

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Yes, it is a beautiful time of year. Yes, the pollen count must be high with all the sniffing and sneezing. Yes, we must accept the good with the bad - and that has been the case in many instances. In his last letter to Timothy (2 Timothy) the apostle Paul said that we (preachers) are to reprove (convince), rebuke (confront) and to exhort (comfort).

What I have learned over the years is that we have far more to rejoice about than fret over. We have a tendency to be drawn to our problems rather than try to recognize our blessings. I think there is good reason for that. We are trying to resolve our problems and turn them into blessings. We are surrounded by blessings on every side. We also have challenges to keep us humble, persistent and faithful in the cause of Christ. I hope this summer is the time when we all turn our attention to the challenge of keeping true to God and to one another. That is the focal point of "Love God, Love Others!" The thought is important to God. It is important to us, as well.

Our Summer Series takes place each Wednesday night in June, July and August. I trust you will make it a point to come to each session to hear speakers from around the city speak to us. They will be speaking on the same theme we have, which is focused on this verse,

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. And the second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

This year, we are trying to live out this instruction.

Coming events to put on your calendar:

Ultimate Youth Rally - May 24-25

Vacation Bible School—July 13-18

Mission Sunday - August 18

Picnic at the Patterson's - September 7

Area-Wide Service - September 15

Sunday Sermons:

AM - Our God is an Awesome God (Rom. 8:26-30)

PM - Learning from Others (Revelation 3:1-6)

Welcome Guests

If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guest. We encourage you to complete the "QR" code located on the screen during closing announcements after service. We wish to meet and greet you after service. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.



Bible Classes - Sunday

Class	Topic	Teachers	Location
Auditorium	Prophecies Fulfilled	John Thomas	Auditorium
Faith Builders	Christianity and Culture	Dave Phillips	FH 1&2
Fellowship Hall	Power and Significance of the Resurrection	Larry Scroggs	FH 3&4
I.O.U.	What in the World Is the Holy Spirit Doing?	Steve Haynes, Daryl Steiner	AH 124
Cornerstone	James: An Epistle of Straw?	Philip Slate	AH 128
Reflections	The Gospel of Matthew	Jason Speed Barry Chapman	AH 120
Southeast Asian	Men and Women of Faith	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	SE Asian Classroom
World Bible School Class	Think Like Jesus: Make the Right Decision Every Time	Curtis Morris	AH 129
Young Adult	Old Testament Character Studies	Brian Stewart	AH 123
Youth Grades 7-12	Spiritual Warfare/ The Battle We Fight	Various	Youth Room
Grades 1-6	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Pre-K, K, Nursery	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Bible Classes - Wednesday

Age Group	Topic	Teachers	Location
Adult	Christians and Prayer	Dave Phillips	Auditorium
Adult	Pursuit of Holiness	Brian Stewart	AH 120
Adult	Authentic Manhood: A Man and His Fatherhood	Glenn Daily	AH 123
Adult	Singing Class	Tim Vann	AH127
Youth: Grades 7-12	Hymns of Hope	Various	Youth Room
Youth: Grades 1-6	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Pre-K, K, Nursery	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Worship Times Sunday 8 AM • 10:30 AM • 6 PM

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Nancy Averwater	Michael Conder	Jon Pace
Barbara Beck	Amy Craft	Pat Slate
Gordon Browning	Ruth Evans	Barbara Wilson
Harriet Browning	Judy Klinger	John Wilson
Wayne Carruth	Bob McCrory	Shannon Wilson
Doris Conder		Barbara Worrell

Friends and Family

Betty Carrington - sister-in-law of Barbara Worrell
Constance Doughty - Ainsworth family
Peg Fewell - sister of Kathy Howell, sister-in-law of Fewells
Larry Jackson - father of Eric Thomas
Kevin Knight - son of Debra Knight
Diana Meredith - daughter-in-law of Tomy & Jenny Meredith
Sally Pate - mother of Cathy & Christie Ainsworth
Charlotte Perry - sister of Tonia Spence
Janet Rinkenbough - sister-in-law of Brenda Higgins
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
Bob & Joy Straw - former members of Germantown church
Amy Warren - daughter of Phyllis Vincent
Ann White - sister if Jerry Crawford

Prayer list is updated every two weeks. Notify the church office if your friend or family member should remain on the list.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Barbara Beck and family on the passing of her husband and our brother in Christ, Jim Beck. Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

Bridal Gift Card Shower

There will be a gift card shower honoring Payton Krech and Madeline Shelton beginning Sunday, April 28 and ending Sunday May 12. Payton is the son of Greg and Susan Krech. They will be married on Friday, May 31, 2024 in Hot Springs, AR. Please choose gift cards from Amazon, Lowes, Target, or Walmart and include gift receipts.

Those Serving Our Country

Andy Dye - nephew of Nancy James/ Army National Guard/ Dyersburg, TN
Alaina Gembara - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Naples, Italy
Bria Gibson - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Hawaii
John Gibson - son-in-law of Terri Chambers/Navy/Hawaii
Tyler Hicks - son of Mark & Kristi Hicks/Aviano AFB/Italy
Taylor Kelton - our brother/Hanscom AFB/Bedford, MA
Zachary Murphy - our brother/ U.S. Army/West Point
Quinn Smith - our brother/ Army/JAG/Joint Base Lewis McCord, Tacoma, Washington
Lauren Vietry - our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN
Landon Walker - son of Christy Perkins/USS Gerald R. Ford
Timothy Wright - son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Campbell, KY

Parents of Members

Jim & Stephanie Lee (Susan Vick)
 Beverly Parnell (Melanie Swims)
 Jim & Shirley Sanders (Scott Sanders)

2024 SENIOR SUNDAY

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5th, we will honor our 2024 graduating high school seniors with a short presentation. Following the presentation, there will be a CHURCH-WIDE finger food fellowship and dorm shower for those participating seniors.

Cake and drinks will be provided.
All those planning to attend need to bring finger foods to share.

Blake Hutchinson	Caleb Sanders
Cash Johnson	Hadassah Steiner
Jackson Parham	Ellie Stewart
Alison Roth	Isabelle Wilder

WEST TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME COLLECTION



- The WINGS Ministry is collecting several necessities for the West Tennessee Children's Home.
 - A list of needed items is located on the WINGS table in the South Hall.
 - Please purchase and place these items on the WINGS table.
 - Monetary donations are welcomed.
- Dates of Collection: Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 5
- Questions:
 - If you have any questions, please contact Christie Ainsworth or Dana Goodwin.
 - Your help is greatly appreciated.



The Wednesday night meal for May 1st is Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Tea. Cost is \$8.00 per adult, children 10 and under eat free. Hot Dogs and chips for 10 and under. Sign up sheets are in the Adult Bible classes and in the south hall foyer. Serve time is 5:30-6:30 pm. You must have a reservation. Last time to sign up is 8:00 am on Monday, April 29th.



Leslie Williams

Missionary to Canada

APRIL 2024 Missions Report

Easter each year is an exciting time for me as I return to Papua New Guinea to follow up on our past work there. This year has been especially wonderful as Loopie was able to join me for the entirety of the trip. It started off with a weekend in Cairns, Australia connecting with the church family there. For those of you familiar with our work in the past, the Cairns congregation was quite small until a number of families from Hanuabada moved from PNG to Cairns. It has steadily grown since that time until now, and it is always encouraging to see how the work that started in PNG has spread and grown to other places. Both Loopie and I were able to conduct classes over the weekend, and what a blessing for the women to have Loopie along to address some specific classes for them.

From Cairns it was off to Alotau to visit with the churches in Milne Bay. We arrived just in time for the annual gathering of all the congregations for Easter Camp. We had over 100 gathered for Easter weekend, comprising members of five congregations, Mutuyuwa (Alotau), Putoputo, Sineada, Lautevateva and Popova. Sineada church hosted the event-a wonderful location alongside a flowing river. Loopie took the Women's Class and I shared the teaching throughout the weekend with a number of the local ministers. I was also able to have a special class with 5 new Christians, so that was encouraging for me.

After two weeks of teaching and encouraging the churches in Milne Bay, it was off to Pt. Moresby. For some history, the church of Christ was first established in the mid-1970's through the efforts of several men sponsored primarily by the Bel-Aire church of Christ in Tullahoma, TN. This congregation sponsored me to join that effort in 1988, and in 1990 we established a second congregation in this city, focused primarily on the Papuan people rather than the New Guinea people. This congregation eventually became two separate churches, one an English-speaking church (Pari) and the other a Moutan-speaking church (Hanuabada). Pari has become a wonderful congregation of Motu, Pidgin and English speakers now and I was able to teach classes at this location on three occasions. Loopie and I also met with the Hanuabada congregation one night for study. Sunday was a combined worship at Pari with 150 in attendance. We all celebrated when 9 people were baptized into Christ in Pari village over the weekend.

Of all the many blessings of returning once again to PNG, one that stands out is the opportunity to work with Vani Igo. Vani Igo was a new convert in 1989 when we arrived in Pt. Moresby, but he has grown to become one of the great servants of God's kingdom in PNG and Australia. He is a gifted evangelist and has brought so many to obedience to Christ with his efforts.

One theme this year is the passing of many of our servants in Christ. James Elias (Sineada church) passed away in December. Kila from Putoputo died suddenly leaving behind a wife and young family. The minister of the Hanuabada church, Mea Morea, passed away from TB. In the Alotau church we lost young Mishack Gabasini. None of those who passed away were very old-PNG is a hard land! Please pray for the churches as they adjust to the loss of these brothers.



OUR WORK TOGETHER

Disaster Relief

M/M Gordon Browning - in memory of Lena Justus, mother of Harriet Browning.



KIRBY PINES BUS DRIVERS

APRIL

Sunday AM - *Jonathan Harber*
 Sunday PM - *John Thomas*
 Wednesday PM - *Mark Hicks*

Worship Attendance QR Code

Please see below the "QR" code to record your Sunday worship attendance digitally. With your smartphone, open to your camera app and point to the code and click the pop up link and it will direct you to our website where you will find the instructions to submit your attendance. You can also go to our website and find the button "Take Attendance" beneath the livestream and enter your information.



Thank You

Dear Germantown church of Christ,
 Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and texts during Joseph's mom's illness and passing. Your love and kindness brought us great comfort and will always be remembered. We are truly blessed.

Joseph and Melissa Smith

Bus Drivers

The church is in need of additional volunteers to drive the Bus for each service to and from Kirby Pines. We need drivers that can choose one of the three services for one (1) month out of the year, and we also need volunteers that are willing to be put on a list as a substitute to fill in as needed. If you are interested in serving this ministry, please contact Mark Hicks at (901) 487-1927. Thank you for your consideration of this important ministry.

Online Giving

Germantown church of Christ is accepting on-line contributions. Simply go to www.gtcoc.org, and click "GIVING" from the top right of the screen. You may choose your contribution to be a one-time donation or recurring. If you designate recurring, you will need to "SIGN IN" and register for an account. You will have the options to pay with your bank account, credit card, or debit card. Each online contribution will cost the church 2.5%, plus a small transaction fee. The website will allow you to increase your contribution by the same amount if you desire. Once registered, you may wish to use the ShelbyNEXT App for mobile contributions. We also offer a text giving option as well. Instructions for mobile and text giving are located at the bottom of the website Giving page. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office.

Instructions For Online Sunday Morning Viewing

To watch the stream on AppleTV, Roku, or FireTV:

Simply download the Boxcast app in the respective App Store, open the app once it has downloaded, then search for 'Germantown church of Christ'. You may want to Favorite our channel to make it easier to find next time you need it. When we go live it will indicate that to you. All of our archives are also available for you to view.

To watch on a mobile phone browser or desktop web browser:

Go to the www.gtcoc.org homepage and scroll down to find the video player. There will be a list of previously recorded archives. At the very top of that list you will find 'Sunday Morning Worship Services' with a scheduled broadcast date of the day you are attempting to watch the stream. Click on the play icon there and the player will display the live stream.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulties email us at gtcocsoundroom@gmail.com. Should those issues persist throughout the live stream for you, please know the archive automatically becomes available a few hours later and can be accessed in the same manner as the above instructions.

For The Record		Ministers	
April 21, 2024			
Sunday Bible Class	271	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership	
8:00 a.m.	130	Dave Phillips - Preaching	
10:30 a.m.	315	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry	
10:30 a.m. Online	35	Brian Stewart - Engagement Ministry	
Total a.m. Worship	480	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi	
Sunday p.m. Worship	190	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine	
6:00 p.m. Online	27	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada	
Total p.m. Worship	217		
Contribution	\$38,532		
Budget	\$36,236		