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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Are My Prayers Being Answered"

(I John 5:14-15)

Sunday PM

"You Never Mentioned Him To Me"

(John 15:1-2)

9AM and 5PM



Standing before the congregation, he began to present the sermon he had prepared. He was clearly uncomfortable as preaching was not his forte, he was merely helping out. Rarely did he wear a tie or sport coat. He looked down at his hands, which were cracked and calloused from work. Some dirt could be seen under the tips of his fingernails, he dug into his pocket and pulled out a pocketknife, with which he began to clean under his fingernails. His wife, sitting among members of the congregation was mortified at what he was doing. Without missing a beat, he kept on preaching. The sermon presented that day was from the heart and no doubt touched the hearts of many of those who heard his words. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15) The man in the real-life example noted above, expressed he was embarrassed and apologized to all who spoke to him afterward that he was a "simple man who works with my hands". No apology was necessary, he spoke truth from God's word. Far and away too many in the Lord's church find excuse after excuse for not stepping forward and embracing the task at hand.

Could it be said of the apostles that they were viewed as being "accomplished"? One was a tax collector, another described as a zealot and the remainder for the most part were fishermen. However, none of that mattered in the final analysis. Paul labored as a tentmaker when the need arose. He even went so far as to say in 1Corinthians chapter two that he did not have superiority of speech, and that when he was with them it was "in weakness and in fear and in much trembling." What these men had was a burning desire to spread the message of the gospel. Perhaps best summed up by Paul in 1Corinthians 9:16. "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel." How many times have we sung the hymn "I Want to Be A Worker For The Lord"? The next time we sing it, consider carefully the lyrics and what we are professing. There are many facets of work within the kingdom of Christ. All of which is "for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12) In Romans, chapter twelve, Paul lays out a beautiful portrait of one in service to the cause of Christ. Take some time and read over verses four through fifteen notice the various tasks of service one can embrace. As a workman, never be ashamed in the noble task of service. -Selected
God Bless -Todd

Bible Hour Award Winners



Girl: Ensley Garland
Boy: Macray Qualls



Seniors

Weston Elkins
Anna Kate McDonald
Ellie Aydelott
Meredith Kelley
Hailee Halliburton

**Bible Hour has ended for this school year. It will resume again in September.*

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

GO, GO, GO...that has been the theme of the past several weeks with both our family and the youth group. We have all been on the go with ball games, school activities, graduation, and youth group events. Life has been going at a breakneck pace the last few weeks, and while I am thankful that we can stay active, I am also relieved that we have a few short weeks to slow down and prepare for a busy summer. Our youth group activities for the school year end this Wednesday night with our last Lighthouse, and we begin looking toward Camp Meribah.

SUMMER REINFORCEMENTS will arrive in just a few days as Cameron Peters and Adley Elkins will join our church staff this summer to both learn the ropes of working for the church and help contribute to everything going on. Cameron will be a senior Accounting & Bible major this Fall at FHU and will be working as our Summer Youth Ministry Intern. Adley will be a senior Education major at FHU in August and will learn the ins and outs of a church education program with Ms. Jean. Both of these students are excellent young people, and I am always proud of the opportunity that our congregation gives to our young people to "grow where you're planted." Make sure to welcome these two to our staff!

DON'T FORGET that our 3rd Annual Pig Roast scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed. Our family will be headed to Shelby's home "south of the border" in Mississippi this weekend for her sister's high school graduation. We anticipate setting a make-up date for sometime in July for this activity, but we will wait to see how the Summer months go before setting a definite date. I'll keep you posted.

WEATHER PERMITTING...Those are two words we are accustomed to in the youth group, and those two words will describe our Spring Skeet Shoot scheduled for this Sunday afternoon in the Meribah Rock Quarry. If weather permits, we will meet Sunday at 2:00 to enjoy target practice with the young men of our congregation. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Keep an eye on the weather!

In Him, Carter

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SEEK
GOD FIRST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Danny Mathis who passed away. To his wife Patsy, daughter Kim (Jonathon) Jenkins, grandchildren Kilee, Anna Kate and Jace we express our deepest sympathy.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Eric Pitts who passed away after a short battle with cancer. He was the husband of the late Kari Galey Pitts and son-in-law of Sherry Galey.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Kari Galey Pitts by Dale Robinson.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 14, 2023

\$ 12,052.04

Camp: \$ 447.00

Budget: \$13,989.00



...Wayne Chessor spent some time in St. Thomas West for tests on his heart. He is at home and doing well.

...Bentley Barber, great grandson of David & Jane Talley, will have additional surgery for a detached retina on May 22.

...Rutisha Cagle will have surgery for breast cancer Thursday, May 18th.

...Ruth Staggs is having tests on her heart.

...Amber Barnhill is in Centennial Hospital due to kidney failure. *Her family has requested prayers that she will get strong enough for a transplant.*

...Mickey Bunn has been dealing with a ruptured kidney.

...Thomas Clark is dealing with severe shoulder pain.

...Ricky Chandler, son of Kenneth & Barbara Chandler and nephew of Bobby & Valerie McCoy, is taking treatments for cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Ila Faye Jenkins, Kimberly Rietveld, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Kenny Loveless, Mary Nell Mayberry, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor

Judy Rogers

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103 Arcaro Place Room 152
Brentwood, TN. 37027

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The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! A good number in attendance for worship. A day that we honored our moms with our physical presence or reminiscing through our precious memories. The 2022-23 school year ends this week. The kids, as well as the teachers, are excited! Summer vacation has officially begun. Once again, we have a busy summer here at the Centerville Church of Christ. Sunday night, June 11th, Bible Times VBS Kick-Off Meal, June 12th -14th Vacation Bible School, June 12th -30th Summer Camp for all ages, July 2nd -4th of July Celebration, and August 6th -9th, Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders plus other planned activities with groups and classes. Let us all plan on being involved. Be engaged, be an encouragement, be enthusiastic. *"Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you."* (I Samuel 12:24) Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.
Your Elders

Happy Mother's Day!



Pictured from left: Kella & Esma Mizell, Ericka & Harlyn Rochelle, Lauren & Asher Demary.



21
Scholarships
To-Go!

PLACE
STAMP
HERE

HELP US REACH OUR SCHOLARSHIP GOAL!

Summer Camp is in need of 25 full scholarships (\$225 each). Help us reach our scholarship goal to support kids in need of financial aid to attend Camp Meribah.



Retiring

*Thanks to
Melody Skelton
for 7 years of
great service to
Our Day School
Program.*

Elder's Prayer: May 21, 2023

Mike
Goodpasture

Scripture May 21, 2023

Brett Martin
Preside
Brad Davis

Prayer Week of May 21, 2023

S.M.W.
Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D.
Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Philip Jacobs

S.E.D.
Marshall Spencer

W.E.B.S
Patrick Allen

W.E.D.
Jim Prince