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"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

**"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life."
Revelation 2:10**

In our Wednesday night study of the book of Revelation, we recently discussed the subject of will we be known and recognized in heaven? There are two passages of scripture that come to my mind which give evidence to us to believe we will know one another there. The first is the transfiguration found in Matthew 17; Mark 9 and Luke 9. Christ was transfigured there on the mountain and there appeared with him Moses and Elijah. Moses had been dead at this point for nearly 1500 years. Elijah, we know did not die, he was taken up to heaven in 2 Kings 2:11. The body of Moses turned back to dust and Elijah had been changed. They both were clothed with different bodies from what they had here on earth. Still, they appeared to the disciples and were talking to Jesus. They both were clearly recognized. Second, the rich man and Lazarus found in Luke 16:19-31. The rich man recognized Lazarus and Abraham in the next life. The rich man still possessed memory, for he was told to remember that in this world he had many good things and Lazarus had evil things. A great gulf separated the two and although it was too late for the rich man to change, we see there was recognition in the life to come.

The scripture teaches that at the resurrection, it is our physical bodies that will be changed, not our spirit. 1 Corinthians 15 tells us that this earthly body will be changed from a mortal one to an immortal one. There is no doubt at all that mortal and the corruptible refer to our physical bodies. When we are raised from the dead, we shall have a body which God will give us. It will be a changed body. It will be an immortal and incorruptible body. This being true, we will not be known in heaven by our physical bodies as we are known here, but we will be known by our spiritual bodies, given to us by God.

Jesus, Moses and Elijah were transfigured, but at the same time they were recognized. Our bodies will be transformed into the likeness of His body in the glorified state. John wrote, *"Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is"* (1 John 3:2). If we shall recognize God in His form, then, does it not stand to reason that we shall recognize one another in heaven. How that will happen our finite minds cannot comprehend, must less try and explain it. But, by the same faith that we believe and accept all the miracles of the Bible, we can anticipate and accept that this great miracle will occur at the resurrection.

The thought of knowing each other in heaven is a great source of hope for us as Christians and should motivate us even more to please God and be assured that someday we will live forever in that beautiful land we call heaven. I hope to SEE you there!!

God Bless, Todd

Carter's Corner



There Will Be A
Drop By
Baby Shower...
In The Lobby of
The Outreach Center

Sunday, March 21, 2021

for

Carter and Shelby Hoover

Time: 1-3 P.M.



Drop- Off! Baby Shower



There will be a drop off
shower for

Cody & Katie Woods

on March 21st & 28th in the
lobby.

IT'S A BOY!



There will be a work day at Camp Meribah on March 20th at 7:30 A.M. at the rock quarry to prepare for the outdoor singing. Please meet at 7:30 A.M. and be prepared to cut brush.



AS YOU COULD SEE BY OUR PICTURES last week, we had a terrific time on the Sr. High Retreat on Lake Weiss in Cedar Bluff, Alabama. The weather was perfect, the lake house was beautiful and had plenty of space for our group, and the students and adults had a great attitude towards spending the weekend together, free from the distractions of daily life. I think that it is safe to say that the 2021 Sr. High Retreat ranks at the top of a decade of retreats that I have been able to be a part of leading. I am thankful for the great help that we had that weekend from Shelby, Craig, Misty, Matthew, & Cissy, and I know that both students and adults left the weekend feeling refreshed and renewed in our commitment to Christ.

Upcoming Events

March 24

Lighthouse

(Sara True)

5:00-7:00

March 21

Jr. High Retreat

Deadline

March 26-27

Jr. High Retreat

Camp Meribah

April 4

Sparks & Intermediates

Egg Hunt

After Sunday School

April 7

Lighthouse

(Bryce Hughes)

5:00-7:00

MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR COPY of the Spring youth calendar this week. During the hustle and bustle of getting ready to leave for the Sr. High Retreat, many students allowed our new calendars for March, April, and May to slip by without picking one up. We have a great calendar of events scheduled this Spring and I hope you choose to be involved.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE JR. HIGH RETREAT is quickly approaching. Don't forget to sign up using our online registration and turn in your money (\$30) by this Sunday, March 21st. The Jr. High Retreat is scheduled for March 26-27 at Camp Meribah. We have a fun weekend planned that you certainly won't want to miss!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL EGG HUNT on Easter Sunday, April 4th. All of our Sparks & Intermediate-aged students will meet in the new lobby outside of the auditorium after Sunday School to get ready to hunt eggs. I have such fond memories of leaving Sunday School on Easter Sunday and being excited to hunt eggs all over our facilities here at the building and I am looking

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Carter's Corner Continued...

forward to the nostalgia of watching Cade hunt eggs just like my childhood days. Start planning now to be here for our Easter service and bring your baskets for the egg hunt to follow!

"Songs put into words what we want to say to God but don't know how to say." This statement was made by one of our high school students this past Wednesday night when asked the question, "Why should Christians sing?". Not only is singing a commandment that we find in God's word, but singing is also helpful in our daily walk with God. Songs help us to learn about God and His Word, feel connected with other Christians during worship, and focus our minds and thoughts on God. I encourage you this week to spend some time praising God through song. Let us all do as the Psalmist writes in Psalm 100. "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Have a great week!
In Him, Carter

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Day School in memory of Ruth Reece by Bobby and Valerie McCoy.
...a Memorial has been given to the African Mission Fund for bibles in memory of Bobby Orton by Jerry & Marilyn Nash.

Thank You

Lee & Cassidy Orton write: "Thank you so much for the prayers, calls, and visits during my father's illness. You all are such a blessing to our family."
Karen & Gary Phillips write: "Thank you for your care and concern during the illness and death of my brother, Bobby Orton. Your cards, calls, texts, and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you also for the planter in the shape of a tractor. He would have smiled at that. Sincerely..."

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of 16 year old Daniel Litton who passed away.
...We express our sympathy to the family of Anna Kilpatrick who passed away.
...We express our sympathy to the family of Richard (Dick) Brackett who passed away. To his wife Joyce and children we express our deepest sympathy.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 14:
\$ 12, 753.05

Camp:
\$ 550.50

Budget:
\$ 12,979.00

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Sam & Kayla Umberg on the birth of a baby girl March 13, 2021. Charleston Renee weighed 8 lbs. 5 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Todd & Renee Parsley.



CENTERED SISTERS

There will be a "Refreshment" gathering Sunday, March 21st, 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Names for this year will be drawn at that time!

(Social Distancing protocol will be followed)

Cast All Your Anxiety
On Him Because He
Cares **For You.**
I Peter 5:7



...John Thomas Givens is in Maury Regional Hospital for tests.
...Walker Corbitt, brother of Lynda (Peter) Houston, is still very sick in Vanderbilt Hospital.
...Kenneth Dotson, brother of Stephen, will be having surgery March 17th.
...Ruth Staggs is having a lot of health problems and has been in a lot of pain.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:
Betty Davis, Sue McNabb, Bobby Breece, Pearl Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan, Sybil Jenkins

NHC Dickson: Elizabeth Givens

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Terry James John Dennison, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Diane Hubbs, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Cletus Carroll, Lonnie Gilliam, Phil Shelton, Ann Laurant Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Gary Hogan, Ruth Staggs, Jessie Seagraves, Donna Pittman, Pam Griggs, Donna Roberts, Brad Sullivan, Carl & Janice Ruff, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Ruth Staggs, Donna Gaspard, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Norma Aydelott, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Kitty Pharris, Ann & J.C. Wells, Ann Spencer

Home: Mildred Bridges, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Gatewood, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055
Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Jr. High Retreat

...March 26-27
Jr. High Retreat at Camp Meribah

...March 29-April 2
School System Spring Break



...April 4
Easter Sunday Egg Hunt On The Lawn At 11 A.M.



...April 25th
Outdoor Singing At
The Rock Quarry At Camp Meribah 4 P.M.




The Shepherd's Pen

In Paul's letter to the church in Philippi, he wrote, *"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ."* (Philippians 3:8) It is almost impossible to comprehend how a world so full of information can be lacking in understanding. We are challenged to keep up with the newest trends, urged to stay competent in the latest technology. But have such endeavors filled our lives with true meaning and hope? One problem is that these endeavors, as worthy as they are, are not big enough to capture our hearts. As a Christian we have a more exciting and compelling goal. That goal is to know Christ Jesus. Not just to know about Jesus or gather facts concerning Jesus, or memorize a few verses regarding Jesus, but to have a relationship with Jesus. The difference is like knowing the recipe for your favorite pie or sinking your teeth into a fresh slice of the pie. Formulas cannot do justice to the experience. The fact is Jesus redeemed us by His death on the cross. How we thank Him for this! *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."* (Galatians 2:20) Once we know Christ, once we experience Him, we only hunger for more of Him. Paul also wrote in his letter to the church in Philippi, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) Pursue Him with all your passion. Refuel, Refresh, and Regroup today. If needed hit the "reset" button. Jesus is waiting to help you move in step with Him. It is wonderful to see many of you back in the assembly for worship service. Looking forward to Sunday and the forecasted weather is looking to be beautiful Spring day. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!
Your Elders



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Message
931-729-5055

<p><u>Prayer Week</u> <u>Of March 21</u></p> <p><u>S.M.W.</u> Edgar Beard</p> <p><u>S.M.D.</u> Wyatt Aydelott</p> <p><u>S.E.W.</u> Alan Potts</p> <p><u>S.E.D.</u> Eddie Boone</p> <p><u>W.E.B.S.</u> John Jacobs</p> <p><u>W.E.D.</u> Weston Elkins</p>	<p><u>Preside</u> <u>March 21</u></p> <p>Daniel Dressler</p> <p><u>Elder's Prayer</u> <u>March 21</u></p> <p>Wayne Qualls</p> <p><u>Read Scripture</u> <u>March 21</u></p> <p>Caleb Odom</p>
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