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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

ALWAYS ABOUNDING

STEADFAST & IMMOVABLE IN 2022



John 7:16, Jesus said, *"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me."* It leads us to ask the question; Does doctrine matter? Is it important today? Is it relevant today? These are important questions. I was recently told that our doctrine was old-fashioned and outdated, so it implores us to answer those questions. Think about it, why would Jesus bother to inform us that the source of His doctrine was from His Father? Does anyone really believe that Jesus could have taught any doctrine He pleased and still laid claim to being God's Son? His love for God bound Him to teach only His doctrine.

Obedying the right doctrine frees us from our sin. The Romans obeyed a specific form of doctrine in order to be freed from sin. *"But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness"* (Romans 6:17-18).

Teaching the wrong doctrine invalidates our worship. In Matthew 15:9 Jesus said, *"And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."* The fact that so many denominational groups teach as doctrines the commandments of men no doubt explains why they want to convince us that doctrine is unimportant. If doctrine doesn't matter then it's open season to do what one wants in life and in worship. Following the wrong doctrine results in departing from the faith. *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons"* (I Timothy 4:1).

Whoever does not stick with the doctrine of Christ, does not have God. *"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son"* (II John 9). That's clear and precise. Following the right doctrine frees us from sin, but having the wrong doctrine makes our worship useless, causes us to depart from the faith and separates us from God.

Yes, Doctrine does matter, and it is still just as relevant and vital today as it was in the first century. Man is the one who wants to determine relevance not God.

What attitude will we have toward doctrine if we love God? If we truly love others, how concerned will we be about teaching them only the doctrine that is correct and sound? The apostle Paul told Timothy to *"charge some that they teach no other doctrine"* (I Timothy 1:3). Paul understood that doctrine was important. Paul loved God and man so much that he wanted only the one true doctrine to be taught then and for all time. God Bless -Todd

"Bought Back"



Lessons Learned about Jesus
based on the life of Peter.

Each Wednesday in March 7pm

Speaker: Jim Brown



Wednesday Night Dinner
March 16, 2022 5:30-6:30
in the Fellowship Hall

Menu: Barbeque, Bake Beans, Slaw,
Chips will be provided.

Please Bring Desserts!



The Shepherd's Pen

A wonderful day Sunday with two uplifting services. It was good to see the sunny sky and the feel of warmer weather. The March Series "*Bought Back*" with Jim Brown continues. Jim has done an outstanding job. His lessons have opened the scripture to the close relationship between Jesus and Peter. Though Peter had his faults and weaknesses, Jesus always saw his potential. There will be a fellowship meal prior to Wednesday service 5:30pm – 6:30pm. Come and join us. We live in a fallen world, and sometimes the pressures of life can paralyze us. Jesus said, "*These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*" (Matthew 16:33) The deep oceans can crush a submarine made of thick steel, but a little fish with the thinnest layer of skin swim there without a care in the world. Why are they not crushed? Those fish have an internal pressure that perfectly corresponds to the pressure from the outside. God gave them what they need to swim in the deep places. When faced with the pressure of tribulation, trials, and adversity, we don't need skin made of steel. We need a power inside us that corresponds to the pressure from outside. That power comes from the presence of Jesus who lives within us. *Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.* (1 John 3:24) Surrounded by pressure? Sense the presence of Jesus. Rest secure in Him. Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through. *Your Elders*

Senior High Retreat



Sympathy



Cora Ward

1930-2022

We express our sympathy to the family of Cora Ward who passed away. Cora was a long time member of the Centerville Church of Christ. She loved raising flowers and sharing them with nursing homes, senior citizens and friends. To her daughter Donna Beakley, sons Robert Ward and Walker Ward we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Chris Johnston who passed away. He was the son of Ann Johnston.

...We express our sympathy to the family of George Peterson who passed away. He was the father of Lesley (Jim) Hudgins and the grandfather of Brandy, Alexis, Dakota and Houston.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Rebeca Anderson who passed away in Morristown, Tennessee. She was a friend of Abigail Loveless.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Morrison Scholarship Fund in memory of Claudine Morrison by Shirley King.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Cora Ward by the following: Alice W. Clardy, Iva Jinnette,

...a Memorial has been given to the new Sound System in memory of Claudine Morrison and Winnie Copley Coll by Don Luther.

March Items:
Velveeta Cheese
The Tennessee

Children's Home Truck
Will Be Here March 17th!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 13th: \$ 12,555.15

Camp: \$ 247.00

Budget: \$ 13,532.00

Baptism

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Daniel Selvidge who was baptized March 9, 2022 by Matthew Dotson.

Thank You

Karen Bridges writes: " To My Church Family & Friends, Thank you so much for the calls, cards, food, and prayers during my recent illness and for my great-nephew, Ethan Hubbard. Your acts of kindness & prayers are true blessings to my family and me! In Christian Love..."

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Gary Sawyer, Scott Redford, Alden Chilton, Lowell Parsley, Danny Mathis, John Smith, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Alice Farrough, Amy Sanders, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Kari Pitts, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley



...J.B. Brown is in St. Thomas West in a lung rehab. His address:

St. Thomas West
Specialty Hospital Room 636
4220 Harding Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37205

...Hannah Carter is at home and doing well.

...Rebeca Mears' bone marrow transplant has been postponed for 5 weeks. She will be treated for a fungal infection in her lungs.

...Kevin Lawson, brother-in-law of Chris & Cyndi Hughes, is slowly improving each day.

...Mary Bryant, sister-in-law of Margaret (Jerry) Yates, has been moved to AHC in Lewis County for rehab.

...Ann Wells, mother of Randall (Christy) Wells, is doing well following surgery.

...Sellers Crain will have leg surgery March 21st.

...Sue Crain has been diagnosed with double pneumonia.

...Barbara Chandler, sister of Bobby McCoy, has returned home from Centennial Hospital. She has improved.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances Qualls, Brownie Mayberry, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

Home: Priscilla Barber, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

LADIES –

If you are interested in participating in the Centered Sisters Ministry this year, please fill out a form and give it to Tina Dickerson by Sunday, March 27th. Names will be drawn the following week.



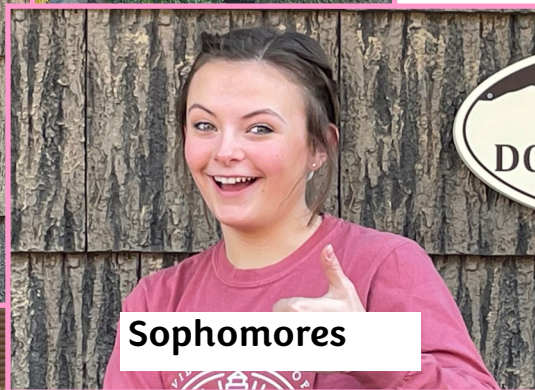
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BalanceAsCentered Sisters

Senior High Retreat 2022

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Freshmen



Sophomores



Juniors



Seniors

Prayer Week of March 20

S.M.W.
Philip Jacobs

S.M.D.
Weston Elkins

S.E.W.
Alan Potts

S.E.D.
Cameron Wright

W.E.B.S
Bill McDonald

W.E.D.
James Aydelott

Preside March 20

Brian Qualls

Read Scripture March 20

Caleb Odom

Elders' Prayer
March 20

Wayne Qualls