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Todd Parsley "From Where I Sít"



There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" Ephesians 4:4-6.

In Ephesians 4:6, three characteristics of the "one God and Father" are revealed. First, He is the Father "of all," including Jews and Gentiles. Second, He is "above all." Jesus taught that the Father is "in heaven", and Isaiah showed how He "sits upon the circle of the earth" (Isaiah 40:22). Third, He is "through all, and in you all." A similar statement in 1 Corinthians 8:6 indicates that God possesses this characteristic because He is the Creator of everything: "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him."

We can know that God exists by observing the various objects He has created. According to Psalm 19:1-6, the objects in the heavens declare a message that any person can hear, regardless of the language he speaks. This universal message is that God created these heavenly bodies. The evidence for God's existence is so overwhelming that David said, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God" (Psalm 14:1).

To know about God's nature, His will, and the blessings He provides, we must turn to His revealed Word. In the 23rd Psalm, David listed twelve special blessings he enjoyed because of knowing God as his shepherd. Also, in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14, Solomon showed how fearing God and keeping His commandments are of utmost importance because everyone will one day face God in judgment. Paul taught us in Acts 17:22-31 that there is one true God, that He cannot be compared to any image, and that He requires everyone to repent. And Jesus revealed how God feels when a sinner repents in Luke 15:7, 10, 20-24.

The "one faith" teaches that the "one God and Father" wants you to believe that the "one Lord" is His only begotten Son, and He wants you to submit to the "one baptism". If you will do so, the Lord will add you to His "one body," you will have the "one hope" of eternal life, and you will gain access to the blessings provided by the "one Spirit."

The inspired writings of the Bible are unquestionable in its teaching of the "ones" of the Christian faith. Regardless of what the world might say. God says there is but "One church, one spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and certainly one God who is greater than all. Who will you believe?

God Bless, -Todd

April Celebrations



Janet Barber 81 Years Old April 3, 2021



Albren & Margie Copley Married 72 Years April 9, 2021



Charles & Linda Shelton Married 54 Years April 14, 2021



Ruth Staggs 85 Years Old April 22, 2021



Mildred Bridges 97 Years Old April 28, 2021 598 Jenkins Drive Centerville, TN. 37033



Carter's Corner



Upcoming Events

April 4

Sparks & Intermediates

Egg Hunt

April 7 **Lighthouse** (Bryce Hughes) 5:00-7:00

April 11 Jr. & Sr. High Fireside (Hayden & Jordan Harrison)

5th Quarter: Extra Innings (Immediately following the HCHS baseball game.)

April 16

April 28 **Lighthouse**(Halliburton & Peters)

I WAS NERVOUS about the Jr. High Retreat that was converted into the Jr. High Lock-In this past Friday night and Saturday morning. I had not hosted a lock-in for youth group students since my first year in youth ministry ten years ago, and I was questioning my ability to hang with a group of young kids staying up all night long. I am happy to report, however, that I made it through the night just fine and it was, in fact, the Jr. High students who all tapped out and asked for a nap around 4:00 am. We had a great night of playing games, having devo, and spending time together both at Camp Meribah and in the Lighthouse. The weather was perfect for lots of fun games outside during the night, and I was thankful we were able to finish safely before all the bad weather moved in. A big thank you goes to our collegeaged alumni, Cameron Peters, Harrison Kelley, and Adley Elkins, who gave up the last Friday of their Spring Break to help chaperone all night long. I am also thankful for Sidney Hudgins and Harper Shelton for providing some much-needed late -night reinforcements and Misty and Ellie Aydelott for coming to camp to cook and serve breakfast for our students.

WE ARE IN NEED of lots of filled eggs and bags of candy for our upcoming Sparks & Intermediates Egg Hunt this Sunday following Bible Class. All children will need to meet in the "New Lobby" outside of the auditorium immediately following class so that eggs can be hidden, and the children can be organized for the egg hunt. All students Kindergarten-5th Grade will be hunting eggs in the grassy areas in the back of the auditorium and beside the belltower, and all children PreK and younger will be hunting eggs inside of the fenced-in playground below the Outreach Center. The forecast is calling for a beautiful day this coming Sunday, and I know that we have a great crowd of children and visitors for the egg hunt. Be on the lookout for some very special prize-eggs!

Enjoy your Spring Break Week! See you Sunday!

In Him, Carter

Area Events...Bible Lectureship Never Leave

The Lord 2021 Truth In Love Lectureship

May 12-16, 2021

17 Lessons in 5 Days Filled With Scripture And The Hope Of Heaven. View The Full Schedule At WWW.TRUTHINLOVELECTURESHIP.COM



The Shepherd's Pen

Wow! The first quarter of 2021 is behind us. It seems January, February, March have flown by. In these three months, we have experienced the death of several we loved. This church family was saddened by the death of Ruth Reese and Barry Anderson. Families have and Barry Anderson. Families have been directly affected by a death of a close love one. Our hearts are saddened during these times, but our hope renewed. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13) Over the past several weeks many have returned to the worship assembly. How wonderful it is to see assembly. How wonderful it is to see your faces again. We appreciate those involved in the Salt and Light ministry. If you received a card or letter of encouragement from them, thank them for caring. ""Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing." (I Thessalonians 5:11) We encourage, edify, strengthen one another to continue in the way of life and peace we share in Jesus Christ. We look forward to the month of April, this Sunday being Easter. The death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord should be in our hearts daily, motivating us to worship Him every Lord's day. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 25th. We are having a singing at Camp Meribah Rock Quarry beginning at 4pm. Looking forward to Sunday and the forecasted weather is looking to be beautiful day. Let us all be an <u>encouragement, enthusiastic,</u> and <u>engaged</u>! Your Elders

EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 4. 2021



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 28: \$ \$12,694.12

Camp: **\$ 253.00**

Budget: \$ 12,979.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Centerville Church of Christ Day School in memory of Floy Gatewood by Randy & Kim James.

Thank You

Ruth Staggs writes: "Dear Church Family, I could fill this whole page in expressing my gratitude for all your many cards, calls, food and most of all the many prayers. Today I awakened for the first time in three months feeling like the Ruth I used to be. Thank you, thank you. Thanks also for the gift certificates. Our church has been so kind and thoughtful! What a special church family! In Christian Love..."

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Sue McNabb who passed away. She was the mother-in-law of Susan McNabb.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jack Cooper who passed away. He was the brother of Martha Leath.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Gloria Love who passed away. She was the aunt of Letitia (Phillip) Allen.

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK



...Tony Duncan is recovering at home. ...Earline Warren, sister of Gary Gatewood, continues to be in ICU for the treatment of Covid.

...Sue Crain, wife of gospel preacher Sellers Crain, is recovering from eye surgery.

...Danny R. Gossett, husband of Rita Gossett, had a heart procedure Monday.

...Brieanna Duke is having her tonsils and adenoids removed April 2nd at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

...David Dansby is undergoing tests.

Nursing Home Life Care Center:
Betty Davis, 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: Kenneth Dotson, 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 Lauran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

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

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310

Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310

Rosewood Drive Memory Care

Columbia, tn. 38401









Those To Serve in April

<u>Prayer Week of</u> April 4

<u>S.M.W</u>. Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D. Clay Chessor

<u>S.E.W</u>. Marshall Spencer

> <u>S.E.D</u>. Joey Hunt

<u>W.E.B.S</u> Wayne Redkiker

> <u>W.E.D</u>. Major Qualls

BOYS TO PICK UP CARDS IN APRIL

4/4-Braydon Chessor, Bryson Chessor, Bruin Dotson, Keegan Dotson 4/11-Cade Hoover, Macray Qualls, Landon Jenkins, Logan Jenkins 4/18-Jagger Lawson, Jackson Mayberry, Walker Mayberry, Jackson McDonald 4/25-Bo McDonald, Boone Newsom, **Braydon Chessor, Bryson Chessor**

Please be up front by 8:50

RADIO ROOM

Andy Weber John Jacobs Jim Hudgins Aden Weber <u>NURSERY</u>: Amanda Mayberry

BAPT. CLOTHING: Susan Griggs

Elders' Prayer: Shane Willis

Bible Hour: April Ryan & Lauren McDonald, John Jacobs, Weston Elkins, Hayden Harrison, Harper Shelton, Sidney Hudgins, Kate Peters, Ellie Aydelott Stand Up For Jesus "Esther" Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Corn

Meals On Wheels

4/7: Diane Garrett 4/14: Susan Dotson

4/21: Becky Gatewood 4/28: Wayne & Carolyn Chessor

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

Lord's Supper P.M.

Jackson McDonald Ryan McDonald

Served in the Chapel

USHERS:

Ronald Coates Monty Dunn Don Chessor

<u>Read Scripture</u> Eli Jacobs

<u>Preside</u>

April 4:

Robert Bowman

April Greeters:
James & June Aydelott
Robert & Juanita Bowman
John & Debbie Bradley
George & Mary Sue Bragg