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"From Where I Sit"

FAITHFULNESS

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

The Fall weather has been beautiful and the changing of seasons again reminds us that God is still in control, and for that we can be thankful. Sunday was another beautiful opportunity to come together and worship. I pray that you took that opportunity and showed your faith to others and worshipped the One who blesses us beyond our understanding.

The Hebrew writer wrote, *"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him"* (Heb. 11:6). Faith is defined in this verse by the term 'believe.' The person who has the faith in this verse believes in God. The apostle Paul wrote: *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God"* (Rom. 10:17). Many passages of scripture use the phrase "the faith." Jude wrote, *"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"* (Jude 3). Obviously, the term faith is used in a different way in this verse than is the case in Hebrews 11:1,6. The faith does not speak of the faith that develops within an individual as he studies, learns, and comes to believe the teachings of God's word (Rom. 10:17). Jude spoke of "the faith" having been once for all delivered to the saints. He is speaking about the teaching in God's word which a person learns and upon which his faith is established. Another phrase that can be used interchangeably with "the faith" is "the gospel" (Gal. 2:5; Phl. 1:17). As a person learns about the faith, his own personal faith develops within him. Indeed, both phrases are used in the same verse with essentially the same frame of reference: *"if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister"* (Col. 1:23).

When a person develops faith, based upon what he learns from the faith, he must make up his mind to live in faithfulness. Jesus instructed, *"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life"* (Rev. 2:10). Faithfulness is demonstrated by living true to one's faith. To live faithfully is to live by the teachings of the faith. Faithfulness is the outward expression, the active demonstration, of one's faith. Faith without faithfulness is dead (Jas. 2:14-26)!

Let's make up our minds to give proper attention to our faith. Let's mature and grow it through our study of the teachings of the faith, applying those teachings properly to our daily lives. As we do, our faith will grow stronger. Living by faith will become apparent to those around us as they observe our faithfulness. Our faith should not be just part of our life; our faith should be our life (Gal. 2:20).

God Bless, Todd

Carter's Corner



HAUNTED HAYRIDE

OCTOBER 23 WEEKEND, SUNDOWN

HAUNTED HAYRIDE... OUR JR. & SR. HIGH STUDENTS ARE INVITED to take part in our 12th Annual Haunted Hayride. Troy Bates and his Haunting Crew are hard at work again this year to plan and build an exciting and scary hayride for our youth group students. This event is set for Saturday night, October 24th, at 9:00 pm. We will meet at Fish Camp to enjoy hot

chocolate and snacks before loading onto Jimmy Kreuger's haunted trailer for the hayride. The Hayride is always one of our student's favorite events of the year, and this year should be one of the best yet! Invite, Invite, Invite!



HALLOWEEN UNDER THE HILL... AFTER A SUCCESSFUL EVENT LAST YEAR, plans are underway for another great Halloween event for our entire church family. There is a slight change in venue this year, as the main camp is booked for Halloween weekend, which means that "Halloween On the Hill" has changed names to "Halloween Under

the Hill," and all activities will take place at the lower camp entrance on Saturday, October 30th, from 3:00-5:00. This will be a come-and-go event, as we want to encourage families with young children to take part in the other festivities taking place on the night of the 30th as well.

We have a great list of activities already planned (a "Schmooky" Trail, Trunk-or-Treat, multiple food stations, caramel apple dipping, face painting, carnival-type games, mini-horse rides, etc.) and we are looking for as many volunteers as possible to help with this event. We are trying to specifically target volunteers who have children older than Trick-or-Treat age to help, so that younger parents can enjoy the evening with their children. If you would like to help with the Schmooky Trail, crafts/activities, food, or would like to enter a car for Trunk-or-Treat, please see Carter or Philip Jacobs. This event is open to the community and families with children age ten and younger.



FATHER/SON WEEKEND & SKEET SHOOT

FATHER/SON WEEKEND & SKEET SHOOT JOIN US FOR A GREAT WEEKEND FOR FATHERS AND SONS OF ALL AGES as we host our first-ever Father/Son Weekend and Skeet Shoot at the Spring House at Camp Meribah. Fathers & Sons are invited to a campout including supper, a

devotional from Mike Kelley, and time spent in fellowship Friday night, followed by breakfast, another devotional, and a mid-morning skeet shoot on Saturday. The cost is \$15 per person or \$30 per family (if you have more than one son) and will cover both meals and the cost of skeets. Everyone is responsible for providing their own ammunition. A sign-up list along with more information is available on the youth news board. We hope you make plans to attend a great weekend for both fathers, sons, grandfathers, great grandfathers, and other men in our congregation.



THIS WEEK'S MESSENGER ARTICLE IS A SPECIAL EDITION, as we highlight and share information about several youth activities coming up in the next few weeks. I trust that all of our students are enjoying their Fall Break this week and I hope that you will take the time to read up on this month's activities. We have several big events coming up for students of all ages beginning right after Fall Break, so make sure you are prepared for everything that is coming up. Fall is a fun and exciting time of year for our youth group!

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 17

JR. HIGH FIRESIDE
MAJOR QUALLS

OCTOBER 23

HAUNTED HAYRIDE

OCTOBER 27

LIGHTHOUSE
HAILEE & AUSTIN HALLBURTON

OCTOBER 30

HALLOWEEN UNDER THE HILL

NOVEMBER 5-6

FATHER/SON
CAMPOUT & SKEET
SHOOT

OUR FINAL 5TH QUARTER OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON hosted our largest crowd of the year, as a large number of students from both our congregation and students from HCHS met together in the Fellowship Hall for "Glow Night Volleyball." A few black lights, some laser projectors, a glow-in-the-dark volleyball, and some glow sticks set the scene for a fun night for our students. 5th Quarters have been a staple of our youth program for many years and I am thankful that students are still interested in fun, safe, and wholesome activities following home games on Friday nights. Thanks to everyone who helped make 5th Quarters great this football season!

"WISDOM IS NOT THE PRODUCT OF SCHOOLING, BUT OF THE LIFELONG EFFORT TO ACQUIRE IT." -Albert Einstein
In the bible, the word *Hakam* is the Hebrew word for wisdom. It carries with it the concept of "living life skillfully." What a beautifully crafted understanding of what it means to have wisdom! Christians should always strive to live a life filled with wisdom. May our words be seasoned, our actions be measured, and our thoughts filled with things that are above. Wisdom can be found where our knowledge of God intersects with and influences the way we live our lives. Ask for it (James 1:5), live with a healthy fear of God (Proverbs 7:1), and meditate on God's word (Psalm 1:1-2). You'll always appreciate life filled with *Hakam*. Proverbs 8:27-36

In Him, Carter

CONGRATULATIONS TO....

...**HCHS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAM** FOR WINNING THE DISTRICT TOURNAMENT. THE TEAM IS COACHED BY MATTHEW DOTSON

...**TO JEREMY & MEREDITH QUALLS** FOR COMPLETING AN IRON MAN COMPETITION AND TO PHILIP JACOBS FOR COMPLETING A HALF IRONMAN TRIATHLON. GREAT JOB!

Thank You

Priscilla Barber writes: Thanks to all of you for the lovely cards, cakes, flowers and phone calls that I received from the church community on my recent birthday. May God bless you all for your kind hearts and love."

The Janie Gilbert family writes:

"Thank you so much for the prayers of comfort during a most difficult time. We appreciate all that you have done to encourage and uplift us."

David & Stacy Breece write: " We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the prayers, texts, kind words, food, and the gift from our church family at the passing of my mother Sylvia Gibson."

Doyle & Marge Rushton write: "Thanks so much for the cards we received for our Anniversary and also thanks for the prayers on my behalf concerning my recurrence of cancer. We appreciate it so much."

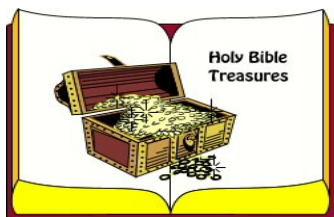
Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Silvia Gibson who passed away. She was the mother of Stacy (David) Breece.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Jane Berryman who passed away.

...We express our sympathy to the family of R.W. McAlister who passed away. To his mother Kristie, brother Bryan (Mendy), all family and friends we express our deepest sympathy.

Bryan & Mendy: 1320 Camp Ravine Road, Burns, TN. 37029
Kristie McAlister: 740 Bauer Road Jonesboro, Illinois 62952



Treasure Hunting
Ladies' Retreat 2020+2

January 14-15th

Information Sheets and Registration
Forms

On the table in the foyer
Be on the lookout

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

**October 10:
\$ 16,964.65**

Camp: \$ 270.25

Budget: \$ 12,979.00

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Mildred Bridges by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Peggy Breece, Bobby Breece and Mildren Bridges by Don Luther.

Ladies'
LUNCHEON

There will be a Ladies' Luncheon for Widows/Single Lady Members November 7th in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Elders & Wives. Please sign the list in the lobby if you will be attending.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Tanya Tanner, friend of Anita Allen, is recovering at home.

...Zack Graham, nephew of Jimmy & Cathie Copley and Mark & Shela Chessor, will be treated with medication for congestive heart failure.

...Pam Manley, friend of George & Nanette Simmons, is in the hospital.

...Floy Lyell, mother of Debbie (Jeff) Breece is in the hospital due to breathing problems.

...Doug Bates is recovering from back surgery.

...Kurt Maxwell, friend of Todd & Renee Parsley, is on Hospice care due to cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Jeremy Primm, Mike & Nancy Bradley, Pam Anderson, Amy Sanders, Melvin Roberson, Dot Allen, Keith Barber, Fred Bowman, David King, Jamie Stoltz, Caleb Barker, Jessie Seagraves, Elton Morgan, Jerry Greene, Lovada Burklow, Loudean Qualls, Jimmy Copley, Alden Chilton, Reba Horner, Dan Elkins, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Marge Rushton, Shirley Harris Burns, Luther Brown, Jimmy Savley, Kari Mobley, Wayne Cornwell, Sandra Cooper, Brenda Martinez, Raymond Stoltz, Wendy Pace, Kenneth Dotson, Allison Staten, Gail Kincade, Steve Higginbotham, Everett Kelley, Thomas Gaines, Colleen Polk, Michael McCarley, Allan Newton, George Peterson, Lonnie Gilliam, Ann Lauran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

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

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.

**OCTOBER ITEMS: MEN'S DEODORANT
LAUNDRY DETERGENT**

AREA EVENTS: Annual Big Singing 2021.... Crieve Hall Church of Christ October 29, 2021 7 P.M. 4806 Trousdale Drive, Nashville, Tennessee 37220

Memory Lane...

PLACE
STAMP
HERE



Elder's Prayer

October 17:
Wayne Qualls

**Read
Scripture**

October 17:
John Jacobs

Preside
October 17
Wayne Chessor

Prayer Week of

October 17
S.M.W.
John Bradley

S.M.D.
Grady Teet

S.E.W.
Jeremy Qualls

S.E.D.
Major Qualls

W.E.B.S
Brian Qualls

W.E.D.
Houston Hudgins