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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Guest Speaker Sunday, July 28th Gregg Lee



**The Power
Of
Encouragement**
Hebrews 10:24-25

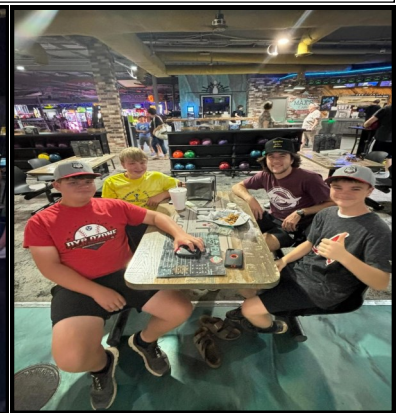
Gregg Lee is the pulpit minister for the Waynesboro Church of Christ in Waynesboro, TN where he is in his 14th year. Before that, Gregg spent 7 years at the Collinwood Church of Christ. Gregg is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University where he received his undergraduate degree in Business Administration ('94) and his Master's degree in Education ('03). He also completed his Education Specialist degree from Middle Tennessee State University in 2017. Gregg worked for Freed-Hardeman University for 12 years in the areas of admissions, athletics and academics. He moved to Waynesboro in 2005 and began teaching in the Wayne County school system. He is currently teaching at the Wayne County Technology Center.

"Hey, did you hear about..." That's usually how it begins, and our ears are pricked, and we listen intently as someone begins to spread some good juicy gossip about something or someone and we can't wait to hear it and then tell someone else what we now have heard, often not even caring if it is true or not. All of us at times I think could say we have fallen into the trap of engaging in gossip. Maybe not realizing the harm it may cause.

An old proverb relates the story of a person who repeated gossip – some rumor about a neighbor. Soon, the whole community had heard the rumor. Later, the person who spread the gossip learned that the rumor was untrue. The person was very sorry and went to a leader in the community who had a reputation for great wisdom to seek advice. The man told the person, "Go to your home and take a feather pillow outside. Rip it open and scatter the feathers, then return to me tomorrow." The person did as the man had instructed. The next day, the person visited the man. The man said, "Go and collect all the feathers you scattered yesterday and bring them back to me." The person went home and searched for the feathers, but the wind had carried them all away. The person returned to the man and said, "I could find none of the feathers I scattered yesterday." The man said, see, "it's easy to scatter the feathers but impossible to get them back." So it is with gossip; it doesn't take much to spread hurtful words, but once you do, you can never completely undo the damage.

The Bible labels gossips as untrustworthy and meddlesome (Pro. 11:13; 20:19; 26:20; 1 Tim. 5:13) and even worthy of death. In the New Testament, the condemnation of gossip is harsh. "Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents" (Rom. 1:28-30). At our best in Christ, we do not want to be a gossip.

Nothing is more deadly to relationships than spreading false rumors and gossip. Time and space prevent me from listing all the verses in the Bible that warn and condemn the sin of gossip. Oh, and don't forget what someone once said, "If they spread gossip to you, they will spread gossip about you". The wise person keeps their tongue in check. The next time you are tempted to gossip, remember the proverb of the feathers, and how your words, once they do damage, may never be completely undone. Ask God to give you the wisdom and strength you need to resist the urge to gossip. Paul would write in Philippians 4:8 that we are to avoid idle talk and instead focus on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and commendable. And may we never forget "And above all things have a fervent love for one another...(1 Peter 4:8). God Bless -Todd



Words With Weston



It has been a fun and busy few weeks since we returned from camp. We took the youth group to Tenn Pin in Columbia for a fun day of bowling and arcade games. We also had our camp reunion this past Saturday where the staff ate together and watched the Camp Meribah videos prepared for us covering each week of camp. Two Sundays ago we opened the Lighthouse for the youth group for milkshakes, snacks, and a movie. Overall, it has been an amazing summer, and more fun things are planned before school starts back up. I am so blessed to be a part of this church family, helping plan fun things for the youth and helping them grow in their faith.

In His service, Weston

Carter's Corner



THE SUMMER IS FLYING BY, and it will be back-to-school time in Hickman County in just a few short days. We have had a wonderfully busy summer with many activities for our young people. I am so proud of the young people here in Centerville. We are blessed with students of all ages committed to growing closer to God, encouraging each other, working hard, and having fun along the way. Our congregation's young people and parents should be regularly celebrated and thanked for what they do for our church family. What a terrific summer for our youth group!

CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING SEMESTER will be made available next week. We are blessed this semester by the fact that every event found a host very quickly! Over 30 hosts were needed for the events of the Fall semester. A big "thank you" goes to everyone who volunteered to ensure our semester runs smoothly.

TIME IS COMING TO A CLOSE for our summer interns. Weston and Harper will wrap up their summers with our congregation next week, and I am both proud and thankful for the hard work they have put into learning about the daily running of the Lord's Church. From VBS and summer camp to long days in the office cleaning, working, preparing lessons, and planning activities for the youth group, and even an afternoon spent as a spur-of-the-moment fill-in pallbearer (ask Weston about that story), it is an encouragement to see two young people from our congregation learn about the separate yet equally vital ways that both men and women can serve the Lord. Be sure to thank them for all their hard work this summer! In Him, Carter

Happy 50th Anniversary
to Both of You



Bill & Joy McDonald
Married 50 Years
July 19, 2024



Congratulations to Monty & Amy Dunn on the birth of their first grandchild. Jacksyn Anthony was born July 10, 2024 and weighed 5 lbs. 10 ozs. Proud parents are Hayden & Desiree. *Jacksyn has been in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. He should go home on Tuesday.*

There will be a Drop-Off Shower for Jacksyn Dunn on Sunday, July 28th and Sunday, August 4th. You may leave your gift on the table in the lobby. They are registered at Amazon.

Memorials

...a Memorial has been given to the Becky Gatewood Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund by the following: Rick & Kim Whobrey, Ken & Tina Dickerson.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Ronnie Martin, Ralph Shelton and Becky Gatewood by Shirley King.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Katherine Hoover Jerry V. Smith.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

July 14, 2024

\$ 17,278.42

Camp: \$ 322.00

July 21, 2024

\$ 12,858.02

Camp: \$ 440.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Thank You

Wayne & Carolyn Chessor write: " We would like to thank everyone for all the cards, calls, and gifts in honor of our 61st Anniversary. They mean a lot to us. It is good to have Christian friends. Thanks again!"

Don Luther writes: "I want to thank all of you for the cards, calls, food and well wishes I received on my 95th birthday. You all are special people and I love you."

Faye Dotson writes: "Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for all the prayers, good wishes, cards, food, gift cards, and your visits. I am on the mend. Centerville Church will always be special to me. I want to thank my family, they have been great to me. In Christian love..."

Sheila Butt writes: "Dear sweet sisters at Centerville, These young ladies and I cannot thank you enough for the delicious meals that were brought to our Daughters Of The King Workshop at Camp Meribah last week! The food that was brought was not only delicious, we knew it was provided and prepared in love from all you who manifested God's love in being a part of this work to strengthen, encourage and spiritually grow our young sisters in Christ. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may your loves be richly blessed for blessing us in this way. In His Service,

Sheila Butt and Daughters Of The King



Please Pray For:

...Don Chessor will have reverse shoulder replacement surgery Thursday at St. Thomas West.

...Susan Dotson has been at home for several weeks due to a pelvic fracture. She is starting to feel a little better.

...Shirley Shipp, sister-in-law of Betty Breece, will be having radiation treatments for breast cancer.

...Gethlyn Gardner spent some time in the hospital last week. He is recovering at home.

...Carolyn King, mother of Valerie McCoy and Troy King, is improving at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

...Danny Buie is recovering from surgery for a brain bleed at Maury Regional Hospital. He has a brain tumor and is waiting for biopsy results.

...David Talley had surgery for skin cancer on Monday and also several biopsies.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Faye Dotson, Ava Johnston, Tyler Colgan, Kathy McDonald, Marilyn Warren, Helen Bryant, Corbin Barr, Martha Scaife

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: Shirley Shipp, Lorrie O'Guin, Gethlyn Gardner, Ashley Halliburton, Pat Hill, Melinda Snider, Jimmy Jenkins, Todd Chessor, Bobby Stone, Rachel Watts, Shanon Irwin,

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Kenneth Chandler, Jessie Seagraves, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Larry Talley

Thank You Continued...

Carla & Woody Woodruff write:

"We would like to thank you all for the thoughts, prayers and other acts of kindness bestowed on us with the loss of Carla's mom and my sister. In Christian Love..."

Nashville School of Preaching

Fall Term 2024 begins Monday, August 26, 2024 and ends Thursday, November 21, 2024. For more information call: 615-833-9976 or email: nsp@crievhall.org
Ed Slayton, Director

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Jean Greer who passed away. She was the mother of Carla Woodruff.

The Shepherd's Pen

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

The month of July has gone by swiftly. This Sunday will be the last Sunday of this month. Todd will be away holding a Gospel Meeting in Loretta, Tn. We pray he and Renee will have a good week. Gregg Lee will be our guest speaker Sunday AM. Gregg is the minister of the Waynesboro Church of Christ. We welcome him and his wife Amy. They have three daughters, Sadie, Annie, and Maggie. Craig will be speaking Sunday PM. Our Gospel Meeting, with Bryan McAlister, is only three weeks away! Begin now inviting folks. There are postcards available for mailing. Weston Elkins and Harper Shelton are our Summer Interns. They have done a wonderful job! A thank you to Harper and Weston for their work in the nursery. Check it out! In Matthew 8, we read the story of the Roman centurion and his encounter with Jesus. Jesus was familiar with witnessing miraculous events. He had brought sight to the blind, fed the multitudes, and even raise the dead. In verse 10, we read "He marveled." What could possibly cause Jesus to be amazed? "Unwavering Faith". *When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"* (Matthew 8:10) What is the Lord's response when He observes our faith? Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"The Power of Encouragement"

(Hebrews 10:24-25)

Gregg Lee

Sunday PM

"Good Advice"

(1 Kings 12:6-7)

Craig Shelton

9AM and 5PM



Upcoming
Events:

...Gospel Meeting at the Columbia Avenue Church of Christ Sunday, August 4, 2024 11 A.M. & 2 P.M.

Speaker: Steve Williams
Lunch Served after morning worship

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New Address!



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Prayer Week of
July 28, 2024

S.M.W.
Cecil Qualls

S.M.D.
Alan Potts

S.E.W.
Jonathan Aydelott

S.E.D.
Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S
Brandon McCauley

W.E.D.
Joseph Isenberg

Preside

July 28

Matthew Dotson

Communion Prep.

July 28

George & Mary Sue Bragg

Read Scripture

July 28

Jonathan Longworth

Elder's Prayer:
July 28

Gary Gatewood