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Todd Parsley



"For there is one God..." The concept of the Godhead can be confusing. I think it is a question that all may have wrestled with at some point in their understanding of God, of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Is this one God or three? According to the Bible, there is but one God. Jesus, quoting from Deuteronomy 6:4-5, declared "the first of all the commandments is 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one." (Mark 12:29). The worship of multiple gods is forbidden throughout Scripture. But the Bible also clearly asserts that three persons make up this one deity. As far back as Genesis 1:26 the Bible makes this point. "And God said, 'Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness." Notice the plural pronouns applied to God.

John 1:1 says that Jesus was God. The account of Jesus' baptism in Matthew 3 mentions all three persons. Jesus was in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove. And God spoke from heaven saying, "This is My beloved Son", thus indicating that God the Father was speaking. In John 15:26 we read the promise Jesus made to His disciples shortly before His death. He promised to send a Helper, or Comforter to His disciples from the Father. Again, all three persons are mentioned. Jesus could not very well have been promising to send Himself from Himself.

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commanded them to baptize in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And 1 John 5:7 says, "For there are three who bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are One." Jesus also said that He and the Father were one in John 10:30 and that His Father was greater than Him in John 14:28. By these statements, Jesus not only showed that He and the Father are one in nature, purpose, and action, but also that, while here on earth, He was subordinate in authority to God.

Insisting that one God means one person leads to some confusion. It makes Jesus His own Father. It means that Jesus, while on earth, prayed to Himself. So, there is only one God. There is only one all-powerful Father. The one God, however, is composed of three persons totally united in thinking and action. "For there is one God..." 1 Timothy 2:5.

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner





<u>Snow Team</u> 23/24

Winter is coming and we need to be ready! We need volunteers on standby with small tractor/ loaders and or blades to help clear parking lots & sidewalks. Able bodies with scoops, shovels and blowers are also needed. Please contact the Facilities & Grounds committee members for more information. Michael Jenkins, George Bragg, Brandon McCauley, Randy Wright or James Aydelott.



Saturday, November 11th

Camp Meribah 4:00pm

Followed by

Devotional and Business Meeting

Sign-up Sheet in the Lobby

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5TH



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION
October 29, 2023:

\$ 10,465.58 Camp: \$ 187.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Thank You

The Hickman County Arts & Crafts Guild writes: "Thank you so much for providing the van for the shuttle for the Autumn In The Country Arts and Crafts Fair."

Don Chessor writes: "The past few weeks following my accident then surgery have been very difficult, but your cards, words of encouragement, food, gift cards, and especially your prayers have made this burden easier to bear. Thank you so much for your love and concern."

Letitia Allen writes: "I would like to thank each & every one of you for all the many acts of kindness shown to me after my fall. I sincerely appreciate all the food, calls, cards, gift cards, and especially the prayers. I am blessed to have such a loving church family."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Martha Leath by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Kari Pitts' birthday on November 6th by Sherry Galey and Holly Stewart.



...Ann Spencer spent some time in the ER on Sunday due to not feeling well. She is at home.

...Stephen Dotson is recovering at home after being in the hospital for a cardioversion.

...Dan Wallace is recovering at home.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Robert King, Patricia Gilbert, Laura Powers, Letitia Allen, Charlene Hunt, Sharon Clark, Angelica Essery, Baker Raye Jenning, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Shirley Foster, Martha Ann Scaife, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

<u>Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer</u>: Tommy Buchanan, Don Breece, Nina Dickey, Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Tim Blackwell, Frances McClanahan, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

Home:

Lonnie Gilliam, Glenda Teet, Gerald McFarlin, Janet Barber, Loudean Qualls, Dorris & Margie Claud, Troy Parks, John Thomas & Wanda Givens, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Martha Weber, Billy Garner

The Shepherd's Pen

We begin the month of November with a temporary blast of winter, but the weekend forecast brings back the warmer weather. Halloween on the Hill was well attended as an exceptionally large crowd enjoyed the beauty of Camp Meribah, plenty of fun, food, fellowship, and a variety of treats for the kids. The month of November will include several activities for this congregation such as Workday at Camp Meribah, Men's Fish Fry, Widows and Single Ladies Luncheon, and our

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Those To Serve In November

<u>Preside</u> (<u>PLEASE BE</u> <u>ASSEMBLED UP</u> <u>FRONT BY 8:55</u>

<u>Nov. 5</u> Wayne Rediker

<u>Nov. 12</u> Kevin Isenberg

<u>Nov. 19</u> Gethlyn Gardner

<u>Nov. 26</u> James Aydelott

<u>Left Side</u> Jonathan Aydelott Wyatt Aydelott David Brown Sam Brown

Right Side Clay Chessor Braydon Chessor Ray Qualls Jacob Krueger

Communion Prep.

Nov. 5 Chris & Candice Scott

Nov. 12 Thomas & Cheryl Chessor

> Nov. 19 Kevin & Leah Isenberg

Nov. 26 Corey & Nicole Martin

P.M. Communion In Chapel

Eli & Philip Jacobs

Life Care Center

Nov. 5 Jeremy Qualls
Nov. 12 Gethlyn Gardner
Nov. 19 Matthew Dotson
Nov. 26 Daniel Dressler

Tulipwood Service: John Bradley

RADIO ROOM

Media Director: Chris Teet Video: Corey Martin Sound: Andy Weber Mac/Keynote: Finn Martin

Meals On Wheels

Nov. 1: Shirley DeVore Nov. 8: Joy McDonald Nov. 15: Jean Qualls Nov. 22: Wayne Rediker Nov. 29: Jane Talley

PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40

Bible Hour: Gaylon & Tabitha Cude, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Major Qualls, Will McDonald, Gwyneth Richardson, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Hailie Tilley Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Corn

<u>Prayer Week of</u> <u>Nov. 5</u>

<u>S.M.W</u>. George Bragg

S.M.D. David Brown

<u>S.E.W</u>. Shaun Lawson

> <u>S.E.D</u>. Brad Davis

W.E.B.S Marvin Dorton

<u>W.E.D</u>. Wyatt Aydelott

Read Scripture Nov. 5

Justin Beard

Elder's Prayer: Craig Shelton

NURSERY:

Faith Smith

BAPT. CLOTHING: Susan Griggs

USHERS:

Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor

Greeters

Gary & Portia Baker Bryan & Lori Woods Marvin & Glenda Dorton Matthew & Cissy Dotson