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Moments That Matter

FAITHFULNESS

**“Be faithful until death, and I will
give you the crown of life.”
Revelation 2:10**

As we near the end of 2021, would you label yourself as *faithful*? This past Sunday, Todd closed out his series on *Faithfulness* with a powerful reminder that we should consistently look to ask ourselves this question and learn from the Biblical examples of those who were faithful to God. I appreciate Todd's efforts to focus our attention on this important topic, one which epitomizes who we are as a Christian. May we do as we are told in Revelation 2:10 and “*Be faithful until death*” so that we as individuals, and as a church family, may receive the “*crown of life*.”

It's been wonderful to see our congregation being so active once again these past few weeks. The “Month of Sundays” and 150th Anniversary celebration was an awesome milestone in the history of this church. Our annual Trunk-or-Treat event hosted hundreds of young people and their families. Carter continues to keep our young people busy, and this past Sunday our elders hosted a ladies' luncheon. What a wonderful blessing it is to see so many in our congregation active and involved in the many things we have going on! A special “thank you” to all who work tirelessly to make these events happen.

We have a packed YAM (Young Adult Ministry) schedule coming up over the next few weeks! On November 23 we'll welcome home our college students with a “Pancake Party” at the Lodge (beginning at 6:00pm), giving everyone a chance to catch up with each other after a busy semester. Then on December 11 we'll host our annual ALL-DAY Christmas Extravaganza, a highlight of the year. Also, as Carter has told the youth group about already, Camp Snowball XIV will be taking place on December 27-29. I know the YAMs are excited to help with this extraordinary event after a three-year absence. If you're a young adult looking for a place to call home, come join us in Room 222 and at these events taking place!

The infamous Winston Churchill once said, “*We sleep safely at night because rough men stand ready to visit violence on those who would harm us.*” As we pause Thursday to honor our veterans, we are reminded of how blessed we are to live in a nation where so many have sacrificed so much to make sure that we and our loved ones can, in fact, sleep safely each night. May we continue to honor these brave men and women and not forget their sacrifices. We are also able to live our lives at peace, regardless of what we may endure, because we have a God in Heaven who was willing to send His Son to stand against an evil intent on harming us. Jesus would say in John 10:11, “*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*” Jesus Christ was willing to *die* so that we might *live* with Him one day. In all of our moments, words, and actions, may we continue to honor Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for us!

God bless, Matthew

November

...November 21st Thanskinging
...November 24 No Messenger *Devo Only*
...November 25 Thanksgiving Day
...November 24-26
Thanksgiving Break for school system.

December

....December 3rd Gary Gatewood's Sunday School
Class Christmas Party 12:00-4:00. Catered lunch at
1 P.M. at Dotson Alumni Lodge

All Church Night

December 5th, 2021

6 P.M. Dinner Following 5 P.M. worship
...December 10th
Cookies With Santa Drive-Through
...December 15th
Sunshine Baskets assembled & distributed
...December 17 School dismissed at 10 A.M. School
System break December 20-31.
...December 27-29 Camp Snowball XIV
...December 29 No Messenger *Devo Only*

Happy 99th Birthday Mrs. Brownie!



Treasure Hunting Ladies' Retreat

2020+ 2

January 14-15th

Information Sheets and
Registration Forms On the
table in the Foyer

Be On The Lookout



(See Tina Dickerson If You Have Questions)

Carter's Corner



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 11

JR. & SR. HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
7:00 AM; LIGHTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 13

SERVANT SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 14

SR. HIGH FIRESIDE
ASHLEY SHELTON

NOVEMBER 17

FRIENDSGIVING
KEN MCDONALD HALL
5:00PM

NOVEMBER 21

THANSKINGING

NOVEMBER 21

JR. HIGH FIRESIDE
WYATT AYDELOTT

COLD, BUT FUN...that is the first thought that comes to mind as I reflect on our first-ever Father/Son Weekend and Skeet Shoot. The Spring House at Camp Meribah provided the perfect setting for a great weekend of food, fun, fires, devotionals, scary stories, and a skeet shoot. Roughly 40 men/young men took part in our activities throughout the weekend, which I believe is a great turnout considering the busy time of year and the cold temperatures. Plans are already in the works for another skeet shoot this Spring in hopes that this event will continue to grow. It is always great when our church family comes together to fellowship and grow closer to each other. A big thanks go to Derek for getting the Spring House ready, Michael Jenkins for smoothing out the trail that leads to the Spring House, my Dad for helping things run smoothly over the weekend, Johnathan Aydelott for providing his side-by-side for the moving of people and equipment, Misty Aydelott for cooking us a wonderful breakfast Saturday morning, and David Brown for helping to orchestrate our skeet shoot.

NOT THANKSGIVING...FRIENDSGIVING. I hope you are marking your calendars for Wednesday, November 17th, as our youth group hosts our 3rd Annual "Friendsgiving" Lighthouse. Friendsgiving is a great event for our students to invite their peers and classmates to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and our Wednesday evening Bible class. We have set a goal of 70+ students for this event and are looking forward to our biggest Lighthouse of the school year. I am in need of 15 pies from the ladies of our congregation for dessert at this event. There is a sign-up list in the lobby for any ladies who would be willing to help contribute.

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT CHRISTMAS TIME IS ALMOST

HERE. For our youth group, that means that it is time to start planning for the many great events we have scheduled in December. Cookies With Santa will remain in its drive-through format on Friday, December 10, the Progressive Dinner is set for December 12, the Jr. High Christmas Party is December 19, and Camp Snowball XIV is December 27-29. I hope you are looking forward to a great month together! Registration is now open for Camp Snowball. You can find the online registration on the youth page of our website. All registrations are due by Sunday, December 19.

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

Thank You

Charles & Reba Horner write:

"We would like to thank everyone for the calls and cards, also thanks for the gift certificate to Fish Camp."

Janet Barber writes: "Thank you all for the calls, cards, food and every kindness shown to me recently."

Mary Katherine Bates writes: "A great big 'Thank You' for all the different ways you wished me a 'Happy Birthday'. It was wonderful to be remembered. You made my day extra special! In Christian Love..."

Randy & Cherie Sims write: "Our hearts have been touched by the Lord's kindness...can't help but be grateful. Thanks so much."

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Mike Parsley who passed away. He was the cousin of Todd (Renee) Parsley.



If you are interested in providing a gift for a child please see Becky Coleman or call her at 931-729-3391 Extension 2225.

A Baby Girl!



Congratulations to Rafe and Mary Horton on the birth of a daughter on September 13, 2021. Ruby Kate weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jimmy & Cathie Copley.



Day School...

is in need of Substitute Teachers.....Please call 931-729-5233 if you would be willing to substitute.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 7:

\$ 14,383.90

Camp: \$ 268.00

Budget: \$ 12,979.00



The Shepherd's Pen

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14) Are you familiar with the term "Stay in the traces?" The phrase comes from the colonial period of American history when few roads were paved, and people traveled by horse-drawn wagons. Over time the wagon wheels dug deep ruts that hardened until they were called "traces." A good driver would make sure his wagon wheels were firmly in the traces, and then he let the horses pull the wagon to the destination. This is a parable of the spiritual life. Most days nothing exciting happens. Ninety-nine percent of life is ordinary. You get up, eat breakfast, go to work (or take care of the children), come home, eat supper, go to bed, get up the next day and do it all over again. And the day after that and the day after that. Day in and day out—this is life for most of us. What is the will of God for you and for me? It is to get up each day and do what you must do—cheerfully if you can, grumpily if you must. But do it, nonetheless. Doing God's will means staying in the *traces* of life day after day after day. Just do what God has given you to do. If you like it, that is great. If you do not like it, do it anyway. If you wish you were doing something else, grit your teeth and do it anyway. God blesses those people who do what they must do each day—and do it even though they might prefer to do something else. All of us are tempted to "jump the traces" from time to time. You will never meet anyone who has prospered after "jumping the traces." You end up trading one rut for another plus you have guilt inside and broken hearts all around. If you "stay in the traces," you may experience boredom but at least you will not be embarrassed or ashamed of the choices you made. Whoever you are and wherever you are and whatever you are doing, if you claim to be a Christian, if you do not do anything else, do this: *Stand firm in the faith!*

Let us all be an *encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged!* See you Sunday, mark your calendar for November 21st. This will be our annual *Thanksinging!* Invite someone to be your guest. *Your Elders*

PRAY

The Power of Prayer

...Greg McCord is in St. Thomas Rutherford with pneumonia.

...Jimmy Copley will have a lung scan in the coming days.

...Mike Bradley is recovering at home. ...Lowell Parsley, father of Todd, has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome which is a rapid-onset of muscle weakness. He will be going to a rehab. facility in the coming days.

...Cheryl Bybee is in the local hospital for therapy.

...Floy Lyell, mother of Debbie Breece, is at home with hospice care.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Pam Anderson, Melvin Roberson, Dot Allen, Keith Barber, Fred Bowman, Jessie Seagraves, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer:

Marge Rushton, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Kari Mobley, Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

Home:

Floy Lyell, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Brownie Mayberry, Donna Blackwell, Betty Davis, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:

Winnie Aydelott, Martha Bates, Francis McClanahan

Bobbie June Kittrell: 8353 Highway 100 Apt. 102 Nashville, Tennessee 37221

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401



TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME CHALLENGE!

EACH HOUSEHOLD IS REQUESTED TO
BRING ONE OR MORE OF EACH ITEM
EACH MONTH. A \$20 DONATION IS ALSO
SUGGESTED FOR PERISHABLE ITEMS.
ITEMS NEED TO BE PLACED IN THE BIN IN
THE LOBBY.

NOVEMBER ITEMS:

ROTEL

KITCHEN FLOOR CLEANER



Elder's Prayer

November 14

Wayne Qualls

Read Scripture

Justin Beard

Preside

November 14

Gary Gatewood

Prayer Week of November 14

**S.M.W.
Daniel Dressler**

**S.M.D.
Cory Martin**

**S.E.W.
Eric Cannon**

**S.E.D.
Dr. Eddie Boone**

**W.E.B.S
Edgar Beard**

**W.E.D.
Eli Jacobs**