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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Gospel Meeting At The Centerville Church Of Christ August 6-9, 2023 Speaker: Phil Sanders "In Search Of The Lord's Way" Jesus Our Only Hope

Sunday A.M. 9 Bible Class 10:20 P.M. Services 7
Potluck Lunch Following Morning Bible Class

Our meeting is just a few weeks away and I hope that you are making plans to come and support this effort. Being here not only supports this work but you will benefit from hearing Bro. Sanders boldly proclaim the Gospel. Below is another article written by him.

How Valuable Is Jesus to You?

"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ" (Philippians 3:7-8).

When the apostle Paul was Saul of Tarsus, he had become a rising star among the Jews in Jerusalem. He was "advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions" (Galatians 1:14). He had an impeccable relationship and heritage among the Pharisees and was regarded highly by the Sanhedrin.

Yet, Paul was willing and eager to give it all up to have a relationship with Jesus Christ and attain the resurrection. This certainly differs from the Jewish leaders who believed in Jesus but would not confess Him so they could remain in their positions at their synagogues (John 12:42-43).

What are you willing to sacrifice for the sake of knowing Jesus Christ? Would you leave error as Paul did to come to the truth? Would you give up a pet sin or an encumbering practice that competes with your commitment to Christ? If the kingdom of God and His righteousness is truly first in your life, you will be willing to deny yourself and take up your cross daily to follow Him (Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23). Serving the Lord every day will be your focus and your pleasure. We strive at SEARCH to put Christ first in all we do, and we are deeply grateful for those who pray for and support this ministry, which allows us to take the gospel into the homes and lives of countless people. Please continue to help us financially as our broadcast and mailing expenses continue.

May the Lord be with you, Phil Sanders

Carter's Corner



The Centerville Church of Christ will be collecting money on Sunday, July 23rd to help with the annual school supply drive.



Carter Hoover

IT HAS BEEN A WHILE since I have been able to write to you in this format, and I am glad to once again be able to check in with all of you. This summer has been a whirlwind of activities for both our young people and my family and I am thankful to have the opportunity to stay active and involved in so many different activities.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was a great success (as always) early this summer with good crowds each day and wonderful stories being taught and acted out to our students. I am proud of all the young people who worked hard for our Summer Scholars program and our interns did a phenomenal job setting up, planning, building scenes, etc to ensure that VBS ran smoothly. As always, the highest praise goes to Ms. Jean for the yearlong effort she put into our VBS each year!

CAMP MERIBAH WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS as we experienced a great deal of growth and success building off of our efforts last summer. My article next week will deal solely with Camp Meribah so I won't say too much this week, but I have to make sure to say "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to Summer Camp through camp scholarships this year. I was humbled and once again reminded of the commitment our congregation makes to supporting young people as was made very clear through your incredible generosity to Camp Meribah. Thanks to you, scholarships were able to be provided to every student who requested financial aid. Thank you! Thank you!

THE REST OF OUR DAYS this summer have been spent recovering from Camp (I remember the days when I didn't have to recover), cleaning out, updating, and preparing the Lighthouse for another school year, playing baseball with Cade's All-Star team, weaning Ansley from her pacifier (a modern day miracle), and helping Shelby prepare for another school year. It's hard to believe that summer is just about over, but I am eagerly awaiting another school year and the start of another evolution with our ministry and youth group. All is well in Centerville! To God be the glory!
Have a great week! In Him, Carter



Thank You

The Family of Judy Rogers writes:

"The family of Judy Rogers extends great gratitude to the Centerville Church of Christ in a beautiful farewell to our mother. We are very appreciative for the delicious meal so wonderfully assembled on Sunday evening through a strong endeavor of Tammy and Shane Willis, along with Melissa Sanderson and George and Mary Sue Bragg. This same crew cleaned up thoroughly and provided us a tremendous evening together. Cooks in Hickman County are best ever and exceedingly generous! We also give special thanks to Tammy and Shane Willis and Ryan McDonald for tireless efforts in the meticulous preparation for an exceptional memorial service. We miss mom incredibly yet hold tremendous memories forever more."

June Bowen writes: "Thank you all for the calls, cards, visits, food, roses and to John Plemmons, Jr. for his rendition of Happy Birthday! I love all of you for your thoughtfulness."

Ann Hooten writes: "I am thankful for my church family. Thank you for the food, calls, text messages and visits. Your prayers were appreciated. In Christian Love..."

Priscilla Barber writes: "Thank you to everyone for all of the kind things done for me when I broke my wrist. Thanks especially for the beautiful cards!"

Gary & Becky Gatewood write: "Our Dear Church Family, How extremely honored and humbled Gary and I feel by your outpouring of love, congratulatory wishes, and shared happiness as we recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary! Our hearts have been deeply touched by your many thoughtful and gracious expressions of love, support, and well wishes through your presence at our reception, the many beautiful cards received, loving words expressed, donations to our church's various ministries, and other gifts of remembrance during this special occasion in our married lives. It is difficult to adequately express the depth of our gratefulness and appreciation to you, but Gary and I pray that each of you know how special you are to us, and that we are extremely thankful to our God for blessing us with your Christian friendships and our wonderful church family. How we also thank our God for blessing us and guiding us through our 50-year journey as husband and wife. May God's glory be reflected in all that we say and do. In Christian Love..."

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

July 9, 2023

\$ 14,176.31

Camp: \$197.00

July 16, 2023

13,941.58

Camp: \$235.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



If you are free on Wednesday mornings, please join us for

WINGS

(Women IN God's Service)

We are studying the Bible in chronological order.

Class will resume Wednesday, August 16th at 10am
In the Outreach Center

See Tina Dickerson if you have questions.

Day School



The Day School is in need of an assistant. Please contact the school at 931-729-5233.

Baptisms

We rejoice with the following who were recently baptized at Camp Meribah:

Chevy Brown
2169 Brushy Road
Centerville, TN. 37033
Colton Boughton
884 Briar Pond Road
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Alex Fox
6861 Mrogan Creek Road
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Hunter Johnston
6861 Morgan Creek Road
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Mason Baldrige
2151 Jamie Drive
Centerville, Tennessee 37033
Coley Tucker
105 Dickson Road
Centerville, Tennessee 37033

Please
pray for
the sick

...Jerry Bates had his pacemaker and defibrillator replaced Tuesday, July 18th. The surgery went well.

...Corey McCrary, grandson of Wayne & Carolyn Chessor, is undergoing tests in Foley, Alabama.

...Robert Bryant is in rehab. His address is: TriStar Horizon Hospital Room 12

111 US-70 East Dickson, TN. 37055

...Wayne Chessor is in St. Thomas West. He had emergency surgery Tuesday morning due to a leakage.

...Kenny Loveless, nephew of Margaret Yates, is having a difficult time due to treatments for cancer.

...Helen Bryant, sister-in-law of Margaret Yates, is in Life Care of Columbia due to a broken arm and broken hip. She would appreciate cards. Her address is:

Life Care Center of Columbia
841 W. James Campbell Blvd. Room 214
Columbia, TN. 38401

...Willie B. Coates is recovering at home and doing much better.

...Ernest Griffin would appreciate cards. His address is: 205 Marston Street
Lawrenceburg, Tennessee 38464

...Evan Mathis, grandson of Teresa Carroll, had eye surgery Monday, July 17th and will have a follow-up next week.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Judy Rogers by the following: Katherine Harber

(Granddaughter) James & June Aydelott, Clara Shannon, Charles & Rebecca Dorris, David & Tracie Shannon, Oak Valley Baptist Church, Don Luther, Dan & Juanita Buie, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry V. Smith, Donald P. Cyr, Kathy Goodrich

...a donation has been to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Gary & Becky Gatewood by James & June Aydelott.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Dot Allen by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Dot Allen by Judy Mathis.

Sympathy

...We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Amy Sanders who passed away in Columbus, Georgia. She was the mother of Tim (Melissa) Sanderson.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kennon Anderson of Hampshire who passed away. He was the nephew of Eric & Sylina Cannon.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bob Austin who passed away in Lafayette, Tennessee. He was the grandfather of Ben (Brook) Austin.

Come Hear Phil Sanders



Jesus: Our Only Hope

Sunday AM: Jesus and His Cross

Bible Class: The Essence of Hope

Sunday PM: Jesus and His Word

Monday: Jesus and His Church

Tuesday: Will Jesus Really Help Me?

Wednesday: Jesus and His Promises

Potluck Luncheon Following Morning Bible Classes

Gospel Meeting August 6th - 9th

Sunday AM 9am

Bible Class 10:20am

PM Services 7pm



Area Events...

...Gospel Singing at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ Friday, July 28, 2023. 7 P.M. 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN. 38401

...Clearview Women's Fellowship Saturday, August 5, 2023 9-2:30 P.M. "The Changing Seasons Of The Christian Woman" Join us at 8:30 A.M. for Coffee and Doughnuts RSVP for lunch mmoore8219@aol.com.

...Ladies' Day at the Jackson Heights Church of Christ Saturday, August 5, 2023. 9 A.M.—Noon "Thriving Spiritually In An Anti-Christian World" 1200 Nashville Hwy. Columbia, TN.

...Clearview Men's Fellowship Saturday, August 12, 2023. "Building A Spiritual Church In A Secular World" Join Us For Coffee And Doughnuts at 8:30 Lunch provided by Clearview for everyone.



There Will *Not* Be A Senior Group Outing In August.

Prayer Week of July 23

S.M.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.M.D.
Jonathon Aydelott

S.E.W.
Clay Chessor

S.E.D.
Will McDonald

W.E.B.S
Robert Bowman

W.E.D.
Marvin Dorton

Scripture July 23

Sam Chessor

Preside
James Aydelott

Elder's Prayer:

July 23:

Gary Gatewood



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a good day. There were still families absent due to vacations, with the start of school just around the corner. Our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders is only a couple weeks away, reach out to someone with an invitation. We appreciated Todd's sermon Sunday on "Reverence". Our worship to God must be approached with the upmost "Reverence". He is our creator! *"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."* (Psalm 95:6) The reverence shown to God in worship is an individual and personal responsibility. God gave us His best through Jesus, He deserves nothing less from us. The prophet Isaiah revealed a disturbing truth about the people of God in Isaiah 29:13, *Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths, And honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me."* They were religious people who were good at going through the motions of worship, but their words were inconsistent with the true condition of their hearts. Let us all do our part individually in being reverent, giving God our best, in *attitude, appearance, appreciation, and adoration*. Let the words of David ring from our lips, *"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord."* (Psalm 122:1) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*