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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



It was great to see each of you here this past Sunday. We had a wonderful number gathered to worship together and give honor and praise to God. Our annual 4th of July celebration did not disappoint. We had many visitors join us for this fun evening of celebration and fellowship. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make sure everyone had a great evening.

The Psalmists writes, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you"* (Ps. 32:8). In preparation for living, we should enroll in the University of God. He promises to be our teacher. I still remember first grade teacher and what an impact that she had on my life even today as I am in my 50's. Her instruction as well as all my teachers were fundamental to my educational growth. But God promises to be our spiritual teacher and will help us in our spiritual growth.

God promises three things in this verse. First, He says, *"I will instruct you."* This means to communicate knowledge, to inform. He imparts this knowledge in such a way that we can know and understand. His Book of learning is the Bible. You know, you've heard it, *"when all else fails, read the instructions."* We won't always be able to find specific directions like, *"do this or "don't do that."* Yet as we read it regularly our hearts and minds are open to His instruction.

Next, He says, *"I will teach you in the way you should go."* God has provided for us a Practical Training Course and the Holy Spirit is our special instructor for it. *"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things"* (John 14:26). And you receive that gift of the Holy Spirit upon faithful obedience to the command to be baptized. (Acts 2:38)

He continues and says, *"I will counsel you and watch over you."* God sees our day by day, step by step needs and provides the guidance and the counseling we need, for He keeps His eyes on us at all times. *"Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber or sleep"* (Ps. 121:4). God, the all-seeing eye is watching us and wanting us to turn to Him and seek His guidance. Don't you find great comfort in the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14; *"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land"*. God wants us to continually seek Him and pray and if we do, He has promised to hear and to heal. What a wonderful promise for us in our daily living. Often problems arise that we do not know how to handle. There may be needs with no apparent solution. Situations beyond human possibilities. God's promise for us is, *"I will instruct you---I will teach you---I will counsel you."* We need to open our hearts and our minds to the teachings that God has given us. And, as Paul instructed Timothy; *"Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to teaching"*.

Have a blessed week! See ya Sunday! Todd

Carter's Corner

The Heart Of The Matter...



Carter Hoover



Harrison Kelley

WE HAD A GREAT FEW WEEKS UP ON THE HILL at Camp Meribah. Despite the heat, bugs, and other challenges that are always faced during the summer, camp was a success. We all had a blast growing closer together and closer to God the past few weeks. Over the course of the summer at camp there were 5 baptisms, and we are incredibly proud and excited of these young people who have decided to devote their lives to the Lord. We are very thankful to the staff and everyone who helped out at camp and made it possible. In a couple weeks we will have pictures to show everyone in the bulletin, but for now we are happy to call another great year on the hill to a close.

THE COLORADO MISSION GROUP leaves early Monday morning on a flight from Nashville to Denver, where we will travel to Craig Church of Christ to help conduct a VBS for the area. We are very excited to travel out west to help these great people. Please remember us in your prayers, that we will have a safe, successful trip, and that we will be able to support and encourage our fellow believers, while being encouraged ourselves. In Him, Carter & Harrison

**IRON
SHARPENS
IRON**
PROVERBS 27:17



Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bennet Schmid by the following: Megan Gordon Manor, Mr. & Mrs. Charles David Morgan, Chug & Johnnie Ruth Elrod, Gary & Portia Baker, Susan Dotson

Baptism



...We rejoice with Louis Qualls, Kasey King, and Stephanie Bowman who were baptized Thursday, June 30, 2022 by Hayden Dunn.

...We rejoice with Scotty Love, Jo Furlow and David Martin who were baptized June 26, 2022 by Tom Gosser, a member of the Jail Ministry.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Trevor & Lauren Demary on the birth of a son Friday, July 1, 2022. Asher Lane Demary weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Joey & Charlene Hunt.

The Lord
will stand
with you
and give you

STRENGTH

2 Tim 4:17

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

July 3, 2022:

\$ 15,154.83

Camp: \$ 166.00

Budget:
\$ 13,532.00

Thank You

Billy & Ericka Rochelle write: " We would like to thank the church for thinking of us and praying for us as we welcomed our baby girl into the world. We would especially like to thank the wonderful ladies who kept us fed for three weeks following Harlyn's arrival! Thank you to Shela Chessor, Tabitha Cude, Kristy Wallace, Suzette Potts, Anita Allen, Rachel Newsome, Cheryl Chessor and Cissy Dotson. You all were such a blessing to us!"

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

...**Vacation Bible School at the White Bluff Church of Christ** 4416 Hwy. 70 East White Bluff, Tennessee July 17-20, 2022. **Sky High @ Sinai** Singing, Keynote Lesson & Classes For All Ages Sunday Night 5p with refreshments afterward Meal Monday-Wednesday at 6p VBS: 7p

...**Gospel Meeting at the Liberty Lincoln Church of Christ** Deer Ridge Road, Fairview, TN. July 17-22, 2022 Speaker: Michael Crowder Song Director: Mike Binkley Sunday A.M. Bible Study 9a; Worship: 10a Sunday-Friday Evenings 7:30p Potluck lunch following Sunday morning services.



...Asher Demary, infant son of Trevor & Lauren is in Horizon. He will hopefully be home on Friday.

...Liz Bryant is undergoing treatments at the Maury Regional Cancer Center.

...John Smith is recovering from eye surgery.

...Carol Gilmer is recovering at home.

...Shelia Beard Plunkett will have heart surgery July 7th at St. Thomas West.

...Joe Shipp, brother of Betty Breece, continues to undergo treatments for cancer.

...Amy Douglas, mother of Alex Seagraves, is still having a difficult time recovering from heart surgery. She is in St. Thomas West.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Liz Bryant, Billy & Juanita Garner, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Lonnie Garrett, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Joe Shipp, Jill Akens, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Donna Blackwell, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

NHC Dickson: Ruth McFarlin
812 N. Charlotte St.
Dickson, TN. 37055

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital:
Betty Davis

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100
Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310
Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

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



The Shepherd's Pen



Sunday was a good day! A wonderful day of worship! Good attendance Sunday morning and Sunday evening! There were several visitors, and we thank them for being with us. A great crowd in attendance for our annual 4th of July Celebration! A thank you to all that organized, set-up, cooked, and cleaned-up, making the evening enjoyable. Happiness is sought by millions, but seldom found. What about you, are you happy? If the answer is no, then what would it take to make you happy? Should you ask this question of various people, you would probably receive many different answers. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 16:20, *"He who heeds the word wisely will find good, and whoever trust in the Lord, happy is he."* Jesus must have had this thought in mind when He said, *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."* (Matthew 6:33) Dale Carnegie wrote, "Did you ever see an unhappy horse? Did you ever see a bird that had the blues? One reason why birds and horses are not unhappy is because they are not trying to impress other birds or horses." As we trust the Lord for happiness, we will have the right attitude. We all want to be happy, but sometimes trying to find happiness can be a struggle. We can find ourselves searching in all the wrong places or ways when the answer is simple. *"Happy are the people whose God is the Lord!"* (Psalm 144:15) God's word guides us to true happiness through knowing the promises of God. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders

NO MESSENGER JULY 13, 2022

Prayer Week of July 10

S.M.W.
Randy Wright

S.M.D.
Michael Bryant

S.E.W.
Marshall Spencer

S.E.D.
Calvin Hoover

W.E.B.S
Brad Davis

W.E.D.
Cameron Peters

Prayer Week of July 17

S.M.W.
Wayne Chessor

S.M.D.
Randy James

S.E.W.
John Jacobs

S.E.D.
Brett Martin

W.E.B.S
Robert Bowman

W.E.D.
Chris Teet

Read Scripture July 10

Weston Elkins

Elders' Prayer

Gary Gatewood

Read Scripture July 17

Major Qualls

Elders' Prayer

Mike Goodpasture

Preside

July 10

Philip Jacobs

Preside

July 17

Patrick Allen

