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Todd Parsley


"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Seek First...Don't Worry!"
(Matthew 6:32-34)

Sunday PM
"How to Block 'Stumbling Blocks': Ask"
(Matthew 11:28-30/ Galatians 6:2)

9AM and 5PM



THANK YOU! I want to begin by saying just how much Renee and I love this church family! We thank you for all the love and support that you have shown to us as we entered an uncertain time. To say thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, food, gifts and for those who were at the hospital with Renee during my surgery somehow seems to fail in comparison to what you all have given us. You will never be forgotten for the unmeasurable love you have shown us. I am on the road to recovery and slowly regaining my strength. I look forward to the Sunday very soon that I am back in the pulpit.

One of the constant things in my life especially the last few weeks has been prayer. I do not understand how people navigate life's trials without prayer. David said in Psalm 61:2 *"From the end of the earth I call to Thee, when my heart is faint; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."* What stands out to me in this verse is that we see that we have a part in reaching the higher rock. David doesn't ask God to put him on the rock but to lead him to the rock. Many times in our life we pray and then sit back and wait for God to act. If we are not careful, we can take the easy way and expect God to put forth all the effort. While we are to wait on God, Scripture also tells us that we still have a part in the answer to prayers.

When Israel was going into the promised land, God gave them the assurance that He would be with them and give them deliverance from their enemies in Canaan. However, the priests had to exercise their abilities and do what God had commanded them; they had to first step into the Jordan River before God separated the waters of the Jordan River. We see that the same was true with David in his battle with Goliath. To bring about victory over Goliath and the Philistines, God used David and what he could do. David still had to pick up the five stones, go out onto the battlefield, and sling the stone at Goliath before God would bring down the mighty giant. In so many examples we see God working miraculously but through the efforts of His people.

The same is true today. We must realize that we are an active part rather than a passive part in God answering prayers. Paul said in Ephesians 3:20 *"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."* God's great unlimited power works, and it works through us. We must believe that when we ask of God in prayer that He will show up. Our life of prayer reflects spiritual maturity when we get up off our knees and work amid difficulties all the while knowing that God is working with us and for us. As you pray this week ask God to answer your prayers but seek to be an active participant in the answer.

I look forward to being back with you very soon. God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Any ladies who are interested in participating in the *Centered Sisters*

Ministry

Forms and information are on the CS Table.

(See Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.)



The Shepherd's Pen

What happened to February? It has come and gone so quickly. We are in the month of March with Spring around the corner. Philip's presentation Sunday on Camp Meribah is a reminder how we can support camp through the Sunday School Classes weekly contributions toward camp. The goal is \$250.00 weekly, which is attainable with a personal commitment of only \$3.00. If your adult class is not collecting, please consider it. Jesus was familiar with the miraculous. He was present at the creation of the world. When he walked upon the earth He brought sight to the blind, he fed the multitudes with a young boy's lunch, and even raised the dead. During His ministry he encountered the rich and the righteous, the poor and the proud, the official and the outcast. Considering all that Jesus experienced, what could possibly cause Jesus to be amazed? In Matthew 8:5-10, we read about a Roman centurion. He was a man with upright character. We see in his character affection. He pleads with Jesus on behalf of his servant. (vs. 5-6) We see admiration. He was a Roman. A centurion with authority. He could have been arrogant, but he showed admiration toward Jesus. "I am not worthy that You should come under my roof." (vs. 8-9) We see assurance in Jesus. "But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed." (vs. 8) Jesus was impressed with this centurion. The scripture says he marveled. He was amazed. "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" (Matthew 8:10) When Jesus observes your faith, what is His response? Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.
Your Elders



Carter Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1

SUMMER CAMP

STAFF APPLICATIONS

ARE AVAILABLE

MARCH 8

LIGHTHOUSE

(JAGGER LAWSON)

MARCH 9-12

SR HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 22

BIRTHDAY

LIGHTHOUSE

SARA & JOSEPH

ISENBERG

MARCH 24

JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 27-31

SPRING BREAK

WEEK

SPRING IS GETTING READY TO SPRUNG, as is apparent by the beautiful glimpses of warm and sunny weather we have enjoyed over the past few days. While I'm sure there are still more winter temperatures left on the calendar, I am happy to start dreaming of warm, longer days, baseball season, fishing weather, and, of course, our favorite Spring youth events.

WE HAD A SUCCESSFUL WEEK OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES this past week, as the Lighthouse was the location of both a Wednesday night Lighthouse and Jr High Fireside. Maty Hunt and her family did an excellent job hosting one of the largest Lighthouses of the year and fed the group a delicious supper of chicken and waffles. Joseph Isenberg and his family also did a great job hosting a great Jr High Fireside with a fantastic group of young people. Our busy youth calendar is full of activities requiring hosts, and our youth group is blessed with so many willing families who give their time, energy, and money to host our events. Thank you!

WE WANT YOU to work at Camp Meribah this summer. Camp Meribah staff applications will be available beginning March 1st, and we are expecting a fantastic staff of both returning and new staff members. Applications can be picked up in the church office, Lighthouse, or Youth News Board. Remember that priority of positions will be given to returning staff members and then to those who are active members of the Lord's Church.

WILL YOU BEGIN PRAYING WITH ME for the upcoming Sr High Retreat? We have a great group of 30 students and adults set to travel to Gatlinburg March 9-12 for one of the best weekends of the year for our youth ministry. I hope that you will begin praying for our students and chaperones to have a fun, safe, and spiritually uplifting weekend!

Encouragement is a powerful tool that can uplift and inspire those around us. When we encourage others, we show them that we believe in them and that they are capable of great things. This can help to build their confidence and motivate them to keep going, even in difficult circumstances. The apostle Paul also wrote extensively about the importance of encouragement. In his letter to the Thessalonians, he urged them to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). He also wrote to the Corinthians, reminding them that God is the ultimate source of encouragement and comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). As followers of Christ, we have a responsibility to be encouragers to those around us. We can do this by offering words of assurance, listening with compassion, and being a source of support in times of need. When we encourage others, we

reflect the love and kindness of God and help to build up His kingdom. May we all strive to be encouragers to those around us, lifting them up with our words and actions and pointing them toward the hope and comfort that can be found in Christ alone. Have a great week!
In Him, Carter

AREA EVENTS..

...Area-Wide Singing at the McEwen Church of Christ Friday, March 3, 2023. 7 P.M. Refreshments and Fellowship To Follow.

...Ladies' Day at the Walnut Street Church of Christ March 4, 2023 9:00 A.M. Speaker: Holly Spencer "Coming To The Table" Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. *Light Breakfast snacks will be served.

...Friends & Family Day at the Brushy Church of Christ March 5, 2023. Speaker: Kevin Johnston Bible Class: 9 A.M. Worship 10 A.M. Followed by Fellowship Meal and 1 P.M. Evening Worship

...Ladies & Young Ladies Day at the Brushy Church of Christ March 18, 2023. 8:30 A.M.— Lunch "Being Ladies of Legacy— Pass It On" Cathy Powell & Katie Bell RSVP Amy Johnston 931-623-8813 or Clara Shannon 931-608-6408 if you plan to attend.

Sympathy



Georgia Moss

1938 -2023

...We express our sympathy to the family of Georgia Moss who passed away. Georgia was a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for several years. She was a resident of the Life Care Center. To her son Andy (Teresa) Maddox, daughter Lisa (Wayne) Baker, all grandchildren family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Robert Worley who passed away in Memphis. He was the cousin of Joey (Charlene) Hunt.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Michael Daughtery who passed away. He was the son of Carl Daughtery and cousin of Shane (Tammy) Willis.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Brenda Pittman who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Richard Totty who passed away. He was the cousin of Belinda (Mike) Potts.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

February 26
\$ 12,434.80

Camp: \$ 111.35

Budget: \$13,989.00

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Betty Banks, Jordan Scott, Madelyn Owens, Dr. Jerry Nash, Brenda Powers Smith, Evan Mathis, Mark Vaughn, Dan Wallace, David Nash, Linda Shelton, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Juanita Bowman, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Liz Bryant, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Happy Birthday!



Jane Talley
81 Years Old
March 1, 2023



Dorris Claud
84 Years Old
March 20, 2023



Please Pray For Those Who Are Sick And Shut-in...

Please Pray For:

...Kay Shaw, sister of Sandy McFarlin and Reba Horner, will have surgery Thursday at Vanderbilt.

...Leon Gilbert will have hip replacement surgery March 3rd.

...Guy Ward Davidson, brother of Corene Allen, is dealing with health problems. He is at The Meadows in Bellevue.

...Todd Parsley had a heart ablation on Friday at St. Thomas West. He is recovering at home.

...Rodney Gilbert, nephew of Leon & Samuel Gilbert, was in an accident and has a broken collar bone, stitches in his head and a shoulder injuries.

...Dottie Cavender, aunt of Jim Prince, has a broken back.

...Deanie Bryant will have surgery March 2nd for cancer removal.

...Ezra Dickerson, grandson of Ken & Tina, is having a lot of pain due to kidney stones and will see his urologist on Thursday.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Janet Barber, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home: Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital: Arch McCord

Home: Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Martha Weber, Billy & Juanita Garner

Thank You

John Givens writes: " Thank you to those who remembered by birthday with cards and calls. I appreciated your thoughtfulness."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Youth Ministry in memory of Marvin Truett and the Christian life he lived by Dr. Jerry and Marilyn Nash.

...a Memorial has been given to the African Mission Fund memory of Bert Mathis for his work in the Lord's kingdom by Dr. Jerry and Marilyn Nash.

Education Ministry

Provides an environment for the teaching of God's word to all ages, from babies to seniors. This includes both Sunday morning and Wednesday night classes. Also, to make God's word a pattern for our daily lives.



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Contribution Deposit Preparation

To secure, count, and prepare the deposit of all contributions directed to the church. This includes Sunday morning, Sunday night, and all special contributions during the year.



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In the coming weeks, we will be featuring the *Deacons* and the *Ministries / Committees* they oversee.

Those To Serve In March

<p><u>Prayer Week of March 5</u></p> <p>S.M.W. Randy Wright</p> <p>S.M.D. Colby Shelton</p> <p>S.E.W. Alan Potts</p> <p>S.E.D. Jim Prince</p> <p>W.E.B.S Kevin Isenberg</p> <p>W.E.D. Joseph Isenberg</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March 5</p> <p>Read Scripture: Justin Beard</p> <p>Preside: Robert Bowman</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY: Tara Chessor</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BAPT. CLOTHING: Carolyn Brown</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Meals On Wheels March</p> <p>3/1: Ken & Tina Dickerson 3/8: Shirley DeVore 3/15: Joy McDonald 3/22: Jean Qualls 3/29: Wayne Rediker</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p>	<p>Bible Hour March <i>Jeremy & Meredith Qualls, Weston Elkins, Major Qualls, Wyatt Aydelott, Will McDonald, Ellie Aydelott Meredith Kelley, Hailee Halliburton, Gracie Brown</i></p> <p>"I'm Special" Joseph</p> <p>Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans</p> <hr/> <p>USHERS: Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RADIO ROOM MARCH</p> <p>Media Director: Andy Weber Video: Patrick Allen Sound: Jim Hudgins Mac/Keynote: Aden Weber</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Communion P.M. March</u> <i>Heath Buchanan</i> <i>Robert Bowman</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SERVED IN THE CHAPEL</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Boys To Pass Out Cards During Closing Announcements</u></p> <p>2/5: Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson 2/12: Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins 2/19: Bo McDonald, Boone Newsome Brody Chessor, Bryson Chessor 2/26: Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson, Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls</p>				
<p><u>Elders' Prayer: March 5</u></p> <p>Shane Willis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Greeters March 2023</u></p> <p>Eric & Becky Coleman Keithen & Laura Harris Jim & Lesley Hudgins Joey & Charlene Hunt</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><u>Life Care Center</u></td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"><u>St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="border: none;"> <p>3/5 Jeremy Qualls 3/12 Shane Willis 3/19 Matthew Dotson 3/26 Daniel Dressler</p> </td> <td style="border: none;"> <p>3/5 Robert Bowman 3/12 Marshall Spencer 3/19 Daniel Dressler 3/26 Alan Potts</p> </td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</p>		<u>Life Care Center</u>	<u>St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home</u>	<p>3/5 Jeremy Qualls 3/12 Shane Willis 3/19 Matthew Dotson 3/26 Daniel Dressler</p>	<p>3/5 Robert Bowman 3/12 Marshall Spencer 3/19 Daniel Dressler 3/26 Alan Potts</p>
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