

A Servant's Heart



For 13 or 14 years I attended Sardis Lake Christian Camp in Mississippi as both a camper and a counselor. I remember the Paschall family from very early on in my time there. Matt was still a camper there when we moved to Texas and after making a trip back to SLCC in 2010 (we may have returned in 2011, I can't remember). I was finally able to return to SLCC in 2024 as a counselor. Outside of a few new faces and more than a few of the kids I was once in charge of now being counselors, it was as if I never left! Matt was one of those young men that had grown from camper to now being a counselor when I returned.

For as long as I've known Matt, he has always been one that has been ready to help. It didn't matter what the task was, Matt was a ready and willing volunteer. When it was time to clean the campus at camp, it was Matt that led the charge. He was in the middle of helping someone when he fell and hit his head. If I could think of one word to describe this young man it would be SERVANT!

As I've watched my social media feeds fill up with pictures of Matt and folks sharing memories, a couple of themes are recurring...his smile (my favorites have been pictures of him playing with his nephews) and his servant's heart. That servant's heart is what everybody saw. I heard about a man who has been a gospel preacher for years (decades) say of Matt, "He made me a better servant."

Friends, one of our greatest missions as Christians is to be a servant...to have a servant's heart. James 1:27 – "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." The idea of "visiting" orphans and widows is that we serve them, help them, in any way that we can. Those men chosen by the church in Jerusalem in Acts 6 were all men that had a servant's hearts. Barnabas (whose actual name was Joseph) earned the nickname of Barnabas because of his penchant for helping the brethren. We read in Galatians that we are to do good to all men, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).

May we all, whether we knew him or not, use the example that Matt Paschall left for us and work to have a servant's heart! Please pray for his family; for his father and mother, his sisters and their husbands, and especially those little guys that are going to be missing their uncle Matt.

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LIGHTPOST CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- ◆ **YOUTH & PARENT MEETING FOR UPCOMING SUMMER SCHEDULE**
●11:30AM●MPB
- ◆ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7PM●MPB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●MPB●Bring a lunch!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- ◆ **TEENS' DEVO**●5:30PM●MPB

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- ◆ **SENIOR MOMENTS: FELLOWSHIP & GAME DAY**●1-5PM●MPB
●Bring Favorite Games & Snacks!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- ◆ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7PM●MPB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●MPB●Bring a lunch!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- ◆ **TEENS' DEVO**●5:30PM●MPB

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- ◆ **DEALING WITH GRIEF SEMINAR WITH BRO. JOEY DAVIS**●10AM-3PM
●Auditorium & MPB●Lunch provided in MPB ●Invite your friends & family!
- ◆ **PARENT HOSTED JR. YOUTH/TEEN DEVO**●6PM●@Gabe & Neysa
Ellis' house: 103 PICO CIRCLE, HOT SPRINGS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- ◆ **BIBLE CLASS & SERMON W/JOEY DAVIS**●9AM & 10:15AM
- ◆ **L2L BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**●7PM●MPB

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- ◆ **TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION**●11:30AM●MPB●Bring a lunch!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- ◆ **TEENS' DEVO**●5:30PM●MPB

Prayer Requests

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen●Charlie Burns●Bob Garner
Billie Gregory●Jean Kazimier
Bob Johnston●Walton/Elaine Kyle
Christie Landrum●Carla March
Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall●Glenda Pannell
Karen Pate●Leslie Pate●Stuart Reeves
Freddie Sharpe●Neva Tharp●Diana Ward
Patricia Wireman●Ken Wedstead
◆ **Barlow, Doris** –In a lot of pain w/ Shingles
◆ Cormier, Pris –Eye surgery 3/3
◆ Gordon, Calvin –Home now, much improved
◆ Ugbade, Debbie –Surgery 2/3 @AR Heart Hospital went well

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer●Mike/Shirley Baka
Henry Cook●**Pauline Crenshaw**
LaVonne Depew●**Ola Freibolt**
Debbie Frenzel●**Marcelle Green**
Lorene Mount●**Charles/Virginia Parker**
David Pendleberry●**Wes Poole**
Pat Richens●**Judy Walters**●**Linda Woepffel**
◆ **Crenshaw, Pauline** –Having pain in every part of my body, despite the pain shots that the doctors have tried. It hurts for me to do anything.
~Dear church family, Thank you! to the Tuesday Ladies' for the beautiful stocking full of treats, the visits & all the cards from my brothers & sisters in Christ. I miss you all & hope to be back with you soon. In Christian Love. ~Pauline Crenshaw

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

* Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
* Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Meridian, MS
* Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
* Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
* Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
* Wethington, "A.J." Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
* Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

❖ **Kakinada, India**-Ronnie Gootam
❖ **Nigeria** -Chad Wagner
❖ **Pacific Islands** -Randy English

FAMILY & FRIENDS

William Butler, Jr.●Breanna Dishongh
Jim Haught●**Becky McCombs**●**Gloria Miller**
Sharon Mylan●**Jerry Reeves**
Don Rutherford●**John Smith**
Bob Troutman●**Austin Ugbade**
Harrel Walters●**Kay Ward**
◆ **Dubach, John & Debbie** (Rutherford's friends) John has been ill for some time & Dr's have no diagnosis/answers yet
◆ **Dunaway, Tiffany** (Lamb's daughter) – Surgery 2/3, went well
◆ **Miller, Peggy** (Tracy Rall's sister) Flown to Denver, CO early 2/1. Believe she has a gall stone in one of her bile ducts. More tests &/or possible surgery
◆ **SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO the Matt Paschall Family (Romo's friend)**
Matt passed away on Wednesday, February 4th
◆ **Wesson (2yr old boy in LA-friend of Autumn Wells)** extubated on 2/3 after being electrocuted by live powerline. Has adenovirus & some fluid in his lungs. But doing much better

BATTLING CANCER

Jennifer Baker●**June Beach**●**JL Bice**
Jim Blagg●**Nona Barton**●**Sherry Daniel**
Denise Drennan●**Ella Fisher**
Sheree Gallagher●**Patti Genow**
Jerry Harris●**Jack Haywood**●**Kirsten James**
Jeff Janus●**Alvena Jones**●**Sandy Land**
Brenda Lavender●**Daryl Macon**
Phyllis Madlen●**Eugene Pipkins**
Delorious Tolleson●**Bettie Lou White**
◆ **Horne, Terry** –completed final radiation treatment 1/13.
◆ **White, Dennis** (A.White's big brother) diagnosed w/colon cancer
◆ **White, Frankie** (A.White's little brother) enduring treatment for kidney cancer