto it,
Thou shalt **LOVE THY NEIGHBOR**
as thyself.

MATTHEW 22:37-39

LDS SCRIPTURE
OF THE DAY

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



The Shepherd's Pen

The month of January is ending. We experienced more snow than we have in several years with very cold temperatures. We wait to see what February has in store. Paul wrote, "Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved." (Philippians 4:1) To stand fast is to have a firm, fixed, or settled position. Preserving under challenging conditions and refusing to abandon one's position or belief. Paul is encouraging these Christians at Philippi, as well as us, to "stand fast." The call to "stand fast" refers to a soldier staying faithfully at his post no matter what happens around him. Let the enemy attack as he will, the soldier's orders are clear: *Stand Fast!* The Apostle Paul often repeated this command: *Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.* (I Corinthians 16:13), *Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free.* (Galatians 5:1), *Stand fast and hold to the teachings we passed on to you.* (II Thessalonians 2:15) Why this repeating emphasis to "stand fast?" Paul had a respect for the devil's attempts to discourage and distract the children of God. He knew that we would be tempted to leave our post when the bullets of temptation started whizzing by our heads. So, he repeats it repeatedly: *Stand Fast!* Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

Those To Serve In February

<p>Preside</p> <p><i>(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)</i></p> <p>February 4 Ken Dickerson</p> <p>February 11 Mike Goodpasture</p> <p>February 18 Wayne Qualls</p> <p>February 25 Craig Shelton</p> <p>Left Side</p> <p>Brad Davis Peyton King Lee Orton Danny Hudgins</p> <p>Right Side</p> <p>Michael Bryant Chris Buchanan Wyatt Aydelott Heath Buchanan</p>	<p>Communion Prep.</p> <p>February 4 Joey & Charlene Hunt</p> <p>February 11 Shaun & Jamie Lawson</p> <p>February 18 Randy & Jana Wright</p> <p>February 25 Andy & Jenny Weber</p> <p>P.M. Communion In Chapel</p> <p>Brandon & Joseph McCauley</p>	<p>Life Care Center</p> <p>2/4: Jeremy Qualls 2/11: Gethlyn Gardner 2/18: Matthew Dotson 2/25: Daniel Dressler</p> <p>Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</p> <p>RADIO ROOM February</p> <p>Media Director: Clay Chessor Video: Derek Newsom Sound: Michael Jenkins Mac/Keynote: Jackson McDonald</p> <p>Meals On Wheels</p> <p>Feb. 7: Lesley Hudgins Feb. 14: Glenda Delk Feb.21 : Martha Loveless Feb.28 : Ken & Tina Dickerson</p> <p>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p> <p><i>Please contact George Bragg if you are unable to deliver meals</i></p>	<p>Prayer Week of February 4</p> <p>S.M.W. John Bradley</p> <p>S.M.D. Jonathan Aydelott</p> <p>S.E.W. Jim Hudgins</p> <p>S.E.D. Gethlyn Gardner</p> <p>W.E.B.S Clay Chessor</p> <p>W.E.D. Brett Martin</p>	<p>Read Scripture February 4</p> <p>Robert Bowman</p> <p>Elder's Prayer: Craig Shelton</p> <p>NURSERY: Lea Ann Buchanan</p> <p>BAPT. CLOTHING: Joy McDonald</p> <p>USHERS:</p> <p>Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor</p> <p>Greeters</p> <p>Mark & Shela Chessor Monty & Amy Dunn George & Cindy Garland Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner</p>
<p>Bible Hour: Ryan & Lauren McDonald, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Major Qualls, Will McDonald, Gwyneth Richardson, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Hailie Tilley Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Soup</p>				