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"From Where I Sit"



Todd Parsley

FAITHFULNESS

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

Seems summer is moving at a rapid pace. We have enjoyed many activities here at Centerville and we look forward to more. The month of September will be a big month for us. I'll have more information about that a little later. I thank each of you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to His church. I know that the devil puts many distractions in our way, but your faithfulness encourages myself and others.

Forgiveness is a subject of significant importance. The very plan God gave man for salvation includes asking for forgiveness (repentance). There are some who believe that we are obligated to forgive someone whenever they commit a sin even if they don't ask. For instance, if someone steals \$100 from me, is arrested, and put on trial, many believe I should go ahead and forgive him, even though they remain unrepentant. Some see this as the noble thing to do; something that will help me. However, there is no biblical basis for this type of thinking. The Bible does teach we are to forgive others, but forgiveness has conditions attached to it. The person who committed the sin must seek forgiveness. Jesus said, *"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him"* (Luke 17:3,4). What happens when that same person does not repent and seek forgiveness? Are we to forgive anyway? We have no authority from God to do so. Paul wrote, *"...forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you"* (Eph. 4:32). He will forgive us after we repent (Acts 8:22-24), and that is the pattern we should follow. An individual is forgiven only after that person repents (1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; 7:8-11). Forgiveness before the point of repentance would make the entire process a futile exercise in chaos.

Further, consider the scenario Jesus gives us in Matthew 18:15-17. One brother sins against another. If a face-to-face conversation brings repentance from the sinner, then the issue is solved. However, if the one in the wrong does not make correction, then the offended brother does not forgive him; he takes the next step to bring repentance. The principle laid down is that forgiveness, and thus reconciliation, is extended when the sinner repents, asks for forgiveness, not before. God never promised forgiveness to us based on the idea it was the noble thing to do. God promised to forgive us when we asked for forgiveness first.

People today must be accountable for their actions. People need to know that they are sinners and lost until they repent. If they have sinned against us and or the church, they need to feel the burden of their sin. Our desire for peace or to simply not deal with the problem will not solve the issue. God does not approve of us putting aside sin in the absence of repentance; something that may endanger our souls. Accountability to God for our actions seems to be a lost truth in the world today. I am thankful for God's patience to allow me when I sin to ask for forgiveness, and for His love to forgive me.

God Bless- Todd

Carter's Corner



I AM COMING TO YOU this week from an off-site location, as my family and I are spending some vacation time together as we recover from a hectic school year and a busy summer so far. Shelby and I aren't the best at taking vacation time as we should, but I am thankful for the opportunity this week to recharge our batteries and spend time with Cade and

Ansley. Harrison should be doing the majority of the writing this week in my absence, but I wanted to write to you this week to simply tell you that we have had a wonderful and successful summer at Camp Meribah. Summer Camp is a big part of our summer activities here in Centerville, and I hope that you are looking forward to more youth activities in the coming week.

More details and info will come next week!

In Him, Carter



CSI: CENTERVILLE (College Secret Involvement)

There are information sheets and a sign-up form on the table in the foyer for all who are interested in joining this effort again this year.

See Ken or Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.

From The Heart Of The Matter



What a wonderful few weeks up on the Hill! We just put a wrap on Camp Meribah this past Friday, and what a great time it was! Camp Meribah is always a blast, but after going without it for a year, I think we were all reminded of just how important it is to all of us. Camp is such a blessing to so many people; as it has been for over 50 years now and hopefully will be for many, many more. I know that it has made a huge positive impact

on my life and my relationship with God in so many ways, and I know that many others who have stayed up on the Hill could say the same.

We started Camp with a great VBS and Day Camp. These couple of days are full of water, crawdads, and special appearances from camp characters. Mini-Meribah later that week was a great success as well, giving the younger campers a glimpse of what the full weeks of camp are like. Youth week was a blast, with tons of teams games, creek time, and 3 nights at the pool. Then the pinnacle week of Teen Week, which is a marathon of a week, highlighted by the Tennessee River trip, karaoke night, glow dodgeball, and a trip to Dickson to bowl and see a movie. We were thrilled to have nearly 100 campers on the Hill for Teen Week.

Camp Meribah is full of fun activities and events, but what truly makes it such a special place are the devotionals each week, and the spiritual centered mindset on the Hill throughout our time there. There is always a great lineup of speakers who delivered great messages on our themes this year, which were Treasure Hunt (Matt. 6:19-20), Hakuna Matata (Matt. 6:34), and The Resistance (James 4:7), respectively. The singing is always incredible as well. I want to thank all the speakers, as well as the boys staff for leading these devotionals. I also want to thank the rest of the staff, the cooks, and especially the campers for making Camp possible. Special thanks to Clay and Tara, and Carter and Shelby for putting months of work into directing another great year of Camp Meribah.

- Harrison

If you need to update you "Membership Profile"

in areas of service, forms are available in foyer. Please complete and return to office

The image shows three overlapping forms titled 'Men's Membership Profile', 'Women's Membership Profile', and 'Youth Membership Profile'. Each form has sections for 'Personal Information', 'Service Areas', and 'Contact Information'. The forms are designed to be filled out by members to update their profiles.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Martha Craig who passed away. She was the sister-in-law of June (Petsie) Bowen.

Area Events....

...Gospel Meeting at the Liberty Lincoln Church of Christ
Deer Ridge Road
Fairview, TN. July 18-23, 2021
Speaker: Michael Crowder
Song Leader: Mike Binkley
Sunday Services: 9 A.M. Bible Study 10 A.M. Worship Sunday-Friday Evenings 7:30 P.M.

Potluck lunch following Sunday morning services.

Thank You

June Bowen writes: "Thank you for all of the birthday cards, calls, cake and every kindness shown to me on my birthday. It meant a lot to me."

The Family of Wilma Smith writes: At the passing of our Mom (Wilma Smith) we are again reminded of the value of our Church Family. For all acts of kindness, we are humbled and appreciative. Thank you for all of the cards and the beautiful lantern. Mom was a very gentle spirited lady and loved everyone she met, she loved you because you truly have shown you love us." June Aydelott (James), Jonathan, Misty, Alyssa, Ellie & Wyatt

Colby Shelton writes: "To the Elders, Scholarship Committee and Members of the Centerville Church of Christ, I cannot thank you enough for the love and support you have shown over these last 4 years. With your support financially and emotionally, I have had the privilege to go to a wonderful university and get a degree to help me start my young professional career. With this I can use my God given talents to pursue a passion and give back to the church. Again, thank you for giving me the support so I could pursue a degree and start my career. Again, thanks to the congregation for giving me support so I could pursue a degree and start my career. Thank you and God Bless..."

Ward Mayberry writes: Thanks for the many kindnesses rendered during and following my recent medical episode."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

July 4:
\$ 14,979.64
Camp: \$ 257.00
Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Logan Hicks, Phillip Dotson, Fred Bowman, Ruth McFarlin, Susan Dotson, Ruth Staggs, John Bradley, Terry Clayborn, Misty Poff, Clyde Beard, David King, Jamie Qualls, Jamie Stoltz, Evan Boyd, Caleb Barker, Gary Hogan, Jessie Seagraves, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Luther Brown, Wendy Pace, David Dansby, Kenneth Dotson, John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Wayne Qualls' Class: *Kay Cares Fund* in Love & Sympathy to Mina Dressler & June Aydelott in their recent family losses.

...a donation has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ in honor of Bill McDonald by Maurice Rogers.

A Baby Boy!



Congratulations to Luke & Kayla Williams on the birth of a son July 4, 2021. Lincoln Carter Williams (*Alfred Lincoln Williams great-grandfather*) weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. Proud great-grandmother is Coleen Williams.



...Dorris Claud has suffered 2 falls recently at his home.

...Renee Parsley is dealing with Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.

...Ruth Gardner had a stress test Tuesday at St. Thomas Mid-Town.

Nursing Home Life Care Center: Louise Gordon, Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

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

NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens
NHC 812 North Charlotte Room 212A
Dickson, TN. 37055

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

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

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

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401

Home:

John Thomas Givens, Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

TRUST IN THE LORD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND DO NOT LEAN ON
YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.

Proverbs 3:5



Nb Messenger July 14, 2021

Prayer Week
Of July 11:

S.M.W.
Brian Qualls

S.M.D.
Wyatt Aydelott

S.E.W.
Dr. Jerry Nash

S.E.D.
Cameron Peters

W.E.B.S.
Wayne Chessor

W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs

Read Scripture
July 11:

Barry Shelton

Preside
July 11:

George Bragg

Elder's Prayer
July 11:

Ken Dickerson

Prayer Week
Of July 18:

S.M.W.
Eric Cannon

S.M.D.
Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Clay Chessor

S.E.D.
Major Qualls

W.E.B.S.
James Aydelott

W.E.D.
Marshall Spencer

Read Scripture
July 18

Patrick Allen

Preside
July 18:

Michael Bryant

Elder's Prayer

July 18th:
Shane Willis