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"From Where I Sit"

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Sunday A.M. "Approved Of God" II Corinthians 10: 17-18
Sunday P.M. "The Most Hated Thing In The World Today" Hebrews 4: 12

Every Sunday, large numbers of people will pass through the doors of a building with a sign out front that says, "church," on it. They go to participate in a worship service or some type of religious ritual. Sadly, with just a quick glance, one can quickly discern that there are many differences that exist between the various religious services offered. So, does it really matter how one worships? Are there instructions as to what, when, and how Christians are to worship? These are all important questions for which any true disciple of Christ should seek answers. If we believe the Bible is the authority for all things religious, then let's always consider it and see what it says.

If we search for the word "worship," we will discover there are certain kinds of worship in the New Testament. For example, Matthew 15:9 mentions "vain" worship. Acts 17:23 mentions worship to an unknown god. Colossians 2:23 talks about self-imposed worship, Mark 15:19, 20 demonstrates a mocking worship, and John 4:24 talks about worship that is in "spirit and truth." But what does "worship" mean? Our English word, worship comes from the Greek word, *proskunéo*, which means "to kiss the hand of one, a sign of reverence; kneeling, or prostration to do homage, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication." With this understanding, it should be clear from the above verses that there is a right way to worship and there is also a wrong way. The fact is, everyone worships something, or someone.

Man is a creature of worship. He will either worship a deity, or he will worship money, sports, fame, or anything that can become an idol. But, the Bible teaches that God is the creator of mankind, therefore, mankind should worship Him and only Him. John 4:23 says, *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him."* God wants His creation to worship Him! So, what does it mean to worship in "spirit and in truth"? In simple terms, worshiping in "spirit" refers to the ATTITUDE one must have in worship, while in "truth," means the manner, or the DOCTRINE by which we worship.

Worshiping in the right "spirit," or the right attitude, has to do with the heart, the whole heart. If we are not paying attention to what we are saying or doing, then we are not involving our hearts in worship. Or, if our attitude is bad, rebellious, or unbelieving, then it is equal to vain worship. Worshiping God "in truth" means we are to follow the patterns and commands for worship as found in the New Testament. This is what is known as "doctrine." It is a word that means "teaching." It doesn't take much digging to learn that the writers of the Bible taught specific commandments that we must obey and described examples that we can use to follow. According to those instructions there are five components, or actions of worship. They are:

Participation in the Lord's Supper, (1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7)

Singing songs of praise, (2 Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19)

Prayer, (Acts 2:42; 1 Timothy 2:1,8)

An offering, (1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:7)

Preaching the Word, (Acts 20:7; 2 Timothy 4:2; Colossians 1:28)

So, are there instructions for worship? Yes, there are instructions! We must follow the examples and commandments God gave in His Word. Changing any part, or characteristic of worship results in the corruption of God's plan for worship. Can you worship wrong and die right? Not according to God's word!

God Bless -Todd



Men's Fish Fry

Saturday, November 11th

Camp Meribah 4:00pm

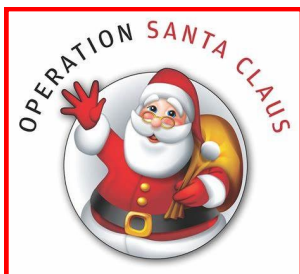
Followed by

Devotional and Business Meeting

Sign-up Sheet in the Lobby

Ladies' LUNCHEON

The Elders & Wives Will Host A
Luncheon On November 12th
For All
Widows And Single Ladies
At The Outreach Center
At 11 A.M.



Operation Santa Claus has names available if you would like to buy Christmas for a child. Please contact Becky Coleman at 729-2309 or 209-6564.

Carter's Corner



THE TIME CHANGE marks the beginning of a busy time of year for most families. The holiday season means that many different activities are going on all at once, and it feels like there's less time to accomplish everything because it is dark by the time you get home from work. The same can be said for our youth program as well. We have many activities over the next six weeks, and I encourage you to try your best to be involved as much as possible. During a busy time of year, let us not forget our priorities and try to do our part to grow spiritually and be a part of the Body of Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 9
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST
7:00 AM; LIGHTHOUSE

NOVEMBER 12-15
SERVE WEEK

NOVEMBER 12
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
BRAYDON CHESSOR

NOVEMBER 15
FRIENDSGIVING
5-7; FELLOWSHIP HALL

NOVEMBER 17
FCA COFFEHOUSE
TAILGATE

NOVEMBER 18
SERVANT SATURDAY
CAMP MERIBAH LEAF
CLEANUP

NOVEMBER 19
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
MAJOR QUALLS

DECEMBER 8
COOKIES WITH
SANTA DRIVE
THROUGH

DECEMBER 10
THE PROGRESSIVE
DINNER

SERVE WEEK IS HERE, and I want to take the opportunity to let everyone know the plans for a great week of service. Below, you will find our goals for each day:

Sunday (Nov 12): Card Writing Campaign- We will meet in the Lighthouse at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon to write as many cards, letters, notes, etc., as possible to send out to folks in our community. This activity is for all ages, and we encourage our younger students to get involved. Coloring pages and other activities will be provided for younger students to participate.

Monday (Nov 13): Donuts For Teachers- Students will be delivering donuts to teachers in each of our four local schools to say "Thank You" for all that our teachers do for our schools.

Tuesday (Nov 14): Work Day- We will meet at the Lighthouse at 4:00 to perform several odd jobs around the church building. We will be finished around 6:00.

Wednesday (Nov 15): Friendsgiving- Do your part by inviting your friends to join our Thanksgiving meal and bible class to follow.

Saturday (Nov 18): Servant Saturday at Camp Meribah- We will be helping with leaf removal at Camp Meribah.

CAMP SNOWBALL IS BACK after a break last year, and we are looking forward to being back at Camp Meribah for the "Chill on the Hill." Plans are currently underway, and we will be passing more information along to you next week. Registration will take place November 15-December 15, and you can find all other information on our website.

WE HAVE A SPECIFIC REQUEST to help us prepare for Camp Snowball this year: We are looking for a 12-foot Christmas tree to use at camp during our festivities at Camp Snowball. If you have a 12-foot tree at home that you would be willing to donate, please contact me directly.

Psalm 100:4 reminds us to "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name." This verse not only encourages us to approach God with gratitude, but it also serves as a powerful reminder of the significance of being thankful. When we cultivate an attitude of gratitude, we shift our focus from what we lack to what we have. We recognize that every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17). Be sure to look for ways to practice gratitude this week!
In Him, Carter



The Senior group's next outing will be November 14, 2023. We will be going to the Log Cabin Restaurant, Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 5:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.



Alyssa Aydelott has a new address. She would love to get mail. The address is:

606 Saddle Wood Drive
Lewisburg, Tennessee 37091



Ladies interested in helping create 2024 Ladies' Day please meet in the chapel at 4 P.M. on Sunday, November 12, 2023.



...ThankSinging at the Clifton Church of Christ November 17, 2023. Fellowship Meal at 6 P.M. Singing at 7 P.M. For more information contact Tracy Love at 931-676- 5262.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

November 5:
\$ 13,886.11
Camp: \$ 214.50
Budget: \$13,989.00

Thank You

Ralph & Katherine Shelton write: "Dear Church of Christ, We are very thankful for our church family. Thank you for the card and gift."

Bryan & Lori Woods write: "To the Centerville Church, Thank you for all of the cards, calls, messages, visits, prayers, food and the beautiful lantern. Words cannot express the love and care I have felt from my church family."

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Joe VanDyke who passed away. He was a relative of Linda (Charlie) Shelton. Celebration Of Life Service Sunday, November 12 at Magnolia Church of Christ, 2650 Vulcan Ave. Florence, AL 35630 Visitation: 1-3p Celebration of Life Service 3 P.M.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given toward the purchase of the van for Turks & Caicos in memory of Sally Chessor, Judy Rogers and Martha Leath by Richard & Linda Smith.

Please Pray For:

...Becky Gatewood is in Centennial Hospital. She has 2 lesions on her brain. 1 large on the left side and 1 small on the right. She will be having surgery this week. She also will have a scope of her esophagus.

...Bobby McCoy is in the local hospital with pneumonia.

...Mark Chessor is dealing with pneumonia.

...Baker Raye Jennings, great granddaughter of Ann Hooten, was able to go home. Please continue to pray for her.

...Kenneth Cagle is recovering from surgery at home. His address is: 210 Spring Hill Drive Smyrna, TN. 37167

Recovering from surgery or other illness: 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: Tommy Buchanan, Don Breece, Nina Dickey, Andrew Parris, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

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



The Shepherd's Pen

What a difference a week can make as the weather has flipped in the opposite direction with very warm temperatures for the next few days. Being in the month of November, the thoughts of being thankful is a theme that naturally comes to mind. Being thankful is not just an annual remembrance but should be in our fore thoughts daily. We are instructed in God's word to be thankful daily. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:18) Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus, he wrote this epistle to make Christians more aware of their position in Christ and to motivate them to draw upon their spiritual source in daily living. Paul describes it in these words, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3) The first half of Paul's letter reminds us of the heavenly possessions we have because of the relationship we have with God through Christ. Sunday, November 19th, will be our Annual Thanksgiving. The worship service will be centered around singing praises to our God, being thankful for the "Heavenly Possessions" we have in Christ. "I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being." (Psalm 104:33) Let us all invite someone to be our guest. There are postcards available in the foyer for mailing. Saturday being Veterans Day we will recognize our veterans Sunday prior to Bible Class. We appreciate them and their sacrifice to serve. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. *Your Elders*

Change in Work Day!

Camp Meribah & Lodge

Work Day November 18

8- Noon, Breakfast At 7

The Camp Meribah Board is asking for help to close camp for the winter and with decorating the lodge for the holiday season on November 18. If you can assist with any of the following jobs, please sign up in the lobby. We'll be serving coffee and a light breakfast beginning at 7 at Ken McDonald Hall.

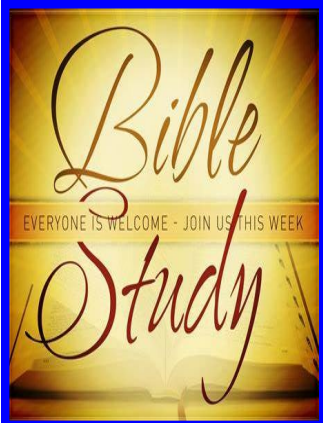
Camp, Leaf removal (including Lodge) Limb trimming (including Lodge)
Clearing brush, Cleaning cabins, Deep clean kitchen, Small repairs around camp, Lodge, Decorate for Christmas
Deep clean kitchen, Sweep porches

There are some decorations at the Lodge, but if you have decorations you can donate, they would be a welcome addition!

We especially need exterior greenery and ribbons.

Sign-Up In The Lobby If You Can Help!!

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



WINTER QUARTER

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY
STARTED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023
& WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES!
JOIN US!
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Snow Team 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.

Prayer Week of November 12

S.M.W.
Jonathan Aydelott

S.M.D.
Derek Newsom

S.E.W.
Gethlyn Gardner

S.E.D.
Robert Bowman

W.E.B.S
Colby Shelton

W.E.D.
Sam Chessor

Nov. 12
Thomas & Cheryl
Chessor

Nov. 19
Kevin & Leah Isenberg

Nov. 26
Corey & Nicole Martin

P.M. Communion
In Chapel

Eli & Philip Jacobs

Preside

(PLEASE BE
ASSEMBLED BY 8:55)

Nov. 12
Gethlyn Gardner

Nov. 19
Kevin Isenberg

Nov. 26
James Aydelott

Scripture

November 12
Justin Beard

Elder's Prayer:

November 12
Shane Willis