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"From Where I Sit"

Todd Parsley

Worship With Us Sunday

Sunday AM

"Reaching An Unbelieving World"

(I Peter 2:11-12)

Sunday PM

"I Wish I Had Been Better"

(Psalm 127:3-5)

9AM and 5PM



One of the things that every day for the Christian should include is private time praying to the One who is in control of all things. I certainly believe in the power of prayer. We are told often in scripture of the necessity and power of prayer. Nothing, **NOTHING** should ever interfere with our desire and willingness to pray every day. The president of a large processing company wanted to talk to the plant manager about an urgent matter. But the manager's secretary said, "He cannot be disturbed. He's in conference — as he is every day at this time."

"Tell him the president needs to see him," the man responded impatiently. The secretary firmly replied, "Sir, I have been given strict orders not to disturb him while he is in conference." Angrily, the man brushed past the secretary and opened the door to the manager's office. After one quick look he slowly backed out, gently closed the door, and said, "I'm sorry!" The president had found his plant manager on his knees praying in front of his open Bible.

The purpose of a daily devotional and prayer time is to stimulate regular, intimate meetings with the great creator of this world and giver of all things. We need to seek the guidance each day from the One who gives us life, and provides for our every need (Acts 17:28; Philippians 4:19).

Jesus Himself gave us the example of how important praying was, He spent regular time in prayer (Matthew 14:23; Matthew 26:36; Mark 6:46; Luke 6:12; Luke 9:28; John 17:1-26) and inspired His disciples to pray. He has told us to keep asking, seeking, and knocking (Luke 11:9-10). Folks, have we spent time "in conference" with God today? It's never too late to start.

*Begin the day with God,
Kneel down to Him in prayer;
Lift up your heart to His abode,
And seek His love to share. — Anonymous*

God Bless -Todd

Carter's Corner



**Zoom Worship
With Our Church
Family In India**



**Congratulations to
Bryan & Lori Woods
for winning with
"Espresso" Ice
Cream!
Thanks to everyone
who made ice
cream!**



Carter Hoover

IT HAS BEEN HECTIC for several days, but I am thankful for all the successful activities our youth program has participated in. As always, the youth program is only successful thanks to our students, volunteers, and parents contributing their time, money, and effort. Our youth program is as strong and active as ever, and I encourage everyone to continue supporting and praying for our efforts.

THE LIGHTHOUSE was packed this past Wednesday night for the Lighthouse hosted by the Tilley family. We enjoyed a great night together, with a wonderful meal and good fellowship. To top it off, our Bible class was also full, with only two empty chairs in the room! Thanks to the Tilleys for hosting.

WE ALSO HAD A BLAST at our first-ever golf-themed 5th Quarter this past Friday night. There was a good crowd on hand following an HCHS victory, and a good time was had by everyone who attended—special thanks to Hailee Halliburton and Harper Shelton for helping to set everything up!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT the first Prayer Breakfast of the year this Thursday at 7:00 AM in the Lighthouse. For those who don't know, our Prayer Breakfasts are for both Jr & Sr High students, and we provide school transportation for students who cannot drive to school on their own. I hope you are making plans to attend!

DUST OFF THE CORN HOLE BOARDS and start practicing for our annual Luau Tailgate with HCHS's FCA this Friday night at 5:00 in the high school parking lot. We have many great activities planned and Hawaiian Ice for our students. It should be an excellent night for tailgating leading up to a big football showdown between HCHS and Lewis Co. I hope to see you at the game!

"I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!" Psalm 34:1-3. Let us meditate on these beautiful words and try to live a life of praising our Heavenly Father this week!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7

JR & SR HIGH

PRAYER BREAKFAST

7:00 AM; LIGHTHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 8

FCA TAILGATE PARTY

5:00 @ HCHS

SEPTEMBER 10

SR HIGH FIRESIDE

WYATT AYDELOTT

SEPTEMBER 13

LIGHTHOUSE

JACOB KREUGER

SEPTEMBER 17

JR HIGH FIRESIDE

GRACIE ORTON

SEPTEMBER 22

5TH QUARTER:

HOCO GLOW

SEPTEMBER 27

LIGHTHOUSE

JOSEPH & MARSHALL

MCCAULEY



Thank You

Corey King writes: Dear Church, Thank you for all the prayers and kind words. I am recovering well following my heart attack on August 15, 2023. My family and I truly appreciate all of you."

Memorial

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Sally Chessor by the following: Charlie & Linda Shelton, Dottie & Tammy McClearen, Lynn Carroll.

...a Memorial has been given to Camp Meribah in memory of Eleanor Hamilton by Bill & Joy McDonald.



The Senior group's next outing will be September 12, 2023. We will go to the Mailroom restaurant in Clarksville, Tennessee. The vans will leave the church parking lot at 2:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet in the foyer, a menu is attached.



We rejoice with Cory Poteete, Michael Singer, Chadwick Corly, and Brandon Curtis who were baptized by members of the Jail Ministry.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

CONTRIBUTION

September 3, 2023

\$ 16,792.84

Camp: \$ 226.26

Budget: \$13,989.00



Day School

...is in need of
Substitute Teachers.
Please Call
931-729-5233
If you are interested.

Sympathy

...We express our sympathy to the family of Eleanor Hamilton who passed away. She was a long time educator in Hickman County.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Steve Hannah who passed away. He was a former member of the Centerville Church of Christ.

...We express our sympathy to the family of Donald True who passed away in Eagleville, Tennessee. He was the brother of Doug (Billie Sue) True.

Please Pray For:

...Angelica Essery, a young teacher and mom at East Elementary, is in Centennial Hospital. She is improving daily.

...Woody Woodruff is in St. Thomas Mid-Town recovering from surgery. He is in a regular room and improving daily.

...Tommy Buchanan, father of Chris (Lea Ann), Buchanan, is in a regular room and may be going to rehab. soon.

...Molly Bates is recovering from knee surgery.

...Nina Dickey, sister of June Roder and Tammie Dotson, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Recovering from surgery or other illness: Billie Sue True, Portia Baker, Baker Raye Jennings, Larry King, Freddie Bowman, Martha Leath, Jace Bradley, Ophelia Gilbert, Jenny Teet, Shirley Foster, David King, Larry King, Stephen Dotson, Orlean Bauman, Ken Jenkins, Marilyn Nash, Martha Ann Scaife, Randy Hammer, Mark Vaughn, Reba Horner, Ann Spencer

Please Pray For Those Who Are Dealing With Cancer: Andrew Parris, Joe VanDyke, Mary Nell Mayberry, Lynn Pigue, Becky O'Guin Carroll, Deanie Bryant, Jimmy Mayberry, Rachel Watts, Rebecca Mears, Charlotte Graves

Nursing Home Life Care Center:

Frances McClanahan, Gary Yates, Margaret McCord, Hester Moss, Ermadean Hickerson, Francis Qualls, Katherine Hoover, Larry Talley, Betty Davis

St. Thomas Hickman Nursing Home:
Tim Blackwell

Richland Place Room 231

500 Elmington Ave.

Nashville, TN. 37205: Lonnie Gilliam



The Shepherd's Pen

The Homemade Ice Cream Social was well attended on Sunday evening following worship. A thank you to all that brought their favorite flavor and congratulations to Bryan & Lori Woods for winning the "Freeze Off" competition with their Espresso Homemade Ice Cream. "A tourist was watching some women in Mexico who were washing their clothes at a spot where hot and cold springs bubbled side by side. They boiled the garments in the hot springs and rinsed them in the cold. The tourist said to the guide, "I suppose the people think Mother Nature is generous to them, do they not?" "No, Senor," the guide replied, just the opposite. There is grumbling because she does not supply soap." How often do we find ourselves focusing more on what we don't have, instead of the blessings God gives us daily. We do ourselves and others around us a disservice when we complain all the time. As Christians, we should be a breath of fresh air by being cheerful, "providing people with a glimpse of our joy in Christ." Let us remember that in whatever we do, as we relate with others, we are representing Christ and His church. We are ambassadors for Him. Paul wrote in II Corinthians 2:15, "For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing." Let us be a breath of fresh air, a sweet-smelling fragrance, to everyone that meets us. Let us show the world Christ's character through the things we say and do. We are Christians. His own special people. (I Peter 2:9) Let us be people of faith, continually radiating Christ's presence and His joy. Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday. Let worship this Sunday be a top priority for you and your family.

Your Elders



Bennett's Bolt 5K Run

Bennett's Blessings



First Annual Bennett's Bolt 5K Run

Supporting Bennett's Blessing in honor of Bennett Schmid. His parents Tyler & Rebecca, felt compelled to start a non-profit organization in their son's honor to benefit the local underprivileged children in Hickman County, Tennessee. Overcome with grief, they felt a seed was planted in their hearts to bring something good out of the grieving pain. The mission of Bennett's Blessing is to sponsor underprivileged children to attend a local church camp (Camp Meribah), provide school supplies and clothing at the beginning of the school year, and bring a smile to a child's face on their birthday by providing them with fun filled goodies in Bennett's Birthday Box. All of this can be made possible with people like you supporting this wonderful cause!

Join us at the starting line of *Bennett's Bolt* at the Centerville Church of Christ in Centerville, Tennessee for fun and fellowship while supporting the mission of *Bennett's Blessing Organization*. If you are unable to partner with us, we invite you to join us September 9, 2023 at 9 A.M. as a participant. We look forward to seeing you there!

5th Quarter Fun!



Prayer Week of September 10

S.M.W.
Jeremy Qualls

S.M.D.
Garth Richardson

S.E.W.
Wayne Rediker

S.E.D.
Gethlyn Gardner

W.E.B.S
Colby Shelton

W.E.D.
Joseph McCauley

Scripture September 10

Jonathon Longworth

**Prepare Communion
September 10**

Randall & Christy Wells

September 17
Susan Dotson

September 24
George & Cindy Garland

Elder's Prayer:

September 10
Mike Goodpasture

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