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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

ALWAYS ABOUNDING

STEADFAST & IMMOVABLE IN 2022



Sunday was a great day! Anytime we can be together on the First day of the week to worship God is a great day, but this past Sunday was even more special as we recognized our graduating seniors. What an exciting time in their lives as they now embark on the next phase of their growth and development into adulthood. As was said many times on Sunday, may they always keep God as the center of everything they do. The center of every decision they must make, the center of every relationship they are involved in. May God be the very core of their entire lives. Why? Because if they do, God has promised that He will always be there to help guide and protect them along the way.

Jesus in Matthew 7 teaches us that we, everyone everyday are faced with the decision as to which road or path we choose to go down, He says; *"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."* Whether you are a recent graduate or already settled deep into life, everyday you are faced with the choice of which road to travel. Jesus says you will face ridicule for standing up for the truth, you will lose friends over choosing right over wrong. But by choosing Jesus and walking down the road of righteousness you will be blessed, especially in the end when you stand before Him on that great Day. Difficult sometimes? Yes! Worth it? Absolutely! So may you as Jesus said in Matthew 5:16; *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"*.

God Bless, Todd

Carter's Corner



WHAT A WONDERFUL LORD'S DAY this past Sunday, as our congregation honored the Graduating Class of 2022 with our annual Senior Sunday. I've said it before and I'll say it again...the Centerville Church of Christ is a youth-driven congregation. While this can be seen in many ways (Day School, Camp Meribah, youth program, etc.), I believe that Senior Sunday is one of the best examples of our congregation's commitment to helping young people begin their walk with the Lord. It is always a proud moment for our church family to see the fruits of our labor put on display by a graduating class is that full of excellent students, athletes, workers, and Christian examples. May God bless the Class of 2022 as they begin a new chapter in their lives and may God bless our congregation as we continue to follow the motto of "building boys is better than mending men."

SUMMER BREAK IS HERE which means that the youth group is getting ready for one of our biggest times of the year, Camp Meribah! We have an excellent staff this year full of college and high school-age students, and Shelby and I are looking forward to a great summer on the Hill. We hope that you will begin praying for our efforts at Camp Meribah and that we will have a fun, safe, and eternally rewarding summer. All of our weekly sessions are at least half full, so I encourage you to not wait and make sure you sign up as soon as possible. We are also still looking for individuals to help contribute toward summer camp scholarships for students who cannot afford to attend Camp Meribah without financial assistance. By my calculations, it requires approximately \$10,000 in scholarships each year to meet the need of our campers. I humbly encourage all of you to consider sponsoring a student to attend summer camp. We have a great list of camp activities planned this year, filled with plenty of our classic Camp Meribah favorites, along with a few exciting additions as well.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual Vacation Bible School on June 13-15. This year's VBS theme will be "Restore & Rebuild: Lessons from Ezra & Nehemiah." I am looking forward to spending time with our young people studying these great stories of faithfulness and service. More will be said in the weeks to come, but begin making plans to attend VBS today! Have a great week!

In Him, Carter



Sympathy



Thomas "Petesy" Extra
Bowen
1928-2022

We express our sympathy to the family of Thomas "Petesy" Bowen who passed away May 14, 2022. Petesy was a long time member of the Centerville Church of Christ and served in the National Guard. He loved his garden and always shared fruit and vegetables with his friends and neighbors. To his wife June, sons Chris (Lisa) Bowen and Craig (Stephanie) Bowen we express our deepest sympathy. ...We express our sympathy to the family of Brenda Woods who passed away. She was the sister-in-law of Bryan & Lori Woods.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 15, 2022:
\$ 14, 017.25

Camp:
\$ 201.00

Budget:
\$ 13,532.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Greg McCord by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of Alice Pafford "A Wonderful Lady And Neighbor" by Jack and Middy Keller.

Please Pray For:

...Ruth McFarlin is in Horizon Medical Center with medical problems.

...Barbara Parsley is recovering at home.
...Halie, Daniel and Titus Flatt are recovering from injuries due to a car accident. They are friends of Ken and Tina Dickerson. Halie is recovering from multiple surgeries. She is improving and moved out of ICU.

Thank You

Ruth Staggs writes: " I appreciate so much all the birthday cards, phone calls, Ward's birthday cake and John Plemmons, Jr. singing phone call. It was a good birthday. Thank you also for the concern shown in the loss of my sister-in-law Ann Staggs. Thanks to Mike Goodpasture and Ken Dickerson for your visits. In Christian love...."

Virginia & Anthony Simmons write:

" Thank you so much for your donation that you gave us. We will use it for our appliances and help with the rebuilding of our home. It has been 9 long months since the flood but we hope to be back in our home before too long. In Christian Love..."



**Day School
Graduates 2022**

Congratulations College Graduates!



Luke Worsham
Will Chilton
Conner Campbell
Karly Potts
Reagan Qualls
Curtis Taylor
Gage Dotson
Jake Martin
Madelyn True
Peyton King

Belmont
TCAT - Dickson
MTSU
Samford
FHU
MTSU
FHU
FHU
TN Tech
Columbia State

Drop-Off Shower



There will be a drop-off shower for Trevor & Lauren Demary on Sunday, May 15th & Sunday, May 22, 2022. It's a boy!

Graduates

Michaela Gallian, daughter of Ben and Tonya Gallian, graduated from Wayne County High School and will be attending UT Southern to major in Psychology with counseling as area of emphasis.

John Anderson, son of John and Carol Anderson, graduated from Hickman County High School and will be attending South Georgia Technical College.

Bible Hour Award Winners



Girl: Windsor Longworth
Boy: Bruin Dotson

Pictured with them is John Jacobs. *Bible Hour has ended for this school year. It will resume again in September.*



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Daily Updates &
Devotional Message

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Prayer Week of May 22

S.M.W.
John Bradley

S.M.D.

Brad Garland

S.E.W.
Harrison Kelley

S.E.D.
Cameron Peters

W.E.B.S
Wayne Chessor

W.E.D.
Alex Seagraves

Preside May 22

George Bragg

Read Scripture May 22

Philip Jacobs

Elders' Prayer

Ken Dickerson