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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"



When my kids were little, I use to love to hear Renee sing to them. She would sing many different types of children's songs but the ones I really loved were the ones that taught them about God. There was one song in particular that I still hear in my mind that she would sing, the song goes like this: "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that my God cannot do." Wow! What a message, fitting for young and old alike. The question is, do you believe that? Can you honestly say that your God is so big, so strong, and so mighty and that there is nothing that He cannot do?

The children of Israel sang a song very similar. When they crossed the Red Sea, they sang "The Song of Moses": "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; and He has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him, The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name." (Ex. 15:1-3))

They sang about God's power, His majesty, and His holiness. They sang about how the inhabitants of Canaan were all trembling and full of dread and terror because of God's marvelous works in Egypt. But somehow along the way they had forgotten that song. When they went in to spy out the land, they forgot about the God who had destroyed Egypt and Pharaoh's armies. They focused on their enemies instead of their God.

The lesson for us is simple: Don't focus on your problems. Focus on God. Keep your eyes on the One who has never failed his faithful servants who called upon his mighty name. The one we sing about, "My God is so big, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do!"

May our God always be with you, His faithful servants and defend you as you fight against the evil that exists in this world!

"He's called you to live for him every day in all that you do, My God is so big, so strong and so mighty there's nothing that He cannot do".

I hope to see you Sunday!

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Carter Hoover

IT WAS A PERFECT NIGHT this past Friday night for our annual Homecoming Bonfire. Joey & Charlene Hunt built an excellent bonfire for us in the Rock Quarry at Camp Meribah, our Sr High students did their job of inviting their classmates and drew a crowd of people, and the weather was perfect for enjoying a bonfire. A special thanks go to our Centerville VFD (specifically McKale Baltz and Wyatt Irwin) for helping us safely end our night by bringing in a tanker full of water to extinguish the remaining coals of our fire and allowing me to sleep easy Friday night.

IT IS A BUSY WEEK FOR our youth group and church family, with many Halloween activities to participate in. This Friday night, our Sr High students will have their final 5th Quarter of the Football season, our annual Haunted Hayride. We will meet at the bus garage Friday night after the game to head to Gwyneth Richardson's home on Wolf Creek for our Hayride. The bus will leave the building at 9:00 pm sharp Friday night, so be sure to be on time. It is a scientific fact that the more members of the McDonald family you have involved in something near Halloween, the scarier it is. Gwyneth has informed me that her whole family has been helping her get ready for the night, so it is absolutely a hayride you don't want to miss!

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL IS FINALLY HERE, and we look forward to a great event this Saturday afternoon. If you plan on decorating a trunk or a cabin porch for Trunk-or-Treat, please be there by no later than 2:00 to begin setup. We will have pony rides, food, trunk-or-treat, hayrides, a haunted house, face painting, and more from 3:00-5:00 pm, with plenty of time to get everything cleaned up and make it over to the Halloween Parade. Like I said on Sunday morning, this event is for our entire church family regardless of whether or not you plan on participating in Trunk-or-Treat. Please plan to join us for a fun afternoon together on The Hill!

With so many things going on this weekend, it's hard to think about anything past this Saturday, but next Saturday, November 5th, will be our Fall Skeet Shoot at the Meribah Rock Quarry from 3:00-5:00 pm. Our whole church family is invited for a fun afternoon of skeet shooting and fellowship. There is a sign-up list in the lobby for anyone attending. Skeets will be provided; simply grab your shotgun and some shells and make plans to attend!

Lots of things are going on! What a great time to be a part of our church family!

In Him, Carter

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 25
JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 28
HAYRIDE 5TH
QUARTER
9:00 AT THE BUS
GARAGE

OCTOBER 29
HALLOWEEN ON THE
HILL
3:00-5:00PM

OCTOBER 30
YOUNG MEN AT
COBLE

OCTOBER 30
FRIGHT NITE @ MFH
AFTER PM SERVICES

NOVEMBER 11
LIGHTHOUSE
ELLIE & WYATT
AYDELOTT

NOVEMBER 5
FALL SKEET SHOOT
3-5PM; ROCK QUARRY



Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Beatrice Horner of the Coble community who passed away. She was the aunt of Steven (Anita) Armstrong.

Thank You

Lesley Hudgins writes: " Dear Church Family, I feel so much gratitude for all of the many cards, food, and, most of all, your many prayers during my recovery from surgery. Thank you for the gift certificates and the love shown me as I was able to be among you all again. In Christian Love..."

Mike & Belinda Potts write: " Dear Church Family, Thank you for the gift certificates and prayers during Mike's recovery from shoulder replacement surgery. With Love..."

David Brown & Family write: " To Our Church Family, Thank you for the support and comfort you provided our family during my fathers' passing. The cards, calls, prayers, gifts and your thoughtfulness were greatly appreciated."

Gary & Becky Gatewood write:

"To Our Church Family, As our precious granddaughter, Evelyn Jane Barr, enters her eighth week in the NICU in Columbia, S.C., Gary and I want to express our deepest appreciation to our church family, and friends outside our church family, who have been so overwhelmingly supportive with continual prayers on behalf of Evelyn, Lauren, and Corbin since this journey began on September 2nd. Your fervent prayers, love, concern, and words of encouragement have provided all of us with much needed strength and hope as we have experienced this emotionally difficult time in our lives. We praise our God and give thanks to Him for how well our Baby Evie is doing at 33 weeks of development. How thankful we are to share that she now weighs 3 pounds and is moving forward with her growth and development. From the depth of our hearts we gratefully say, "Thank You!" and humbly ask for you to continue praying for Evie, Lauren, and Corbin as they still have several weeks remaining in the NICU. May God Bless Each of You!"



Children's Home Food Drive
October Items:
Kool-Aid Canisters,
Paper Towels

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

October 23, 2022

\$ 12,503.69

Camp:

\$351.00

Budget:

\$ 13,532.00

Baptism



We rejoice with Allison Beggs who was baptized October 20, 2022 by Wayne Qualls.

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Albren Copley by Dorothy Weatherspoon.

...a Memorial has been given to the Camp Meribah Scholarship Fund in memory of Albren Copley and Billy Rochelle by Doug Shepherd.

...a Memorial has been given to Day School in memory of Albren Copley and Billy Rochelle by Bobby & Valerie McCoy.

AREA EVENTS ...Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ at New Antioch October 23-26, 2022. Bible Study: 9:15a; Worship 10a. Sunday Night 7:30 Monday-Wednesday: 7 P.M. Fellowship Meal following Sunday A.M. Worship



EAST HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL
REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT
THE 6TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM
12:30 P.M. WITH A RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022
7700 HIGHWAY 7 LYLES, TN. 37098
LOCATED IN THE GYMNASIUM
PLEASE PARK IN THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL
FOR MORE INFO 931-670-1366 EXT.228



...Dr. Eddie Boone returned home from the hospital Monday.

...Cori Parks, daughter of Ann Hooten, had major surgery on her spine October 24th at Vanderbilt Hospital.

...Joann Johns, friend of Lynda Houston, is having complications following heart surgery. She is in the hospital in Huntsville, Alabama.

...Margaret McCord is in Life Care.

...Leona White, sister of Shane Willis, is in Maury Regional Hospital with an infection around her heart.

...Louden Qualls, mother of Wayne & Don, is dealing with declining health.

...Martha Weber, mother of Andy, is having health problems.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Grant Dotson, Robert Nicholson, Evelyn Jane Barr, Jeremy Gilbert, Linda Smith, Jase Bradley, Billy & Juanita Garner, Loudean Qualls, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Becky Keele, Bryan Williams, Carey Hight, Juanita King, Liz Bryant, Joe Shipp, Buster Peters, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves, Mark Chessor, Steve Higginbotham

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Margaret McCord, Doyle & Marge Rushton, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Louise Gordon, Betty Claud, Addie Bell Nash, Georgia Moss, Larry Talley
St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Ruth McFarlin, Betty Davis, Winnie Aydelott, Francis McClanahan

Home: Dorris & Margie Claud, John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, Sue Roder, Troy Parks

Bobbie June Kittrell:

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LIFE-LINE

Daily Updates & Devotional Message

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The Shepherd's Pen



Jesus said,

"For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

(Mark 9:41)

It was during the heaviest stress of the Civil War. The demands and situation were occupying his thoughts. Abraham Lincoln, walking one day through the woods, came across a fully feathered baby bird which has fallen from its nest, and its life was in danger. He picked up the little bird, examined the branches of the overhanging tree until the nest was located. He tenderly placed the little bird back in the nest. The individual who witnessed the act regarded and recorded it as one of the greatest he had seen Lincoln accomplish. J. Stuart Holden wrote, "A small man may on occasion rise to do a big thing, but it takes a big man to do a small one with equal gladness, willingness, and delight." One of the beautiful things about the Lord Jesus was His interest in the little things and small acts of kindness. He taught the little things are big. The tiniest mustard seed would grow into a tree large enough for the birds to come and nest. (Matthew 13:31-32) The widow's two mites, very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny, were larger to Him than all the others, with great wealth, had put into the treasury. (Mark 12:41-44) If our Christianity is pure, it will lead us to serve, even in the small things, as Jesus did. We must always remind ourselves, things that seem small to us, may be the biggest thing in that person's life at that moment. *Let not kindness and truth forsake thee: Bind them about thy neck; Write them upon the tablet of thy heart.* (Proverbs 3:3) Looking forward to seeing you Sunday. Keep the faith, be steadfast, immovable, and abounding! God will see us through.
Your Elders

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October 30

Elder's Prayer:

Shane Willis

**Prayer Week of
October 30**

S.M.W.
Alan Potts

S.M.D.
Chris Peters

S.E.W.
Kevin Isenberg

S.E.D.
Wayne Chessor

W.E.B.S
Keith Matlock

W.E.D.
Major Qualls

October 30

Scripture
Justin Beard

Preside
Randy Wright

**COMING
SOON!**

...Oct.29

HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL 3:00-5:00

...Nov. 20

Thanksgiving

...Nov. 23

No Messenger Devo Only

...Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Day

...Nov. 23-25

**School System
Thanksgiving Break**

...Dec. 4

**All Church Night; Vol. Of The Year,
New Member Recognition Worship At 5; Dinner
Served at 6 In Fellowship Hall**

...Dec. 14

**Sunshine Bags
Assembled For Delivery**

...Dec. 16

School Dismissed at 10a

...Dec. 19-30

**Christmas Break
School System**

...Dec. 28

No Messenger; Devo Only



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