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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"The Results of Righteousness"
(Luke 7:1-10)

Sunday PM

"What Can the Church Do for Me?"
(James 4:1-6)

9AM and 5PM



It was a beautiful morning this past Sunday for us to come together for worship. I hope that you chose God over everything else and worshiped Him on the first day of the week. As the Bible clearly teaches and our theme for the year, we are to "Seek First" the kingdom of God. That takes a greater level of commitment in our lives than does anything else. It was so good for Renee and me to be able to finally be here. They say you don't really appreciate something until it's taken away. I hope that we never under appreciate the blessing of being able to gather to worship God on the First day of each week. It is fundamental to a faith that is pleasing to God.

When you consider all that the Bible teaches that is fundamental to Christianity, faith, (our faith) in God would have to be on top of that list. God is the creator and designer of the universe, or He is not. God is the author of all life in this world, or He is not. God is the source for eternal life for man, or He is not. There is no straddling the fence on these things. Faith in God as deity is basic to who we are as Christians. Without faith in God, all other teachings pertaining to Christianity are meaningless.

God created man in His own image. As a result, man has a moral consciousness of right and wrong. Among all beings on earth, only man inherently understands the concept of right and wrong, good and evil, righteousness and unrighteousness. Whatever goodness is within man's nature, God is the source of it. That faith underlies every teaching of Christianity. Choosing things of the world over God should violate our conscious unless our conscious has been seared to distinguish right from wrong. (1 Timothy 4:1-2)

Just about as fundamental to our faith in God is our faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior of man. In the beginning God created man without sin and He warned him that entering into sin would result in death (Gen. 2:17). That death is a spiritual death, a separation from God (Isa. 59:1-2). And as a further result of sin, God removed man from the garden and access to the tree of life (Gen. 3:22-24). The result was that physical death became a reality for all mankind as well. Because of this reality, man needed God to intervene on his behalf, to make a way for mankind to be reconciled back to God, to be redeemed from sin. God did this by sending His Son, Jesus Christ (Jn. 3:16). Christ paid the price for man's sin by giving His own life on the cross as the ultimate sacrifice (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 7:27; 9:28). Jesus is man's only Savior (Acts 4:12), and faith in Him as Savior is essential to salvation.

God has a home prepared in Heaven for the redeemed; the way to that blessed eternal home is through Christ (Jn. 14:1-6). God and Christ are fundamental aspects of Christian faith.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him". (Hebrews 11:6) God Bless -Todd



CENTERED SISTERS **MINISTRY**

There will be a
"Refreshment" Gathering
Sunday, March 26 at 3:30 pm in the
Fellowship Hall
Names for this year will be drawn at
that time!

(See Tina Dickerson if you have any questions.)



There is a Sign-Up Sheet in the lobby
For Ladies' Day at the Brushy Church of Christ
March 18, 2023
8:30 A.M.- Lunch
"BEING LADIES OF LEGACY"

Israel To Babylon
"Cultural Challenges
Never Change"
Wednesday Night Series 7pm
March 22nd - April 26th

Speaker: Mark McInteer



Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1
SUMMER CAMP
STAFF APPLICATIONS
ARE AVAILABLE

MARCH 8
LIGHTHOUSE
(JAGGER LAWSON)

MARCH 9-12
SR HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 19
YOUTH SUNDAY AT
LOMAX COC

MARCH 22
BIRTHDAY
LIGHTHOUSE
SARA & JOSEPH
ISENBERG

MARCH 24
JR HIGH LOCK-IN

MARCH 27-31
SPRING BREAK
WEEK

ONE OF THE BEST WEEKS OF THE YEAR is finally here--Sr High Retreat week! The Sr High Retreat is one of the year's biggest highlights for our young people (and adults, too). Our group will leave on Thursday, March 9, at 5:30 pm from the Bus Garage to head to our beautiful chalet in Pigeon Forge. We will spend the weekend together enjoying the beautiful scenery, visiting "touristy" attractions, and, most importantly, focusing on our spiritual lives. I hope that you will continue praying for our group this week that we will have safe travels and good weather and that something will be said or done to help impact our young people's lives in a positive way for the Kingdom.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR the Jr High Lock-In, coming up at the end of this month (March 24). This event has become a Jr High favorite over the years, and this year's lock-in is one you will not want to miss! You can go online to the church website and click on the youth group page for more info and to sign up.

YOU ARE INVITED next Sunday night, March 19, to join me at the Lomax Church of Christ in Hohenwald as they host a "Youth Night" at their congregation. I will be the speaker that evening at 6:00, and we will take a group of our young people there to help support their efforts. We will leave the church building at 4:15, and they will provide supper for us that evening. Please make plans to join us!

IN OUR BUSY LIVES, it can be easy to neglect taking time to retreat and rest. Far too often, we get caught up in the busyness of life and the demands of our daily responsibilities. Yet, the Bible reminds us that solitude and quietness are essential for spiritual health and growth. In Mark 6:31, we read that Jesus told his disciples to "come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." Jesus understood the importance of taking time to retreat from the demands of ministry and the pressures of life. He knew that his disciples needed time to rest and recharge so that they could continue to serve God effectively. In our fast-paced world, it can be challenging to find time to retreat and be still. However, it is essential to our spiritual health and growth. Let us remember the words of

Jesus and make time to rest and recharge in God's presence as often as we can. Have a great week!

In Him, Carter

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Lexi Hudgins, bride elect of Zach Rominske on March 26, 2023 at the Outreach Center from 1-3 P.M. *Lexi and Zach are registered at Target, Walmart, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.*



The Shepherd's Pen

The weather these last few days has been gorgeous! It has made us anticipate the return of Spring. When we move our clocks forward this weekend, that always reinforces that feeling and by the way don't forget your clock! Paul writes in Philippians 4:6, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Paul's emphasis is clear. Always pray first. We are not to pray as a last resort. A story told of a small boy who was in his sand box playing and digging in the sand. He finally struck a rock as he dug in deeper. He kept on digging and found it to be a huge rock that he could barely move. He struggled and fought to get the rock out of the box. With one final effort he used all his strength to get the rock out of the box. All it did was roll back and smashed his fingers. As he sat there and cried, he felt a big shadow come over him. He looked up through is tear filled eyes and saw his dad. He explained to his dad that he used everything he had to get the rock out of the box but failed. His dad said, "You did not use everything you had. You did not ask me to help". "Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face evermore!" (I Chronicles 16:11) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Looking forward to seeing you.

Your Elders

If you would like to update your **Membership Profile**, please pick one up in your classroom or the lobby.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

March 5, 2023

\$ 13,840.80

Camp: \$ 279.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



March

Cake Mix
Frosting

13 or 39 gallon garbage bags

**The Children's Home Truck will
be here on March 16th.**

**Thanks so much for your
Support!**

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, Tim Blackwell

St. Thomas Hickman Hospital:
Arch McCord



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

Please Pray For:

...Randy Hammer, father of Nanette (George) Simmons, is in the hospital with pneumonia.

...Janet Barber is scheduled to return home Saturday, March 11th.

...Winnie Aydelott, mother of James (June) is struggling with serious health issues at St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home. She is almost 94 and would appreciate cards & prayers.

Ascension St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home Room # 1
135 East Swan Street
Centerville, TN. 37033

...Jim Gadberry (Tommie) has been in Skyline Medical Center after falling down a flight of stairs. He is now at the Life Care Center.

...Kay Shaw, sister of Sandy McFarlin and Reba Horner, is recovering from surgery.

...Leon Gilbert is recovering from hip replacement surgery.

...Deanie Bryant is recovering from surgery.

...Mattie Ayers is now at:
Morning Pointe of Columbia
2050 Union Place Room # 109
Columbia, Tennessee 38401
She would enjoy cards.

...Xavier Gordon, a middle school student, will have eye surgery Thursday.

...Margie Copley has been undergoing cataract surgery.

area events...

...Area Wide Singing at the Flatrock Church of Christ March 10, 2023
EMCC: William Tankersley & Casey Rogers 7-9 P.M. 1124 Centerville Hwy. Hohenwald, TN. 38462 Food & Fellowship To Follow

...Gospel Meeting at the Sylvia Church of Christ 1002 Church Street Dickson, TN. 37055 March 19-22, 2023
Speaker: Louis Rushmore Bible Class: 10 A.M. Worship: 11 A.M. Evening Worship: 6 P.M. Monday-Wednesday 7 P.M.

...Ladies' Day at the McEwen Church of Christ 9704 Hwy. 70 East McEwen
Speaker : Ira Booker "God Has A Purpose For Each Of Us" Saturday, April 1, 2023 Registration 8:30
Program: 9-11:30 Lunch to follow



Worship Involvement Serving

To involve and edify the male members of the Centerville congregation by involvement in worship services on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday evening. This is accomplished with the scheduling of prayer leaders, scripture reading, and communion prayer. If you are scheduled and unable to serve, please contact Kevin or Lonnie.



Kevin Isenberg
615-335-7206



Lonnie Mayberry
931-242-2644

Worship Involvement Technology

To provide an environment for more spiritual worship and teaching through the use of technology. Technology includes radio, web streaming, audio, visual power point and recording of services. This also includes scheduling of those to serve in media room during worship services.



Andy Weber
931-209-6069



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931-994-9302

Worship Involvement Ushers

To assist visitors, unfamiliar with the building location of facilities, those with handicaps to access the building before and after the services and those arriving late with seating.



Don Chessor
931-994-9305



Monty Dunn
615-278-0034



Sunday, March 12, 2023

**SPRING
FORWARD**

**WORK
DAY**

**WORK DAY AT CAMP MERIBAH
SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023
8 A.M.**

**Scripture
March 12**

Gethlyn Gardner

**Preside
March 12**

Keith Matlock

**Elder's Prayer:
March 12**

Gary Gatewood

**Prayer Week of
March 12**

S.M.W.
Daniel Dressler

S.M.D.
Michael Bryant

S.E.W.
Robert Bowman

S.E.D.
Eddie Boone

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Cameron Wright