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"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"What the Church Needs Today"

(Ephesians 4:11-16)

Sunday PM

"Why Don't People Care What God Thinks"

(Romans 8:5-8)

9AM and 5PM



It was so good to be back Sunday after some time away. I always miss being here on Sunday to worship with God's people here in this place. I hope that you all have a blessed week as we move into another season of change with the welcome of some cooler weather. A reminder that God is the creator of this beautiful place we call home.

Ephesians 4:1-6, written by the divinely inspired Apostle Paul (Eph. 1:1; 2 Tim. 3:16-17) to the first-century church of Christ that worked and worshipped together in Ephesus, has been the subject of countless of sermons and bible studies since it was written in the first century. It is one of the simplest, most beautiful, most unifying, and straightforward texts in the entire bible. *"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*

So, what does "ONE" mean? Because whatever it means when it says, "one Lord," "one God," and "one Spirit," it means exactly the same thing when it says, "one Hope," "one Faith," "one Baptism," and "one Body". People who believe that there are multiple different churches that God finds acceptable, and that God is okay with people attending any "church of their choice" never found in Scripture, then they must also believe that God is okay with people believing in many different "gods," or worshipping "the god of their choice" not found in Scripture either. If there is only one God and one Lord, and a religious person truly believes and accepts that there is only the one which we find in the bible, then they must also understand that there is only the one faith, one church, and one baptism we read about in the same text in the bible as well. We can't have it both ways! There can't be many different faiths, baptisms, and churches found outside of Scripture that God is still okay with our being a part of, while at the same time holding us to the standard that there is only the one God, and one Lord found in Scripture. It just doesn't make any intellectual sense.

Are there in fact many different gods, are there many different Holy Spirits? Is there one Lord or many Lords? How many Hopes are there? Are there many faiths, or one faith? Does the text say there is one baptism or many baptisms? Does the writer Paul really only mean "one" or is there many? True believers and faithful members of the body of Christ believe, understand, and accept that when the One God said "one" He meant just ONE! The choice is yours but evidence is clear.

God Bless -Todd

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

...**Fundraiser For Kane Cross** November 9, 2024 12:00-5:00 P.M. at the Pleasantville Volunteer Building 4208 Hwy. 100 West Pleasantville, TN. Live Auction starting at 4 P.M. Special musical guest McClung Family, Brian Edwards, Grinders Switch Ensemble and Angie Laster *Kane was involved in an accident severely injuring his right hand. He has had multiple surgeries and will require more, along with extended hospital stay at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. For more information: Valerie Woodall: 931-994-2772 or Tammy Knox 731-967-2419.

...**Friends & Family Day at the Pinewood Church of Christ** October 27, 2024 Class: 9 A.M. Service 10 A.M. Speaker: Matt Miller Meal and afternoon service to follow. 4760 Hwy. 48 North Nunnally, TN. 37137

...**Gospel Meeting at the Sylvia Church of Christ** October 25-27, 2024. Speaker: Dr. Kirk Brothers, President of Heritage Christian University. October 25 & 26 7 P.M. October 27 10 A.M. Bible Class 11 A.M. Worship 12:15 Potluck lunch 2 P.M. Evening Worship



Carter's Corner



IT SEEMS THAT FALL IS FINALLY HERE, with the days getting shorter and the weather beginning to cool down. While I am a fan of summertime, it is a welcome change to see the seasons begin to change. I hope that many of you got to enjoy extra time with your families last week during Fall Break and are refreshed and reenergized to head into the final part of 2024. Many activities are planned for the youth group over the next several months, and I hope you are looking forward to getting involved.

WE HAD A TERRIFIC FIRESIDE for our senior high students Sunday night at the home of Ryan and Lauren McDonald. We enjoyed a great meal and devotional time and finished the night playing hide and seek in the funeral home for those brave enough to participate. It is always a wonderful time when the youth group gets together, and a big word of thanks is extended to Will, Ryan, and Lauren for hosting.

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL is approaching on Saturday afternoon, October 26, from 3:00-5:00 pm. We are planning for another great year of trunk-or-treat, food, and Fall fun. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for those willing to help decorate a car for trunk-or-treat. If there are any other ways that you would be willing to help, feel free to reach out.

THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW changes to our calendar with dates and times this month. Be sure you are keeping up with everything going on with the youth group by checking the calendar in Messenger each week and following the youth group on social media and GroupMe.

Have a great week! In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 19
MILLERS THRILLERS
TRIP

OCTOBER 20
SPARKS &
INTERMEDIATES
FISHING FEST

OCTOBER 20
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
JAGGER LAWSON

OCTOBER 23
LIGHTHOUSE TRIVIA
NIGHT
FINN & KENNADI MARTIN

OCTOBER 26
HALLOWEEN ON THE
HILL

OCTOBER 30
HAUNTED
LIGHTHOUSE
HEATH BUCHANAN

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL

Trunk or Treat - Food - Fall Fun

OCT 26 | 3:00-5:00 AT CAMP MERIBAH
ALL ARE WELCOME

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the *Charlie Shelton Welcome Center* by the following: John Plemmons, Jr., Joe & Joy Ellis, Lisa Blystad, Don Luther, Rita Van Dyke, Dickson Dragons, Don & Vicki Chessor, Luke Worsham, John Givens Family, Ken & Debbie Jenkins

...a Memorial has been given to the *Becky Gatewood Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund* in memory of *Becky Gatewood* by John Plemmons. Jr., Brenda Chastain

...a Memorial has been given to the church in memory of *A.J. Coates* by the following: Randy & Kim James, Don Luther, Doug & Billie Sue True, Tennessee Valley Paving, James and Sandra Hinson, Rodney Carmical, Don & Vicki Chessor, Jenkins & Jenkins, Inc., Ken & Michael Jenkins Family, Phillip & Diane Coates.

Thank You

Randal & Sandra Barber write: "We want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, visits, food, gifts cards, and the thoughts and prayers as I recover from back surgery."

The Family of A.J. Coates writes:

" There are not any words to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love, support and kindness you have extended to our family during this time of loss. The calls, visits, prayers and warm words of comfort. The Lantern was beautiful and brought light into a very difficult time. The meal provided for us following the service was wonderful. So much food brought showed us how much you all love us. You all have helped our family and highlighted what a special person he was. All of this will never be forgotten- it will always be remembered. "

Steve Bragg writes: " Thanks for all the prayers and cards. I really appreciated it."



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

October 6, 2024

\$ 22,303.59

Camp: \$ 332.00

October 13, 2024

\$ 12,257.42

Camp: \$ 273.50

Budget: \$14,186.00

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of *Martha Scaife* who passed away in Arkansas. She was the sister of *Lori Woods*.



October Items

Cooking Oil
Hot Sauce
Cake Mix
Frosting

Centerville Church Of Christ

Sunday: 9 A.M. Worship
10:20 Bible Class
Sunday Evening: 5 P.M.
Wed.: 7 P.M.
Classes For All Ages!



...*Carolyn Stoltz*, mother of *Melissa Sanderson*, will have knee replacement surgery Oct. 16th at *Maury Regional*.

...*Carolyn King* is in *St. Thomas West*. She had 2 stents implanted on Monday.

...3 year old *Cain Cross* is recovering from a mowing accident.

...*Troy Parks* has been in *Maury Regional Hospital* dealing with an infection.

...*Steve Bragg* had surgery October 7 for fluid on his spine. He has returned home.

...*Johnny Qualls*, father of *Anita Allen*, had quadruple bypass surgery Monday at *St. Thomas West*.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: *Kyle Dickerson*, *Shannon Briggs*, *Steve Bragg*

Please Pray For Those Who Are With Cancer: *Rodney Tune*, *Davy Baker*, *Jerry Yates*, *Mark Isenberg*, *David Talley*, *Shirley Shipp*, *Lorrie O'Guin*, *Ashley Halliburton*, *Melinda Snider*, *Jimmy Jenkins*, *Todd Chessor*, *Bobby Stone*, *Rachel Watts*, *Shanon Irwin*

Nursing Home Life Care Center: *Frances McClanahan*, *Margaret McCord*, *Hester Moss*, *Larry Talley*

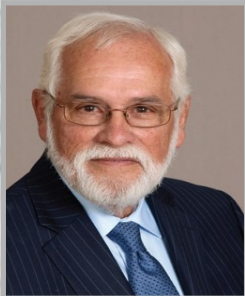
Home: *Marilyn & Lonnie Gilliam*, *Glenda Teet*, *Dorris & Margie Claud*, *John Thomas & Wanda Givens*, *Willie B. Coates*, *Martha Weber*, *Billy Garner*

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

Priscilla Barber
Harmony At Brentwood
Apt. 421
9045 Church Street East
Brentwood, Tennessee 37027

Margie Copley
The Bridge in Columbia, TN.
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Columbia, TN. 38401

Our Elders



Ken Dickerson



Gary Gatewood



Mike Goodpasture



Wayne Qualls

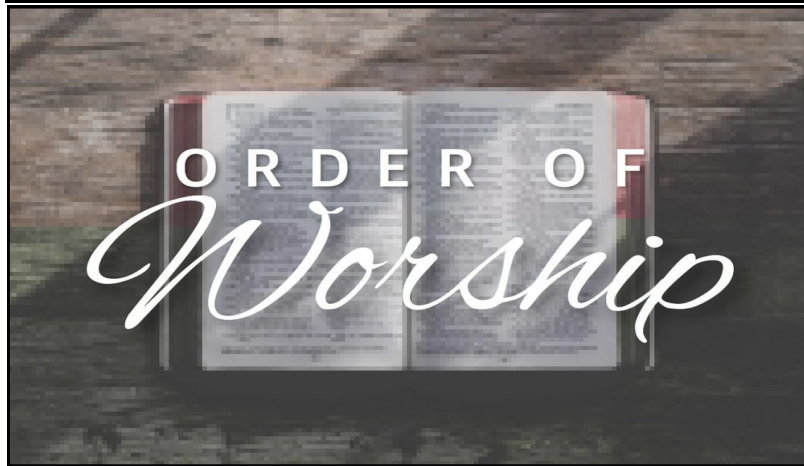


Craig Shelton



Shane Willis

Place
Stamp
Here



The Shepherd's Pen

Sunday was a beautiful day! The fall season has begun, and the weather could not be more pleasant. *We continue to remember and pray for all those impacted by the flood waters. We sent funds this week to two areas heavily impacted. We will continue to monitor the situation and may send additional funds in the future. Several have inquired about giving toward the relief. You can give your donation to an elder, staff member, or bring it by the office.* In [Luke 18:9-14](#) when Jesus looked at some of those gathered around Him, He saw that they relied on their own righteousness, on their works, on their moral purity for salvation rather than on the mercy of God. Jesus tells us of two men who went up to the temple to pray. We need to realize they are part of a larger crowd of worshippers. The Pharisee is in the temple with a crowd of worshippers, including a tax collector. The Bible says he stood by himself. Why does he do this? This Pharisee is one of those Jesus spoke this parable against. He is confident in his own righteousness and looks down on everybody else. His failure was a lack of humility. The other man in the story is a tax collector. The Bible says he stood afar off, at a distance. Not because he thought he was better than the rest, but he does not think he is worthy to stand before God or with God's people. He prays acknowledging himself a sinner in need of God's mercy. The Pharisee thought others as sinners; the tax collector thinks himself only as the sinner. The Pharisee had a big eye on himself, a bad eye on the tax collector, and no eye at all upon God. Jesus said, *"I tell you; the tax collector went down to his house justified rather than the Pharisee; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."* (v14) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family. Your Elders

Preside

October 20

Sam Chessor

October 27

Philip Jacobs

P.M. Chapel

Shaun Lawson
Jagger Lawson

Read Scripture October 20

Kevin Isenberg

Elder's Prayer October 20

Ken Dickerson

Communion Prep.

October 20

Mark & Shela Chessor

October 27

Monty & Amy Dunn

Prayer Week Of October 20

S.M.W.
Robert Bowman

S.M.D.
Keith Matlock

S.E.W.
Brad Davis

S.E.D.
Garth Richardson

W.E.B.S
John Bradley

W.E.D
Will McDonald