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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also on Me" (John 14:1). To me, there isn't a more encouraging verse than this one. Jesus tells us to not worry or be troubled in any way.

Jesus was preparing His disciples for His departure; His return to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, to rule over His eternal kingdom. When you put yourself in the apostle's place, this was a terrifying feeling to know that things were about to change. We know and understand from the scriptures that when a loved one who is faithful to God dies, we will see them again if we ourselves live a faithful life. There is comfort in knowing that and Jesus is promising that in John 14; *"That where I am, there you may be also..."*.

The apostles didn't quite understand that He was saying He would still be with them, but He was. And He is! He's still with us too. Listen to the rest of what Jesus had to say: *"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know"* (John 14:2-4).

Those men who were terrified that Jesus was leaving them alone in this world needed to know that He would be coming back to get them; He wasn't leaving them all alone. And when you feel as though He has left you all alone, you need to know that He is now, preparing a place for you and He is coming back to get you and all those who belong to Him. Jesus didn't leave us in the dark. He told us where He was going and how we could follow Him. He left us an example to follow (1 Peter 2:21-24). He intended for us to follow His example so that we can be with Him in heaven when that time comes. He may not be here now in person, but He is here spiritually speaking. He has not gone and left us alone. He has told us how to get where He is and that if we will do those faithful things, He will come again and take us home to be with Him.

We find ourselves right now in an unprecedented time of uncertainty. The whole world seems to have lost it's mind. Through all of this discouragement, here is the encouragement that I find: Jesus is coming back to get all of us who are faithfully serving Him, even through times as difficult as this. He is still God and He still reigns in heaven. *"Let not your heart be troubled"*.

God Bless -Todd

"Bought Back"



Lessons Learned about Jesus
based on the life of Peter.

Each Wednesday in March 7pm

Speaker: Jim Brown



Turks & Caicos Mission Work



Our congregation's longest continuous mission efforts have been in the Caribbean islands of Turks and Caicos. Through the providence of God, a connection was made through the preaching of the Gospel over a national radio program by Paul Rogers, and the Centerville congregation began a 30+ year effort to establish a faithful congregation on the islands. Many from Centerville have made multiple trips to assist in the spiritual growth and physical construction of facilities. A financial commitment to this effort has been made by the elders and funded by our congregation with a significant contribution from the Mable Dunn family fund.

Pictured is the Turks and Caicos preacher, Jack Phanor, outside the church building, and the congregation inside their building.

Carter's Corner



THE BEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR...or at least one of the best weekends of the year is upon us! Our excellent Sr. High group is getting ready to head to Gatlinburg this Thursday evening to take part in our annual Sr. High Retreat. This trip has been one of my favorite events since I was a student growing up in the youth group. There's just something about spending a weekend together to rest, relax, and refocus with each other that is good for the soul, and I am looking forward to another great trip this year. We have a group of 30 students and adults attending a beautiful Gatlinburg chalet overlooking the main Gatlinburg strip, and the weatherman is telling us it should be a beautiful weekend. Please continue to pray for us to have a fun, safe, and beneficial weekend together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1
SUMMER CAMP
STAFF APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE

MARCH 2
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
(7:00AM, FISH CAMP)

MARCH 3-6
SR. HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 9
LIGHTHOUSE
LIBERTY & JOSEPH MCCAULEY

MARCH 17
PRAYER BREAKFAST
KEN & TINA DICKERSON

MARCH 23
LIGHTHOUSE
HAILEE & AUSTIN
HALLIBURTON

MARCH 25
JR. HIGH LOCK-IN

WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT this past Sunday night for our Jr. High Fireside. Our Jr. High group is so good at inviting their friends and making sure that our Jr. High activities are always well attended. A special thanks goes to Ryan and Lauren McDonald for hosting the group for us!

CAMP MERIBAH STAFF APPLICATIONS are now available. We have another great summer planned on The Hill and we are looking forward to having another great staff working with us. Applications are available in the office, in the lobby, on the youth news board, and on the summer camp website. Applications are due back by April 1st.

WE ALL KNOW TOO WELL what it feels like to be up-to-your-eyeballs busy. You're going a thousand miles per hour, but it all seems to be for the right reason. You're loaded up with responsibilities at work, with your family, and at church. It's a lot to handle, so it's easy to get frazzled. And how much of it truly matters in the long run? Jesus sat and talked while Martha scurried around her home, trying to make sure things were just right. Her sister, Mary, sat at the feet of Jesus and listened intently to what He had to say. When Martha complained that Mary wasn't helping in the kitchen, Jesus responded that Mary had made the right choice. She was focused solely on Him, and Martha was not. This lesson teaches us that it is okay to slow down once in a while so you can focus on the important things in life. With that in mind, what are some areas where you could possibly cut back? Challenge

yourself this week to carve out the things that aren't truly important. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Dan Elkins by Ken & Tina Dickerson.
...a Memorial has been given to the Morrison Scholarship Fund in memory of Claudine Morrison by Doug Shepherd.

Area Events

...17th Annual Area Wide Singing at the Plainview Church of Christ 14500 Highway 2341-431 Hazel Green, Alabama 35750 March 11, 2022 7-9p Songbook: *Songs of Faith and Praise* Refreshments After Singing



March Items:

Velveeta Cheese

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

Feb. 27, 2022

\$ \$15,229.00

Camp:

\$ 253.00

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00

Thank You

Dorothy Weatherspoon writes: " Thanks so much for all of the prayers, calls, and cards during my recent illness. Please continue to pray for me as I am still in pain."

John Givens writes: " It is good to be remembered when you are confined to home and I want to thank all those who made my birthday special with cards, calls and even a cake."

Liz Bryant writes: " Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the love shown me through your prayers, cards, calls, and food gifts. My cervical neck surgery went well but I'm still weak and have more doctor visits to make. All you have done has been encouraging and helped in recovering. I am blessed to belong to such a caring church family. Thanks again..."



...J.B. Brown is in St. Thomas Mid-Town. He improving each day.

...Brownie Mayberry has returned to the Life Care Center.

...Ronald Loveless of the Twomey Church of Christ, is in Maury Regional Hospital with respiratory problems.

...Rebeca Mears had a bone marrow biopsy and scans on Monday. She will have a bronchoscopy Monday, March 7th at Centennial Hospital.

...John Smith is recovering from eye surgery.

...Kevin Lawson, brother-in-law of Chris & Cyndi Hughes, is very sick in ICU at Vanderbilt Hospital. He is showing signs of improvement.

...Danny Mathis, father of Kim (Jonathan) Jenkins, is in the VA Hospital in Nashville with health problems.

...Lowell Parsley, father of Todd, is not doing as well due to the Guillain-Barre' Syndrome.

...Sellers Craine is recovering from a leg procedure and will have the other leg procedure in a few weeks.

...Mary Bryant, sister-in-law of Margaret (Jerry) Yates, is in ICU at Vanderbilt Hospital due to a car accident Monday.

Dorris & Margie Claud:
The Waters At Springfield
704 5th Avenue East
Room 121
Springfield, TN. 37172

Nursing Home Life Care Center:
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

Recovering from surgery or other illness: John Smith, Chandler Rowe, 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: Joy Adams, Jimmy Griffin, George Peterson, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

March Celebrations!



Ruth McFarlin
86 Years Old
March 14, 2022



Dorris Claud
83 Years Old
March 20, 2022



The Shepherd's Pen

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

We had another Sunday with good attendance. An uplifting day and the weather this week looks "beautiful." This Wednesday night is the beginning of our March Series with Jim Brown. The work in the auditorium continues this week and will be completed Sunday. Due to the ongoing work, this week we will meet in the fellowship hall for Wednesday night service instead of the auditorium. Invite someone to come! When we hear the word *stewardship*, the thought of money usually comes to mind. The definition of *stewardship* is the responsible overseeing and protection of something considered worth caring for and preserving. Stewardship is just not about money; it is about everything. Stewardship is a way of life. Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy" nothing is ours. Nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything; we are responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. A *steward* is one who manages the possessions of another. We are all stewards of the resources, abilities, and opportunities that God has entrusted to our care, and one day each one of us will give an account for how we have managed what the God has given us. Our life is bookended with conception (beginning - Jeremiah 1:5) and death (Hebrews 9:27). In between these two points is *time*. We are stewards of our time. We are responsible for overseeing, protecting, caring, and preserving. "*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*" (Ephesians 5:15-16) Godliness is the result of a disciplined spiritual life. But at the heart of a disciplined spiritual life is the disciplined use of *time*. Why use your time wisely? Because the days are evil. Sin abounds. Christians should seize upon every opportunity to do good and make the most of *time*. There are things in this world that can draw us away from the practice of godliness. Things that would rob our *time* for effective use. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8, "*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.*" Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders

Those To Serve in March

<p><u>Prayer Week of March 6</u></p> <p><u>S.M.W.</u> John Bradley</p> <p><u>S.M.D.</u> Colby Shelton</p> <p><u>S.E.W.</u> James Aydelott</p> <p><u>S.E.D.</u> Patrick Allen</p> <p><u>W.E.B.S</u> John Jacobs</p> <p><u>W.E.D.</u> Gethlyn Gardner</p>	<p><u>BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN March</u></p> <p>3/6: Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson, Bo McDonald</p> <p>3/13: Boone Newsom, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson</p> <p>3/20: Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins, Jagger Lawson</p> <p>3/27: Cade Hoover, Boone Newsom, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson</p> <p><u>Read Scripture March 6</u> Dr. Jerry Nash</p> <p><u>Elders' Prayer March 6</u> Gary Gatewood</p>	<p><u>Meals On Wheels</u></p> <p>3/2: Ken & Tina Dickerson 3/9: Shirley DeVore 3/16: Joy McDonald 3/23: Jean Qualls 3/30: Wayne Rediker</p> <p><u>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</u></p> <p><u>Bible Hour: Jeremy & Meredith Qualls, John Jacobs, Weston Elkins, Major Qualls, Kate Peters, Ellie Aydelott, Sara True</u></p> <p><u>I'm Special "Joseph"</u></p> <p>Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Green Beans</p> <p><u>Greeters:</u></p> <p>George & Cindy Garland Calvin & Dee Hoover Jim & Lesley Hudgins Chris & Cyndi Hughes</p>	<p><u>RADIO ROOM</u></p> <p>Andy Weber John Jacobs Jim Hudgins Aden Weber</p> <p><u>NURSERY:</u> Tara Chessor</p> <p><u>BAPT. CLOTHING:</u> Glenda Dorton</p> <p><u>USHERS:</u></p> <p>Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor</p> <p><u>P.M. Communion Houston Hudgins Jim Hudgins SERVED IN THE CHAPEL</u></p>
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