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*Todd Parsley*

**"From Where I Sit"**

## FAITHFULNESS

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

I saw on one of the church signs here in town this quote: 'No perfect people allowed...'. I understand what they are saying, there is only one perfect person who has ever lived. We as Christians strive every day to be like Him and honestly, we more often than not fail. When we do fail, we must ask for forgiveness, if we do not then we cannot be redeemed by the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ and receive our reward. One good biblical example is the apostle, Peter. He denied Jesus 3 times when he was confronted by those who were persecuting the Lord. Peter was full of remorse and guilt for what he had done. *"And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice."* Matthew 26:75.

However, we know that he asked for forgiveness and by the grace of God he was. Now, another example in the Bible was the one who betrayed the Lord and gave Him up. Judas knew he had done something horrible as soon as they took Jesus away. He tried to give back the money that he was given for betraying Jesus. Judas was in misery, but he did not ask God for forgiveness. Instead, he found he could not live with what he had done, and he killed himself, losing all hope of redemption. If he would have asked to be forgiven God would have had mercy on him and by grace he could have been forgiven.

However difficult it is to understand for some, God would have forgiven Judas just as he did Peter. There is a penalty to pay for not obeying the word of God. Jesus died so we could be saved from hell, that place of torment mentioned more by Jesus than anyone else in the Bible. Why is it necessary to have heaven? So that we could repent, and be redeemed, be given the gift of grace and the reward of everlasting life. Knowing this, how could you not choose everlasting life with Jesus in heaven? The choice is ours to make, what will you choose today? *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen"* 2 Peter 3:18

See Ya Sunday! -Todd



***Burying the  
Time Capsule...Will  
be opened in 2070***

## Carter's Corner



HAS BEEN A BUSY last several weeks for our church family here in Centerville. It has been several weeks since you all have heard from me following our week off from the Messenger following our wonderful 150th Celebration and then the pictorial edition of the Messenger last week. Rest assured, however, that the youth group has still been staying active over the past few weeks. We have had both a Jr. & Sr. High Fireside, two Lighthouses, and two 5th Quarters since my last article. There are many people to thank this week for hosting, preparing meals, chaperoning, and otherwise helping our youth program stay running on track that I simply cannot list them all. Let me simply and humbly say "thank you" to everyone who has helped us in the past few days. We have such a dedicated and talented group of volunteers that make our youth program run smoothly. Our congregation is blessed to have such a strong group of youth-minded individuals. This is an excellent time to be a part of our youth group here in Centerville for both students and adults!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 6

#### LIGHTHOUSE

AIDEN WALLACE

OCTOBER 8

#### 5TH QUARTER

AFTER THE GAME TIL 11:00;  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

OCTOBER 17

#### JR. HIGH FIRESIDE

MAJOR QUALLS

OCTOBER 23

#### HAUNTED HAYRIDE

OCTOBER 27

#### LIGHTHOUSE

HAILEE & AUSTIN HALLIBURTON

OCTOBER 30

#### HALLOWEEN UNDER

#### THE HILL

NOVEMBER 5-6

#### FATHER/SON

#### CAMPOUT & SKEET

#### SHOOT

OCTOBER IS FINALLY HERE which means that several big events are coming up for our youth group. I hope that you are making plans to be a part of our upcoming Haunted Hayride (Jr. & Sr. High Students) and Halloween Under the Hill (entire congregation). More details for each of these activities will be in next week's Messenger but for now, mark your calendar, start planning your decorations, buy some Halloween candy before it's gone, and invite your neighbors to be a part of our Fall activities!!

"CALL ON GOD, BUT ROW AWAY FROM THE ROCKS." Ralph Waldo Emerson made this statement years ago that still rings true today. It is important that as Christians, we rely on God to help us see our way through life, but we too must put forth an effort to stay the course. In the river of life, we must put our trust in God to guide and protect us, but we must remember to do our part as well. *"And we desire that each of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises."* Hebrews 6:11-12

Have a great week! In Him, Carter



## Thank You

Judy Rogers writes: " I would like to thank those of you who sent me the beautiful cards for my birthday. I appreciated being remembered— every card was special. I am blessed to be a member of the Centerville Church of Christ for 64 years."

Stacey Freeman writes: " To my dearest Christian Friends, This is my new address. I wanted you all to have it. I love and miss all of you and hope I can come back soon if the Good Lord wills! God loves you and so do I. In Christian Love Always...."

Stacey Freeman  
119 Perry Street  
Centerville, TN. 37033

David & Jane Talley write:

"Thanks to everyone for the many cards we received for our 59th Wedding Anniversary."

Alyssa Aydelott writes: " Thank you for everything you have done for me. I am so thankful for you, and I love you."

WSB Alyssa Aydelott  
2811 Fair Park  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204

## 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.

## WinGS Women in God's Service

## Wings Ladies' Class

At The Outreach Center  
At 10 A.M.  
Each Wednesday  
Hope To See You There!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### CONTRIBUTION

**October 3:  
\$15,648.25**

**Camp: \$ 360.00**

**Budget: \$ 12,979.00**

## Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to the Fellowship & Hospitality Fund" in memory of Bobby Breece by Cagle & Boehms, LLC & Staff.

Jane Berryman: Dickson Health & Rehab. 901 N. Charlotte St. Dickson, TN. 37055

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

Robert Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Columbia, TN. 38401

Marge Gilmer: Poplar Estates 1310 Rosewood Drive Memory Care Columbia, TN. 38401

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

Home:

John Thomas Givens, Lonnie & Marilyn Gilliam, Bobby & Joyce Mayberry, Claudine Morrison, Dorris & Margie Claud, Floy Lyell, A.J. & Willie B. Coates, J.W. & Sue Roder, Troy Parks

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

...Wayne Qualls has been diagnosed with shingles. He is improving slowly.

...Marge Rushton is dealing with the recurrence of cancer in both lungs. She will be undergoing treatments.

...R.W. McAlister, brother of Bryan, is in ICU in Missouri with Covid. He is very sick.

...Jeremy Primm is recovering from surgery.

...Willie Powers is recovering from a heart attack.

...Hope Parsley is dealing with Covid.

...Connor Parsley will have outpatient surgery Friday.

...Tanya Tanner, friend of Anita Allen, is in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid pneumonia and has a blood clot in her lung and a blood infection.

...Jane Berryman has been placed on Hospice.

...Shirley Harris Burns has been diagnosed with cancer and will be undergoing chemotherapy treatments in the near future.

...Zack Graham, nephew of Jimmy & Cathie Copley and Mark & Shela Chessor, is in Horizon Medical Center with pneumonia and has suffered a heart attack. He is undergoing additional tests.

Recovering from surgery or other illness:

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:

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 Luran Plunkett, Jimmy Jenkins, Susan Hardy, Jimmy Copley, Gwen Rogers, David Talley, Jerry Shepard, Jimmy Mathis

## 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**

## Memory Lane....



Paul Rogers and Ray Walker



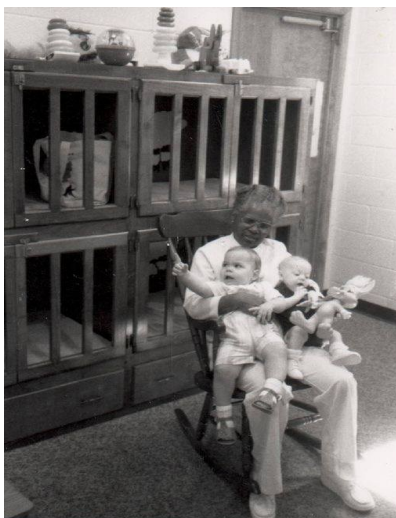
Dr. Parker Elrod, Batsell Barrett Baxter, Paul Rogers



Sunday School Teachers

Photograph of Sunday School teachers from late 1950s in original building on Church and College Streets.

\* Photos submitted by Susan Rogers Harber



Mrs. Hattie Delk...caring for our babies for decades.



### The Shepherd's Pen

We are now in the last quarter of 2021. The year has gone by so swiftly. Everyone seemed to enjoy the luncheons together each Sunday. The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was well attended and enjoyed by all. We appreciate the hard work by many making the day a success. \$47,273.41 was given to Flood Relief on that day. Over the next three months we will continue to be busy as a congregation. In October, we will have "Halloween Under the Hill". In November, we will have the Ladies Luncheon, Father and Son Camp-out / Skeet Shoot, and Thanksinging. In December, we will have "All Church Night", "Drive - Through Cookies with Santa", and "Camp Snowball XIV". The theme for 2021 has been **FAITHFULNESS**. Faith is a God-given concept, and it has been a vital part of His will from the beginning. It has been stated, it is better to walk in the dark with God than to walk alone in the light. This is the time of the year when cornfields will be transformed into mazes. Some cornfield mazes have a platform erected where a knowledgeable person can shout out directions to anyone that is lost. To those who are not too proud to accept them, such directions can take the stress out of going through the maze and make it feel like an adventure. As we walk the moral maze of this life, we should not be too proud to listen to God, who is trying through His word, to offer us direction. We can save ourselves a lot of panic and confusion if only we would consistently open our hearts to His wisdom and guidance. We don't have to guess when to go right and when to go left in this maze. We have a knowledgeable guide. Our God is not shouting at us from a platform above but is walking through the maze with us at every twist and turn. *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths."* (Proverbs 3:5-6) Looking forward to Sunday and the forecasted weather is looking to be beautiful Fall Day. Let us all be an encouragement, enthusiastic, and engaged! *Your Elders*

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### order of worship

#### Elder's Prayer

October 10:

Craig Shelton

#### Read Scripture

October 10:

Robert Bowman

#### Preside

Daniel Dressler

Lord's Supper  
P.M.  
In The Chapel  
Robert Bowman  
Trevor/Heath  
Buchanan

#### Prayer Week of October 10

S.M.W.  
Randy Wright

S.M.D.  
Corey Martin

S.E.W.  
George Simmons

S.E.D.  
George Bragg

W.E.B.S  
James Aydelott

W.E.D.  
Edgar Beard