

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Love God. Love Others

Our Lads to Leaders are now enjoying some of the rewards of their work over the past few months. They are attending the Lads to Leaders Convention in Nashville this weekend, and although we miss them from our services, we know that they are witnessing thousands (literally) of people who are gathered to witness their participation in a variety of exercises intended to hone their skills. Whether it is a project or participation, they are using talents that will help them in the future—hopefully and prayerfully helping them work in the Lord's church for many years.

We didn't have Lads to Leaders programs or Leadership Training for Christ programs when I was young, but we did have programs like our "Timothy Class," made up of volunteers in the church who taught us to lead singing and 'give talks.' Many who participated at that time said, "I'll never lead singing!" Interestingly, they found themselves leading singing in the congregation when there was a great need. The time spent preparing is never wasted. The decision to hone one's skills and use it properly in the service of God is an individual decision. The process of learning is never completed. We now have a "Lads to Leaders" program. Perhaps we should have a "Learner to Leader" program for adults. But then, we already do in our Bible School program, so I hope we all take advantage of the many opportunities with which we are blessed. We have a congregation blessed with talent. I pray that we continue to share our strengths and grow together! By the way, if you can't lead - you can encourage. The apostle Paul was known for his teaching. Barnabas was known for his encouragement. Everyone has a gift!

Prayer request: I have been asked to teach a Zoom class for Ukrainian Bible Institute. It is obvious that the war has changed everything. But, if the Lord wills, my class is on the book of Jeremiah from 6 am - 8:15 am every weekday morning for three consecutive weeks, May 6-24. I am excited to see students again, even if it is in a Zoom class.

Coming events to put on your calendar:

- Lads to Leaders Recognition Night - April 14
- Ultimate Youth Rally - May 24-25
- Vacation Bible School—July 13-18
- Mission Sunday - August 18
- Picnic at the Patterson's - September 7

Sunday Sermons:

- AM - An Open Tomb-And Opened Eyes (Lk. 24:13-18)
- PM - Learning About God's People (Gen.12:1-3)

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 Marriage	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

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Tracy Anderson	Juan Boquet	Jon Pace
McKinley Anderson	Linda Boquet	Glenda Pecaitis
Zachary Anderson	Doris Conder	Pat Slate
Jim Beck	Michael Conder	Shannon Wilson
Barbara Beck	Amy Craft	Barbara Worrell
	Ruth Evans	
	Bob McCrory	

Friends and Family

Richard Briscoe - brother of Jack Briscoe
Bill Burns - brother-in-law of Sharon Haston
Betty Carrington - sister-in-law of Barbara Worrell
Constance Doughty - Ainsworth family
Andrew Dunaway - nephew of Sherry Walls
Diana Meredith - daughter-in-law of Tomy & Jenny Meredith
Sally Pate - mother of Cathy & Christie Ainsworth
Charlotte Perry - sister of Tonia Spence
Robert Reed - son of John & Martha Reed
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
Amy Warren - daughter of Phyllis Vincent

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 Juan and Linda Boquet on the passing of their son, Lee Boquet. Lee was also the brother of Tracy Anderson and the uncle of Zachary Anderson and McKinley Anderson. Funeral Services were conducted here at Germantown on Saturday.

Men's Ministry Backpacking/Trout Fishing Adventure

The men's ministry is planning a weeklong backpacking trip this July in the high country of SW Colorado. This is a great opportunity for spiritual growth by seeing first-hand what it means to depend on God heavily each day for your physical needs. It is also a great time to bond with other men in challenging what we are capable of in all aspects of our lives. There will be an informational meeting on April 7th at 5:00 pm in the church library. If you cannot attend, see, or call or text Bently Goodwin at 901-619-1395 for more details.

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)
Jim & Shirley Sanders (Scott Sanders)



The Wednesday night meal for April 3rd is Pork Loin chopped with gravy, Baked Potatoes Salad, Dessert, Tea. The cost is \$8.00 per adult, children 10 and under eat free. Hot Dogs and chips for 10 and under. Sign up sheets will be in the Adult Bible classes and in the foyer. Serve time is 5:30 p.m. and ends promptly at 6:30 p.m. You must have a reservation. Last time to signup is 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024

March Diaper Distribution

Our March Diaper Distribution was a blessing to us and the 11 families we were able to serve on Saturday, March 16. We packaged and handed out 3,040 diapers, Easter baskets brimming with goodies, and baggies filled with cookies to the parents and their children. We had 17 adults and 6 children volunteer to help distribute on that bright, sunny morning. Many of the families desired prayers and we had willing hearts ready to pray with them. Several families returned last Saturday to our church Easter Egg Hunt! Thanks so much for your willingness to serve these families.



Leslie Williams

Missionary to Canada

MARCH 2024 Missions Report

I am a few hours away from beginning my annual trip to Australia and Papua New Guinea and as always I am excited to return again to our friends and church family across the waters. This year is much better for me as Loopie will be at my side, her first trip back in four years.

This past month included visits to the congregations in Elkhorn, Manitoba and Plentywood, Montana. Our trip to Elkhorn was especially adventuresome as we got caught in a spring blizzard. We had no trouble on the drive east but after worship Sunday morning the highway was shut down between Manitoba and Saskatchewan. As we needed to pick up some World Bible School supplies in North Dakota, Loopie and I made a drive south to Minot, avoiding the closed highway. We did not avoid the storm, however, and I was able to give Loopie a rally-driving experience. I don't know if she enjoyed it at all, but I certainly had a lot of fun.

We also renewed our work with the Plentywood, Montana congregation. It has been a slow process reconnection with some of the southern congregations after COVID, and working with the Northwest congregation, Bengough and Elkhorn has limited my opportunity to catch up with Plentywood. However, after a discussion with Aldon Joyes, one of the active members in Plentywood, they agreed to meet at 2:00 in the afternoon on Sundays, so Loopie and I were able to leave immediately after preaching in Regina and add Plentywood to our rotation. As long as they can meet in the afternoon, I can preach and teach there regularly. I am looking forward to that opportunity.

Each year the congregations around Saskatchewan and Manitoba meet for a curling bonspiel as a fundraiser for Clearview Bible Camp (Moose Mountain Park). Loopie and I have enjoyed participating in this fun event, but as we are very inexperienced at curling, we never made it far. This year we had to back out of the event as I was preaching a funeral in Saskatoon, but our team from the Northwest church pulled off a victory, winning the event, Maybe I need to be busy next year and give the team a change to repeat! Congratulations to Kevin Knutson, Justin Mooney, Dillan Mooney and Evan Mooney for the win. I bring up their names as two of this group have been making great progress in their service to our congregation in Regina. Kevin Knutson has been by backup for the teen class I have taught since September, and also one of the backup teachers for the New Christian Classes I am teaching each Tuesday night. Justin Mooney has stepped up in his ministry to teaching the Adult Class on Sunday mornings and also joining the rotation of those preaching the Word. It is so good to see the development of these brothers in the service of our Lord.



CURLING CHAMPS



ELKHORN CHURCH



PLENTYWOOD CHURCH

OUR WORK TOGETHER



KIRBY PINES BUS DRIVERS

MARCH

Sunday AM - Paul Hayes
 Sunday PM - Joseph Wilder
 Wednesday PM - Mark Hicks

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 in advance for your consideration of this important ministry.

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

Many thanks to everyone for all of the cards, delicious food, and most of all the prayers while I have been recovering from my fall.

In Christian love and friendship,
 Joyce and Bob McCrory

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.

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.

Information For The Bulletin

Please submit *all* requests for announcements in the bulletin to carolportergtcoc@gmail.com, or by calling her at the church office at 901-754-1668. Requests must be received as soon as possible and no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. Please remember all requests will be processed as space in the bulletin allows.

For The Record		Ministers	
March 24, 2024			
Sunday Bible Class	309	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership	
8:00 a.m.	129	Dave Phillips - Preaching	
10:30 a.m.	346	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry	
10:30 a.m. Online	23	Brian Stewart - Engagement Ministry	
Total a.m. Worship	498	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi	
Sunday p.m. Worship	171	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine	
6:00 p.m. Online	27	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada	
Total p.m. Worship	198		
Contribution	\$39,880		
Budget	\$36,236		