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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM
"Seek the Lord"
(Isaiah 55:6 / Matthew 6:33)

Sunday PM
"Increase More and More"
(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)

9AM and 5PM

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We are fast approaching the end to another year. Time truly does continue to march on, and the older I get the faster it seems to march by. That is why we are often reminded in scripture to "redeem the time". We are also reminded by James in chapter 4:14 "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away". As we come to the end of the year, we want to look into our theme of Matthew 6:33; "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you".

Jesus was addressing the problem of excessive worry or anxiety. At the heart of his message was the primary importance of recognizing that God is the giver of our very lives. In the beginning of this text Jesus asks the question, "Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?" (6:25). Then he closes with "For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (6:32).

In between these two statements are the observations that are intended to appeal to our ability to reason. "Look at the birds of the air" and "Consider the lilies of the field." God takes care of these lowly beings. How much more will he care for us, who are of far more value because we were made in his image. The reality is that worry adds nothing productive to our lives.

Faith in God is that which leads us to seek his kingdom and his righteousness as our first priority. It is what Jesus taught his followers to pray: "Your kingdom come; your will be done" (Matthew 6:10). Seeking and praying for the kingdom of God means to seek his will in our lives. What we must seek first is the submission of our will to his. Seeking his righteousness means seeking to live by his standard of what is right in life. The result is that we will be filled. Life will be transformed for the better for us.

Jesus gives the promise that "all these things will be added to you." The point is not to dismiss the concern for the basic necessities of life. It is, rather, that the way to be assured of these things is to stop seeking after them and seek God. Seek heaven, and earth will be thrown in. Faith in God's care for us will enable us to live for today. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself."

"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near" (Isa. 55:6).

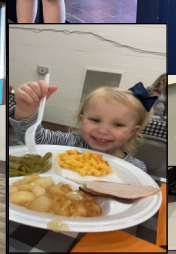
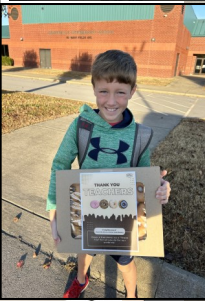
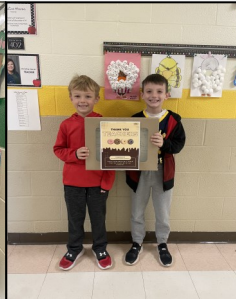
God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



I HOPE THAT everyone had a terrific Thanksgiving holiday filled with good food and time spent with family. My article will be short this week so we can share our photos from a great Serve Week that we had before Thanksgiving. Make sure you let our young people know how proud you are of them for stepping up and helping to contribute to a great week of service activities. Our congregation is blessed with a great group of young people and we should be encouraged by their great Christian example. Have a good week!

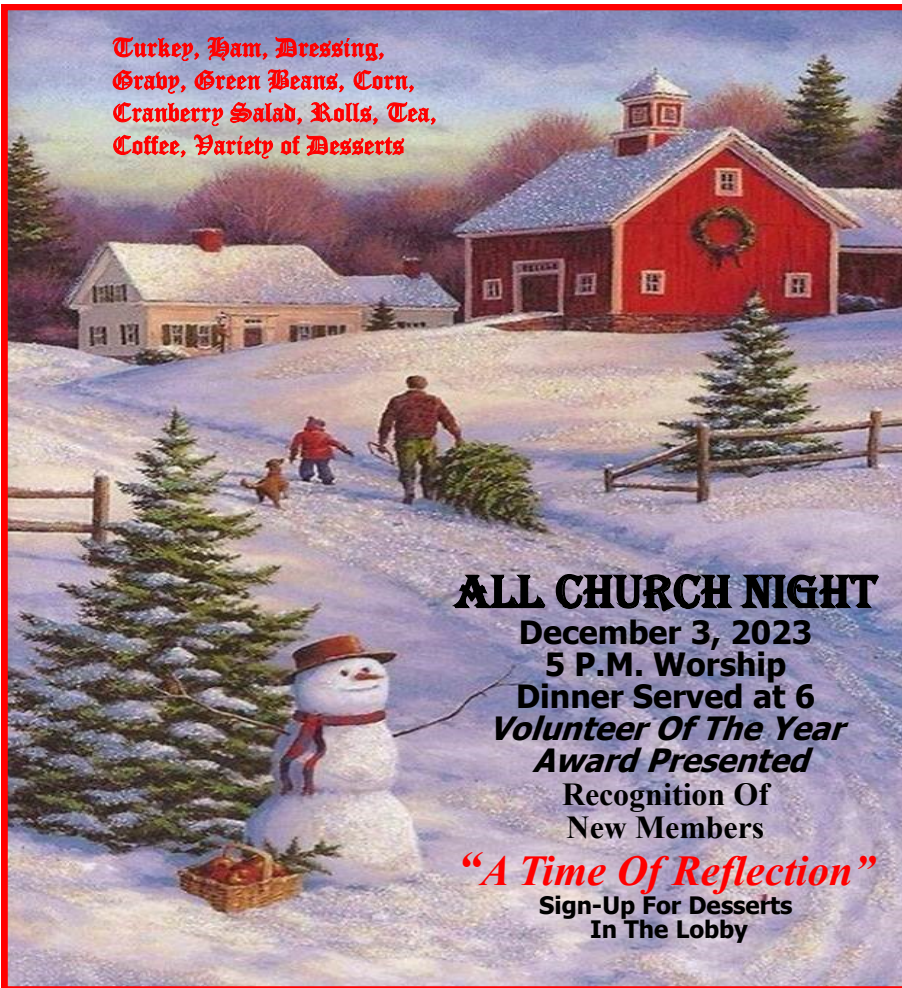
In Him, Carter



CAMP WORK DAY! THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR HELP!



**Turkey, Ham, Dressing,
Gravy, Green Beans, Corn,
Cranberry Salad, Rolls, Tea,
Coffee, Variety of Desserts**



ALL CHURCH NIGHT

December 3, 2023

5 P.M. Worship

Dinner Served at 6

**Volunteer Of The Year
Award Presented**

Recognition Of
New Members

"A Time Of Reflection"

Sign-Up For Desserts
In The Lobby



...Becky Gatewood will begin radiation treatments in the coming days.

...Karen Phillips will have surgery for breast cancer Thursday, November 30 at Maury Regional with treatments to follow in upcoming weeks.

...Barry Shelton and Cody Woods are recovering from surgery and doing well.

...Pat Jones is having some health problems and waiting to see a specialist.

...Ann Spencer is in:

Select Specialty Care Facility
Room 4503 2000 Hayes Street
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

...Dusty Covington, cousin of Ann Hooten, is recovering from surgery for a broken hip due to a car accident.

Home: Dan Wallace, Marilyn & 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

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

Jenny Teet, A.J. Seebach, Robert King, Patricia Gilbert, Laura Powers, Letitia Allen, Charlene Hunt, Sharon Clark, Angelica Essery, Baker Raye Jennings, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Shirley Foster, Martha Ann Scaife, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing

With Cancer: Karen Phillips, Michael Madden, Becky Gatewood, Tommy Buchanan, Don Breece, Nina Dickey, Andrew Parris, Rachel Watts

Baptisms

...We rejoice with Crystal Russell, Elizabeth Meadows, Michael Brown, Michael Coen, and Austin Sawyer who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 19:

\$ 12,324.89

November 26:

\$ 12,747.18

Camp: \$ 315.00

Budget: \$13,989.00

Prayer Request



Becky Gatewood has requested your prayers as she begins her journey of treatments for cancer. She wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and has requested for them to continue. Her trust in God, your prayers and encouragement will strengthen her in this journey.

The Very Newest!



Congratulations to Logan & Christa Skelton on the birth of a son November 24, 2023. Oliver Thomas Skelton weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Brett and Crystal Skelton and great grandmother is Patricia Skelton.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Kenneth Wolford who passed away. He was the husband of Margie Copley's niece Jo Ann Wolford.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Mike Rochelle who passed away.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Bennett's Blessings in memory of Stephen Dotson by the following: Dwayne & Susan Harber, Mike & Lenore Benson, Bobby & Valerie McCoy.

...a Memorial has been given to the Kay Care Fund in memory of Stephen Dotson by Randy & Kim James.

...a Memorial has been given to the YAM'S in memory of Stephen Dotson by Patricia Latham.

Thank You

Coleen Williams writes: "I want to let the Elders and wives know how much I appreciated the Widows & Single Ladies luncheon at the Outreach Center."

Area Events:

...Gospel Singing at the Five Points Church of Christ Friday, December 1, 2023. 7 P.M. Refreshments will be served following the singing.
**9040 Old Nashville Road
Bon Aqua, Tenn. 37025**

December Celebrations



James & June Aydelott
Married 52 Years
December 24, 2023



Bobby & Joyce Mayberry
Married 68 Years
December 23, 2023



James & Tommie Gadberry
Married 61 Years
December 27, 2023



A.J. & Willie B. Coates
Married 73 Years
December 25, 2023
Willie B. 91 Years Old
December 30, 2023



John T. & Wanda Givens
Married 64 Years
December 31, 2023



Michael & Shirley Bryant
Married 52 Years
December 31, 2023

Community Christmas Day Meal: Please consider helping with this very special Christmas Ministry. We need volunteers to prepare food ahead and Volunteers to work on Christmas Day. Please sign the list in the lobby if you can provide a dessert for this meal and deliver it on Christmas Day to Hickman County Middle School between 8-8:30 A.M.
Contact Nancy Dansby 615-574-9887 for more information.

Those To Serve In December

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| <p>Preside <i>(PLEASE BE ASSEMBLED UP FRONT BY 8:55)</i></p> <p>December 3 George Garland</p> <p>December 10 Daniel Dressler</p> <p>December 17 Bill McDonald</p> <p>December 24 Randy James</p> <p>December 31 Robert Bowman</p> <p>Left Side</p> <p>Randy Wright Cameron Wright Philip Jacobs Eli Jacobs</p> <p>Right Side</p> <p>Brandon McCauley Weston Elkins Joseph McCauley Marshall McCauley</p> | <p>Communion Prep. December 3 Brett & Heather Martin</p> <p>December 10 Keith & Judy Matlock</p> <p>December 17 James & June Aydelott</p> <p>December 24 Jonathan & Misty Aydelott</p> <p>December 31 George & Mary Sue Bragg</p> <p>P.M. Communion In Chapel</p> <p>Shaun & Jagger Lawson</p> <p>Bible Hour: Brad & Kristen Garland, Wyatt Aydelott, Sam Brown, Major Qualls, Will McDonald, Gwyneth Richardson, Sarah Isenberg, Anna Kate Jenkins, Hailie Tilley Hungry Hound Pantry Item: Pork & Beans</p> | <p>Life Care Center 12/3: Jeremy Qualls 12/10: Gethlyn Gardner 12/17: Matthew Dotson 12/24: Daniel Dressler 12/31: Daniel Dressler</p> <p>Tulipwood Service: John Bradley</p> <p>RADIO ROOM</p> <p>Media Director: Gaylon Cude Video: Corey Martin Sound: Andy Weber Mac/Keynote: Finn Martin</p> <p>Meals On Wheels</p> <p>Dec. 6: Diane Garrett Dec. 13: Susan Dotson Dec. 20: Shirley Bryant Dec. 27: Wayne & Carolyn Chessor</p> <p>PICK-UP MEALS AT 10:40</p> | <p>Prayer Week of December 3</p> <p>S.M.W. Daniel Dressler</p> <p>S.M.D. Jim Hudgins</p> <p>S.E.W. Shaun Lawson</p> <p>S.E.D. George Garland</p> <p>W.E.B.S Keith Matlock</p> <p>W.E.D. Major Qualls</p> <p>Greeters Ken & Tina Dickerson Gary & Becky Gatewood Mike & Ridonna Goodpasture Wayne & Jean Qualls Craig & Misty Shelton Shane & Tammy Willis</p> | <p>Read Scripture December 3, 2023 Gaylon Cude</p> <p>Elder's Prayer: Mike Goodpasture</p> <p>NURSERY: Holley Kruegar</p> <p>BAPT. CLOTHING: Lesley Hudgins</p> <p>USHERS: Ronald Coates, Monty Dunn, Don Chessor</p> |
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