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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"



As I write this our Vacation Bible School is underway. It is so encouraging to see many visitors to our church during this time. A wonderful opportunity for us to show our love for others.

We live in a world of value. What I mean is, depending on the value we place on something will determine how important it will be to us. People today can hoard things of little value while throwing away many of life's most valued treasures. And that seems to have always been the case; Adam and Eve sacrificed paradise in the garden for a moment of recklessness to taste something that was forbidden by God. Esau sold his birthright for some stew. Judas betrayed his greatest friend for some silver.

Today it is amazing to me that people today place a very low value on virtue and morality. There are few things in life that are exceedingly important. Surely a smart person would not think of throwing these things away for things that by comparison, are virtually trash. Jesus taught that His words and His way are like the pearl of great price, worth everything else that one may give up in order to have it.

Christianity is like the hidden treasure that a man found, and he sold all that he has so that he would be able to buy it. It is worth self-denial, suffering whatever is necessary, bearing whatever burden he must to have that which deserves to be first in one's life. The words of Jesus still resound: *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness..."* (Matt. 6:33).

Satan is the most ruthless criminal of all. For mere pennies, he can buy off souls that Christ gave His life to save, all because many are poor traders; that never truly learned the value of Christianity and their own soul. Jesus asked, *"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"* (Mark 8:36-37).

What is Your Christianity Worth?- There is one answer: EVERYTHING! See ya Sunday!

God Bless -Todd



Clay's Castle & Tara's Tower

In Recognition of Clay & Tara Chessor for serving as Summer Camp Directors from 2008-2021

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Marge Gilmer by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Guy Barber and Danny Galey in honor of Father's Day by the family of Sherry Galey.

...2 Camp Meribah Scholarships have been given in memory of Greg McCord.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Marge Gilmer by David & Jane Talley.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Bennett Schmid by the following: Bobby & Valerie McCoy, Ashley Thomas.

Thanks

David & Jane Talley and Barbara Carpenter write: " We want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, and cards at the death of our sister Marge Gilmer. Special thanks to the ladies for the meal."

Wanda Givens writes: " Thanks to all who remembered my birthday in so many special ways. I appreciate the love and concern you have shown me and my family for so many years. "

Baptism



We rejoice with Hailee Halliburton who was baptized June 11, 2022 by Carter Hoover. Hailee is the daughter of Matthew & Ashley Halliburton.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

June 12, 2022:

\$ 12,578.15

Camp: \$ 221.39

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Bennet Schmid who passed away June 8, 2022. To his parents Tyler & Rebecca Schmid, grandparents Jimmy & Cathie Copley, all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of David Dansby who passed away. David made an impact on our community. He gave in so many ways and will be greatly missed.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Billy & Ericka Rochelle on the birth of a baby girl June 10, 2022. Harlyn Ruth Rochelle weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and is 19 inches long.



...Glenda Teet, mother of Chris, is recovering at home.

...Rebecca Mears continues to have treatments for cancer.

...Dorothy Weatherspoon will be having back surgery in the coming days.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

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

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Dorothy Weatherspoon, Cissy Dotson, 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

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

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The righteous who walks in his integrity—blessed are his children after him!

PROVERBS 20:7

2022 Summer Scholars



Bottom Row From Left: Ensley Garland, Macray Qualls, Bryson Chessor, Merfy Qualls, Gracie Orton, Lillian Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Landon Jenkins, Jagger Lawson, Jacob Kreuger, Braydon Chessor, Jace Jenkins **Top Row:** Cade Hoover, Emberly Garland, Windsor Longworth, Bruin Dotson, Brodie Chessor, Keegan Dotson **Not Pictured:** Waverly Cannon, Sutherlyn Cude



The Shepherd's Pen

No Biblical truth is more clear than the fact that God calls us to become His children. He calls us to salvation in Christ, and He calls us to become heirs of eternal life in heaven. Peter stated at the close of his sermon on Pentecost, *"For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off as many as the Lord our God will call."* (Acts 2:39) Paul said, *"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (II Thessalonians 2:13-14) Both Peter and Paul testify that God calls us. We need to appreciate this fact and respond to God's call. As we examine the nature of His call, we see it is a "Heavenly Call." *"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling."* (Hebrews 3:1) It is a heavenly call because the call comes from heaven. ***"For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."*** (John 6:38) Jesus came down from heaven. God is speaking today by the gospel of His Son. God's call to us through Christ is a heavenly call. It is a call to eternal life in heaven. (John 14:1-4) Jesus promised that faithful disciples will be privileged to be with the Lord, in the Father's house, in perfect fellowship, and unbroken communion. God's call is heavenly call, a call from heaven to heaven. The call fills the heart with heavenly joys. *"Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith--the salvation of your souls."* (I Peter 1:8-9) Christians are privileged to experience the greatest joy possible to people in this world and the anticipation of joy unspeakable in the world to come. So let us continue to *"press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 3:14) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders

Read Scripture

June 19

Monty Dunn

Elders' Prayer

Craig Shelton

Preside

June 19

Matthew Dotson

Prayer Week of

June 19

S.M.W.

George Bragg

S.M.D.

Scott Miley

S.E.W.

Clay Chessor

S.E.D.

Weston Elkins

W.E.B.S

Philip Jacobs

W.E.D.

Patrick Allen