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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"



Sunday was a good day! We had a great crowd gathered to worship together and to celebrate our Heavenly Father and we remembered our earthly fathers and the many good things that our fathers are to us. God has placed a heavy responsibility on fathers to be the leader in the home and to raise their children in the Lord. I'm thankful for the many ones who have done just that. Their legacy of doing that is seen in the lives of many of you. There are eternal rewards for it as well.

In the chapters 24 and 25 of the book of Matthew, Jesus addressed two very important events. He starts by dealing with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem (24:4-35), and He continues by dealing with His return (24:36-25:46). Jesus presents all of this information because He wanted His followers to be prepared for these great events. According to historical records, the temple was destroyed in 70 AD when the Romans turned Jerusalem into ruins. However, concerning His return, it obviously hasn't happened yet and no one knows the day or the time when it will occur. Consequently, the Lord in scripture has repeatedly warned His followers to be prepared and to stay prepared.

As He concluded His discussion of His return in Matt. 25:31-46, He emphasized the fact that a separation take place. "When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: and He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (vs.31-33). Those on the Lord's right hand will receive a great reward (vs.34-40). These are the ones who will have ministered to the Lord through the service they performed on behalf of others: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me" (vs.40). The reward given to these righteous people is described as "eternal life" or "heaven".

Those on the Lord's left hand will be punished (vs.41-45). These are the ones who will have failed to minister to the Lord by failing to serve others: "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me". The penalty assessed to these people is described as "everlasting punishment" or "hell". The proclaiming the Gospel of Christ has to it that there is indeed a final judgement and a final separation of what the Lord Himself warns about. Being a Christian is the greatest joy on earth that will reap the greatest reward you can imagine in heaven. But He also warns that being outside of Christ will reap the worst kind of punishment you could ever imagine. Stop and think it about often, count the costs Jesus says. Are we really preparing for heaven, Jesus tells us, heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

To be prepared for the Lord's return we must obey the Gospel, and we must remain faithful to Him. He wants us to use the blessings, talents, and abilities that He provides. He also wants us to be ministers to Him by taking advantage of opportunities to serve others. Are you ready for the Lord's return? If folks truly understood how great and wonderful heaven will be, and on the other side, how horrible and bad hell will be many more would be making the right preparation for that day Jesus himself tells us about.

Jesus loves you and He wants you to be saved and to be with Him in Heaven forever! God Bless -Todd



Memorial

....a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of **Bennett** Schmid by the following: Steve & Schmid by the following: Steve & Janie McClannahan, Doug & Billie Sue True, McDonald Funeral Home, Bobby & Valerie McCoy, Ashley Thomas, Dennis & Janet Bass, Kevin & Karren Tidwell, Randy & Kim James, Debbie Jimerson, Mike & Belinda Potts, Stevie & Diane Scroggins, Tina Scroggins, Sonny & Norma Copley, Tammy Chittom, Brandi Reece, Matthew & Megan Reece, Matthew & Megan Kincade, Patricia Skelton, Adam Tipton, Brian Harris Insurance Agency, Todd Herndon Insurance Agency, Tanner Pritchett, Mrs. Columbia Academy Sena's Sena's Columbia Academy Preschool Class, Jerry & Shirley Oakley, Pinewood Church of Christ, Randall & Christy Wells, Stephen & Lisa Dotson, Gary & Karen Phillips, Chris & Ann O'Connor, James Brent Fussell Insurance Agency, Chris Webb, Keith & Andrea Barrett, Lindsay Estes, Randy & Vicky Slayton, Fairfield Church of Christ Youth Group, Laurin/Carol Ussery. Group, Laurin/Carol Ussery, Robert & Gail Gannaway, Todd & Renee Parsley, Brandy Mayberry, Mitzi Truett, Charlie & Linda Shelton.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship **Fund in memory of Marge Gilmer** by Terry & Lisa Barber.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Debbie Kittrell Coleman who passed away. To her husband Noel, children Jason (Gwen), Holly (Jason), Nathan (Cassie), sister Kaye Kittrell and Marty brothers (Jane) (Suzanne) all grandchildren family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Raymond Scott who passed away.

Area Events

...Widows & Widowers Luncheon Saturday, June 25th, 2022 Noon **Fairfield** Church of Christ Fellowship Hall Guest Speaker: Bill McDonald RSVP Randall Halbrooks 931-994-9070

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION June 19, 2022:

\$ 12,565.42

Camp: \$ 134.14

Budget: \$ 13,532.00

Thanks

John Jacobs writes: " I just wanted to say thank you for all the graduation cards, gifts, and well wishes. I am thankful to be able to call this church my home.

The Family of Marge Gilmer writes: "
Thank you so much for the many prayers and comforting words during our Mother's illness and passing. Also, many thanks to all who prepared food for the family meal after the funeral appreciate Ŵе service. you remembering our family in our time of

grief." Troy & Susie Gilmer **Tracy & Kevin Binkley** Trevor & Melissa Gilmer

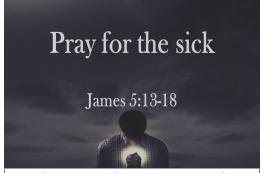
The Family of Debbie Kittrell Coleman writes: "We would like to say Thank You for the visits and concerns during passing of Debbie. Please continue to pray for the families."

Clay & Tara Chessor write: "Thank you so much to everyone who contributed toward the new playground equipment at Camp Meribah that was named in our honor. We also appreciate everyone who helped put it together and set it up. We know that many campers will enjoy the new equipment for years to come because of your thoughtfulness. Camp Meribah holds a very special place in our hearts, and we will forever be thankful for the opportunity to direct camp for 14 years. In Christian Love..."

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LIFE-LINE

Daily Updates & Devotional Message 931-729-5055



... <u>Update on Rebecca Mears</u>: Rebecca will have surgery this Thursday, June 23 to place a line port in her chest. Friday the 24th she will be admitted to Centennial Hospital for 5 weeks for very strong chemotherapy and full body radiation. The transplant is scheduled for July 1st followed by 3 days of chemotherapy. She will not know if the transplant worked until 3 weeks after the transplant. Her brother (Moises Pinedo Torres) will be the stem cell donor. Please pray for him and every procedure Rebecca has ahead of her.

...Dorothy Weatherspoon is recovering from surgery at home.

...Amy Douglas, mother of Alex Seagraves, is recovering from heart surgery.

...Liz Bryant will be having tests at the Maury Cancer Center.

...Billy & Juanita Garner are struggling with health problems.

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

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 illness: Amy surgery <u>other</u> Douglas, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Lonnie Garrett, Ann Johnston, Pam Anderson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

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

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

<u>Bobbie June Kittrell</u>: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

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







...WHO MADE *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL* A GREAT SUCCESS! TEACHERS, TEACHER ASSISTANTS, REFRESHMENT CREW, SKIT PARTICIPANTS, LIGHTING CREW. COOKIE BAKERS, THOSE WHO HELPED CLEAN-UP... **WE APPRECIATE YOU!**



The Bible School Class Of **Suzette Potts And Karen Bridges Built Nehemiah's Wall Out Of** Marshmellows!

order of worship

Read Scripture June 26

Cameron Wright

Elders' Prayer Shane Willis

Preside

Dr. Jerry Nash

Prayer Week of June 26

<u>S.M.W</u>. Alan Potts

<u>S.M.D</u>. Shaun Lawson

<u>S.E.W</u>. Sam Chessor

<u>S.E.D</u>. Brandon McCauley

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Brian Qualls

<u>W.E.D</u>. Chris Teet