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Todd Parsley

"From Where I Sit"

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Do You Know My Jesus?"

(Philippians 3:7-11)

Sunday PM

"A Letter to Centerville"

(Revelation 1:10-11)

9AM and 5PM



Sunday, I spoke about how hard it is sometimes for us to forgive others. We understand the principle of forgiveness, but putting it into practice as we are commanded is sometimes difficult and seemingly impossible. Our greatest example of forgiveness is God and the forgiveness that He has made available to all who seek it.

Most do not take much pleasure in thinking of God as being a God of judgment and wrath. But, we need to keep in mind the reason for His exhibiting those very characteristics is because sin, unrighteousness, unfaithfulness, wickedness, and evil, all are contrary to God's nature and self-destructive to those who practice such. God is always and completely righteous, and He created us in His own image. He holds us accountable for living up to that image as best we can. While God condemns sin and warns us to abstain from it (1 Thess. 5:22), He is also a merciful God and is eager to forgive when we repent and seek His forgiveness.

God not only has the ability and willingness to forgive, but He also wants to forgive. Forgiveness must be preceded by repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). Repentance is not just being sorry (2 Cor. 7:9). Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change in behavior. It is a turn-around in practice that includes a turning away from sin.

When Jesus forgave the woman taken in adultery, He told her to "sin no more" (Jn. 8:11); that's repentance. Jesus taught His disciples to forgive a brother who might sin against them, even if he should sin against them on a repeated basis and in the same day. The condition for the forgiveness, however, was that the brother was to repent (Lk. 17:3-4). Repentance is required in the process of conversion (Acts 3:19), before being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

All of us in life will from time-to-time stumble and sin (Rom. 3:23). The consequence of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). That same verse encourages us that God gave us the gift of eternal life. Obviously, forgiveness is available if we will repent and seek His forgiveness.

How can we know that God really wants to forgive us? How much does He want to forgive us? Both questions have the same answer; God sent Jesus to die on the cross to pay the price for the guilt of our sins (Rom. 5:6-10). God offered His Son as the ultimate sacrifice to bear our sins (Heb. 9:26,28). No greater statement of desire to forgive could possibly be made.

God offers forgiveness through Christ (Col. 1:13-14). We receive that forgiveness when we are baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16) for the remission of sins. God wants to forgive. The rest is up to us to take the initiative and seek His forgiveness, on His terms. How blessed we are, and how thankful we should be, to serve such a God, a God of forgiveness! God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



Placing Membership



We want to welcome
Matthew & Alyssa Cozart
to our Centerville Family!
Their address is:
1818 Hwy. 100
Centerville, TN. 37033
Welcome!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11
**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(AMELIA SLAVINSKI)

SEPTEMBER 15
SR HIGH FIRESIDE
(WYATT AYDELOTT)

SEPTEMBER 19
**JR & SR HIGH
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

SEPTEMBER 20
5TH QUARTER

SEPTEMBER 22
JR HIGH FIRESIDE
(JACKSON MCDONALD)

SEPTEMBER 25
**LIGHTHOUSE
PING PONG
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
(ADEN WEBER)

SEPTEMBER 28
**RUSH AT FREED-
HARDEMAN**

FALL IS ON ITS WAY, as shown by the glimpse of Fall weather this past weekend. I am looking forward to a fun slate of activities for our young people this fall, and I hope you are planning to participate in all our activities.

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER for RUSH at Freed-Hardeman is quickly approaching. RUSH is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, with the deadline next Wednesday, September 18. If you plan to attend, do not forget to sign up via Google Docs. The sign-up link can be found on GroupMe, the Youth News Board, the Lighthouse, and the QR code below. The cost is \$20 to attend, plus money for supper in Jackson on Saturday night. This event is now open for students in grades 8-12.

HOLDING ON TO ANGER or resentment can seem justified when we have been hurt or wronged. However, God calls us to a higher path—the path of forgiveness. In Colossians 3:13, we are told, "bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." This verse reminds us that forgiveness is not optional for those who follow Christ. We forgive because we have been forgiven. Our sins, though many, were fully covered by the grace of God through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. When we forgive others, we reflect that same grace and love. Forgiveness is not about minimizing the hurt or pretending the offense didn't happen. It's about releasing the burden of anger, trusting that God will bring justice, and allowing healing to begin. As we seek to forgive, we invite God to work in our hearts, transforming pain into peace and resentment into reconciliation. Who do you need to forgive this week?
In Him, Carter

RUSH SIGN-UP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28



SCAN CODE TO SIGN UP



STEWARDSHIP REPORT



September Item

Canned Tomatoes

Spaghetti Sauce

CONTRIBUTION

September 8, 2024

\$ 16,875.56

Camp: \$ 325.00

Budget: \$14,186.00

Please Pray For...

...Charlie Shelton is in ICU at St. Thomas West after suffering a stroke. His doctor was unable to implant a stent on Tuesday. Surgery may take place in a couple of days.

No Visitors At This Time

...Arch McCord, father of Tiffany Peters, has been in Tri Star Horizon in Dickson dealing with an infection. He is now at NHC in Dickson.

...Gethlyn Gardner is recovering at home.

...Kathy McDonald continues to have a difficult time with her oxygen level.

...Steve Bragg's surgery has been rescheduled to Tuesday, September 17 at Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville.

...Jerrie Warren, of Hohenwald, is dealing with diabetic retinopathy. She works at the printing office where the Messenger is printed each week.

...Davy Baker is dealing with the recurrence of cancer.

...Barrett Gallian, grandson of Phil & Susan Griggs, will have knee surgery this week.



Mission Statement

Bennett's Blessings is a non-profit organization that desires to exhibit God's love through providing support to underprivileged children and their families in Tennessee; by gifting them with the resources and tools needed to flourish and live an optimal quality of life. Bennett's Blessings desires to reach underprivileged children within the Hickman County school system by assisting them with school supplies, clothing, and other needs. Bennett's Bolt 5k Fun Run along with donations help support this cause. Please feel free to reach out to us with any needs or questions at info@bennettsblessings.org.

Bennett's Bolt 5K Fun Run



Saturday, September 14, 2024
9 a.m.

Centerville Church Parking Lot
Register for Bennett's Bolt 5k
Fun Run at
bennettsblessings.org



Gethlyn & Ruth Gardner write: " We greatly appreciate the prayers, cards, and all the kindness shown to us during this time. We especially want to thank those that have been keeping our yard looking so nice. God knew what He was doing when He made us family. Blessings to all. "

Edgar Beard writes: "Thanks to everyone who has called and written cards to me. It sure humbles me that someone cares. God Bless and thanks to each one of you."



You Are Invited To A Baby Shower for Abigail & Brett Capps on Sunday, September 22, 2024 at the Outreach Center from 1-2:20. It's a Boy!

DEDICATION

Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 4 P.M. at the River Park Pavilion in Centerville there will be a dedication ceremony to name the new basketball courts in honor of Coach Doug True and J.B. Brown. The public is invited.

Area Events

...Pinewood Church of Christ invites you to: **Faith Moves Mountains** Matthew 17:20 **Homecoming** September 15, 2024. Class 9 A.M. Service 10 A.M. 4760 Hwy. 48 North Nunnely, TN. 37137 Speaker: David Primm *Meal and afternoon service to follow.*

...3rd Annual Back to School Youth Rally at the Summertown Church of Christ 303 Church Street, Summertown, TN 38483 **September 15 at 5 P.M.** Speaker: Travis Creasy **Meal Will Be Provided Please RSVP Number Attending to Brent Blackwood 931-629-6795**



The Shepherd's Pen

Place
Stamp
Here

We have had a touch of fall over the last few days. With the cooler temperatures and daylight growing shorter, it is a reminder that the transition between summer and winter is slowly approaching. Fall is a beautiful time of the year. We witness change and transformation that is evident of God's power over creation. In our spiritual life the gospel brings change and transformation. Paul said, *"It is the power of God to salvation."* (Romans 1:16) When we come to Jesus, we change for the better. As we seek to follow in the footsteps of our Savior, we become more like Him and less conformed to the world. Within this transformation the Holy Spirit comes into our lives and begins to grow his special fruit in our lives; love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. When our lives start to exhibit those characteristics, people will notice the change and transformation within us. *"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."* (II Corinthians 3:18) Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders

CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT

Home

Church of Christ Disaster Relief Effort is in dire need of volunteer truck drivers. This work requires a Class A Commercial Driver's License and experience driving semi-trucks with 53' trailers. These drivers will transport supplies from our Nashville warehouse at 410 Allied Drive to areas devastated by major disasters in the U.S. We can use your help! If interested, please call Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort at 615-833-0888 and ask to speak with Mike Lewis about driving for us. He will explain the details about driving for Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort.



LADIES!!

If you are free on Wednesday mornings, please join us for **WINGS**
(Women IN God's Service)

We are studying the Bible in chronological order.



A MESSAGE FROM KATHY MCDONALD...

"I want to let all of you know that I am in the process of moving back to Ashland City. It's not something I want to do but with my health the way it is I feel it is for the best. One of my sisters has a house in her back yard that she is going to let me live in. Also, my niece will stay with me at night which is a huge blessing!! I am going to miss all of you tremendously. You've seen me through so many things and you'll forever be in my heart."

My new address is:
1674 Old Clarksville Pike
Chapmansboro, TN 37035

I love you all!

Communion Prep.

September 15
Randy & Jana Wright

September 22
Andy & Jenny Weber

September 29
Betty Breece

P.M. Communion
In Chapel
Clay/Braydon/Bryson
Chessor

Prayer Week of Sept. 15

S.M.W.
Garth Richardson

S.M.D.
Daniel Dressler

S.E.W.
George Bragg

S.E.D.
Brad Davis

W.E.B.S
Sam Chessor

W.E.D.
Jeremy Qualls

Read Scripture:
September 15
Joey Hunt

Elder's Prayer:
Gary Gatewood