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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley



Why do today what you can put off until tomorrow? That seems to be the attitude of many people. Mark Twain once said on procrastination: "Don't put off till tomorrow what may be done day after tomorrow just as well." Way too many people seem to buy into that way of thinking. And while waiting until the last minute may allow you to squeak by with a "C" in Algebra, it won't allow for a passing grade when it comes to more important matters. Like your health, Or your family, Or most importantly, your spiritual health.

When we procrastinate, we become our own worst enemy. It's true in every area of life. We want our marriages to be better, yet somehow, we put off taking the necessary steps to make it happen. We want our relationships with our family to be become stronger, yet day after day goes by and nothing changes because we keep putting it off until tomorrow. We want to know God better and get into His Word more often, yet another day of having to catch up with what we have already put off have left us exhausted and empty. It seems that daily we are faced with the decision to do something today or can we find an excuse to put it off until tomorrow. Tomorrow, we keep telling ourselves. Tomorrow will be different. No it won't! If you are waiting until tomorrow to do anything, you've already lost the battle. This battle is won on the day you set your mind to do something about it. And that day is...today. Consider what the scriptures say about procrastination:

"Today is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps.118:24).

"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care of itself" (Matt.7:34).

"Make the most of your time, because the days are evil" (Phil.5:16).

"Behold now is the acceptable time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor.6:2).

These verses denote the important of one day: "today" not tomorrow. Yes, today matters. Have you thought about your life? Have you given enough time today to the Lord? Remember what James said in James 4:14; "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." Our time on earth is short, don't put off until tomorrow what you need to do today. God loves you and wants you to be saved today!

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



**Outdoor Singing At
Camp Meribah!**



**College Secret
Involvement Reveal Meal!**



IT SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE BLINKED and the school year is almost over. This time of year is always exciting, hectic, and bittersweet as we look forward to a fun summer, try our best to finish the school year on a strong note, and to honor another graduating class.

THE HOG IS HERE, which can only mean that Pig Roast is right around the corner. This Saturday, our youth group will host the combined final Jr. & Sr. High Fireside of the school year at Joey & Charlene's creek bank on Swan. Youth Group Alumnus Sadie Chessor will be cooking the best pork

BBQ in Hickman County that evening and our students will enjoy playing in the creek and gathering for a bonfire devotional on the creekbank. There is no official start or end time--the main thing to know is to be there by no later than 5:30 for supper. Come early and stay late!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our annual Senior Sunday coming up on Sunday, May 15th. We will honor 11 graduates. We will all join together for our special Senior Sunday Service, followed by a time of recognition of the Class of 2022, a period of reception in the Lobby, and finished with a meal in the Fellowship Hall for the graduates and their families, along with the elders, ministers, and staff.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO RENT A TUX for the first-ever "Lighties" Award Ceremony during the final Lighthouse of the school year on May 18th. We will share a fun evening together looking back on the events of the 2021-2022 school year, as well as sharing some good-humored superlatives for our youth group students. I'm sure it'll be a "fancy" evening together. Who will take home the youth group's biggest award????? Have a great week! In Him, Carter



A Baby Shower!



You are invited to a Baby Shower for Billy & Ericka Rochelle on Sunday, May 15th from 1-2:30 at the Outreach Center. *It's a Girl!*



You Are Invited To A Bridal Shower For Reagan Qualls, Bride Elect of Slater Springman, On Sunday May 15, 2022 from 1-2:30 at the Lodge Reagan and Slater Are Registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond

Sympathy



Greg McCord
1957-2022

We express our sympathy to the family of Greg McCord who passed away at his home April 27, 2022. He spent four decades educating the youth of Hickman County, ministering from the pulpit, directing church camps, and coaching basketball. He is survived by his wife Karen McCord, mother Martha Ann Owens McCord, two older brothers, Randel McCord (Centerville) and Russell McCord (Murfreesboro), son Michael McCord (Kayla), daughter Jana McCord Buttrey (Hunter), grandchildren Callan McCord, Adilene Buttrey, Henley Pearl Buttrey, Amalie Grace McCord, and John Scott Buttrey. Greg was the uncle of Ashley (Matthew) Halliburton. ...We express our sympathy to the family of Garland Horner who passed away.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

May 1, 2022:
\$ 16,368.59

Camp:
\$ 193.00

Budget:
\$ 13,532.00

Memorial

... a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Brownie Mayberry and Marietta Murphree by Betty Litton.
...a Memorial has been given to the Pinewood Church of Christ in memory of Greg McCord by Bryan & Holly True.
...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Greg McCord by the following: Doug & Billie Sue True, Lonnie & Diane Garrett, Bryan & Holly True.

Thank You

Daniel & Mina Dressler write: " To our church family, Thank for the food, phone calls, texts, and especially prayers offered on Daniel's behalf during his knee surgery and now recovery. Your love and support are greatly appreciated. In Christian Love..."

Sandy McFarlin writes: " Thank you for the cards, calls, and gift certificates. Your thoughtfulness and concern were very much appreciated. Thanks again..."

Martha Mayberry writes: " I want to thank everyone for the prayers and the cards during my recent shoulder surgery. Your concern was really appreciated." (Sister of Mary Sue Bragg and Junior Baker)

Graduate



Congratulations to *Hope Parsley* for earning her Masters' Degree from University of The Cumberlands on April 30, 2022. Hope is the daughter of Todd and Renee Parsley.

Please Pray For:

...Kenneth Cagle is having a hard time due to complications from gall bladder surgery.
...Aaron Saunders, Guidance Counselor at EHHS, is having heart problems and is in need of prayers.
...Dorris Claud returned home Monday.
...J.B. Brown is scheduled to come home Friday, May 6th.
...Stephen Dotson is recovering from surgery on his hand due to arthritis.
...Ruth McFarlin is in Horizon Medical Center with medical problems.
...Petsie Bowen is in Life Care.

Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehab. Center:
Kevin Lawson

Harmony at Brentwood:
Priscilla Barber
Apt. 421
9045 Church Street East
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Baptism

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We rejoice with Ryen Wilson who was baptized Sunday, May 1, 2022 by Bill McDonald. Ryen is the daughter of Graig Wilson and Heidi McDonald. She is the granddaughter of Bill & Joy McDonald.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Ann Johnston, Daniel Dressler, Scott Smith, Beverly Grimes, Cori Parks, David Nash, Danny Mathis, Dorothy Weatherspoon, Alice Farrrough, Amy Sanders, Kari Pitts, Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Joe Shipp, Mark Chessor, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley

Home: Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Area Events...

Gospel Meeting at the Jones Valley Church of Christ May 15-18, 2022.
Bible Class 10a : Worship 11a Sunday Evening-Wednesday Evening 7 p
Speaker: Bill McDonald Lunch following Sunday morning worship.

Happy Mother's Day!



Ridge Cole Austin
September 1, 2021
Ben and Brook Austin



Hartley Thelma Batts
September 23, 2021
Nick & Alicia Batts



Charlotte Watts
January 22, 2022
Kyle & Paige Watts



Hudson William Cannon
April 1, 2022
Kailey Cannon



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a wonderful day! The weather was beautiful, the worship uplifting, a good number in attendance. This Sunday will be Mother's Day. The modern American holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia. In 1914 Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation creating Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. This Sunday we will recognize the new babies born in our congregation since last Mother's Day and honor their mothers. It is still a wonderful privilege to be a mother today. The Bible says, "that children are a heritage from the Lord" (Psalm 127:3). They are a blessing and a gift from God. Whether mother or father, we should all strive to teach our children about God and His Word. Eight mothers in the Bible played key roles in the coming of Jesus Christ. None of them were perfect, yet each demonstrated strong faith in God. God, in turn, rewarded them for their trust in Him. The eight mothers were *Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Jochebed, Naomi, Hannah, and Mary*. Match their names with the following facts.

Gave to Jacob his two favorite children, Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis 29-35) _____
God's Promise of a Redeemer (Genesis 12-23) _____
One of the bravest mothers in the Bible (Exodus 1-2) _____
Called the mother of all living (Genesis 1-4) _____
Had twin boys named Esau and Jacob (Genesis 26-27) _____
Mother of Samuel the prophet (I Samuel 1-2) _____
Best known as the mother-in-law of Ruth (Ruth 1-4) _____
Given the great privilege of being the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 1, Luke 1-2) _____

Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, *be steadfast, immovable, and abounding!* God will see us through.

Your Elders

Prayer Week of May 8

S.M.W.
Luke Worsham

S.M.D.
Brad Davis

S.E.W.
James Aydelott

S.E.D.
Brett Martin

W.E.B.S
John Jacobs

W.E.D.
Cameron Wright

Preside May 8

Mike Elkins

Read Scripture May 8

Colby Shelton

Elders' Prayer

Shane Willis