



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

Good morning! Welcome to the Germantown church of Christ! It is so good to be able to gather to sing, pray, study, think, meditate, commune and contribute together as the body of Christ. Ann and I enjoyed getting away for a quick get-away, and we wanted to because I am greatly anticipating launching into a great new year – 2021! Thank you for all those who stepped in and took up some of the tasks I normally am privileged to perform.

I'm actually very excited about the possibilities for 2021 for those who are looking to 're-engage and re-ignite' the fires of evangelism, discipleship and devotion. That is not to say that we haven't already been engaged. I know better. But the challenge for 2020 had to be the 'lessons of physical survival and concern for others' along with 'lessons in dependence on God.' If we ignored those lessons, then we missed a huge benefit of the last 10 months. No worries. The lessons have not yet ceased. So, yes, it is time to re-engage and re-ignite!

This is the time of year when people are thinking of joy – and for good reason. Christmas time has traditionally been celebrated as the coming of Christ. And yes, I know. But don't let confusion with dates and obsession with infants take away the fact that there was a time when 'God stepped in' and gave us a reason to rejoice every... single.. day! Let's talk about that today! I hope to see you in our assembly.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

AM - *Glory To God In The Highest* (Luke 2:8-14)

PM - *Surrounded By Witnesses* (Hebrews 12:1-3)

THREE SUNDAY SERVICES!!

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SERVICE BEGINS AT
7:00 P.M.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

December 20, 2020

	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
Welcome:	Chris Gilbert	Joshua Adams
Song Leader:	Jacob Wallace	Leon Sanderson
Opening Prayer:	John Thomas	Mark Conder
Scripture Reading:	Will Buchanan	Ed Castellaw
Communion:	Larry Shelton	Steve Haynes
Closing Prayer:	Stacey Day	Al Gabriel

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest. We encourage you to fill out the red guest card located behind the pew in front of you. We wish to meet and greet you after service. Thank you for worshipping with us and please come again.



MEASUREMENT OF GROWTH

December 13, 2020

Contribution	\$52,739
Budget	\$35,199

PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is updated every two weeks.

Please call the church office if your friend or family member should remain on the list.

Members

Ellie Bates
Bud Bush
Norman Dean
Allen Dixon

Mary Jo Dixon
David Escue
Rick Haynes
Wayne Littleton
Barbara Patterson

David Smith
Rebecca Washington
Steve Williams
Shannon Wilson

Friends and Family

Landon Bentle - Cousin of Brenda Higgins
Betty Browning - Sister of Cheryl Fewell
Blake Carden - Nephew of Joe Skelley
Kim Fussell - Sister of Mona Patterson
Pam Gowitske - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Jackson Hedge - Grandson of Louise Jenkins
Damian Hinton - Grandson of Guy & Betty Robertson
Randy Ivy - Brother of John Ivy
Raymond Lovinggood - Friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Colby Morgan - Friend of Mott & Nancy Jones
Al Pettigrew - Cousin of Doris Conder
John Roberts - Friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Mary Grace Troup - Friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Danny Vincent - Brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne
Jim Ware - Cousin of Cheryl Fewell
Tony Warren - Friend of Glenda Farmer
David Worrell - Son of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

James Chapman - Our brother/Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Lauren Cotney - Our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN
Andrew Dacus - Our brother/Air Force Reserves
Lauren Dacus - Our sister/Marines/Camp Lejeune, NC
Philip Day - Son of Terry & Cheryl Day/USS Tortuga
Alaina Gembara - Daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Bahrain, SA
Bria Gibson - Daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Newport, R.I.
John Gibson - Son-in-law of Terri Chambers/Navy/Newport, R.I.
Tyler Hicks - Our brother/Eglin AFB/FL
Lacey Hicks - Wife of Tyler Hicks/Eglin AFB/FL
Grant Kelton - Our brother/Air National Guard/Memphis, TN
Taylor Kelton - Our brother/Hanscom AFB, Bedford, MA
Savanah Reed - Granddaughter of John & Martha Reed/Air Force
Griffin Stanford - Our brother/Army Guard
Landon Walker - Son of Christy Perkins/USS Gerald R. Ford
Ethan Williams - Grandson of Bud & Jane Bush /Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Timothy Wright - Son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Eglin AFB

Parents of Members

Don Gaines (Andy Gaines)
Alvin Griffin (Amy Cox)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)
Jo Ann Palmer (Jan Slate)

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to David Smith and family on the passing of his mother Mary Ann Thomas in Dickson, TN. Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

Steve Estes has requested to step down from his role as a deacon. Over several years Steve and Nicole have been heavily involved with the Germantown Youth Group (GYG), Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) Puppet Coordination, and teaching in GYG. Nicole developed teaching materials and taught the L2L Gifts event. They were integral in developing and maintaining designs for Grace Land. Steve and Nicole were the "idea people" and the leaders for our Diaper Ministry, which has been a blessing to Memphis inner-city families. The Estes family has been an example for all of us. In the coming months Steve and Nicole will be moving to Chicago, IL, where Steve has accepted new responsibilities in his job position. The elders thank Steve for his service as a deacon of the congregation. We wish Steve, Nicole, Natalie, and Raegan the very best on their move to Chicago.

your shepherds

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 24, 2020 and will be closed on Friday, December 25, 2020 in observance of Christmas. The office will close at 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 31, 2020 and will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of the New Year.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

The church preschool has job opportunities for some sweet church of Christ ladies of all ages who love to be with children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-2:30 for the spring semester, which begins in January. Please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184 or email gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM CLASS

Are you interested in a Zoom Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 pm? Our group of about 20 meet each week and we decided we wanted to study a book of the Bible together. We began with 1 Corinthians and we are enjoying this study. If you would like to join us, send your e-mail address to davephillips623@gmail.com. You will receive an invitation and be welcomed on Thursday evening at 7 pm. Thanks, Dave.

INFLUENCING OTHERS

In a book entitled "*Why Churches Grow*", Flavil Yeakley wrote, "Evangelism is the process of influencing others in such a way that The Christ who lives in Christians and in their message is formed in the lives of other people." Influencing others takes time, and lots of it.

As most of you know our daughter, Amy Westerholm, is a missionary in Mozambique Africa. To us, it seems as though our daughter Amy, her husband, Chad, and our grandchildren, Maggie, Jane, and Jack, have been in Africa forever. We really miss being with them. Letters, telephone calls, and skyping are good, but they just don't take the place of hugs and kisses. However, we are so very proud of them and the way that they are sharing the good news of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with the people of Mozambique, Africa.

We really shouldn't complain at all since we are at least partially responsible for their deciding to dedicate their lives to sharing the gospel with as many people as they possibly could. That's what Christians do, but we have to admit that we sleep better when they are sharing the gospel with people who live closer to our home. God loves the people in Tennessee, and He also loves the people in Mozambique. As Amy and Chad were growing up, we and the Westerholms taught them about God and his Son, Jesus Christ. We shared with them what the Bible said about God and we are thrilled that they obeyed the gospel and were baptized into Jesus Christ. By our lifestyle we demonstrated our love for God and our commitment to live for Him. We are so glad that they chose to obey the gospel and we are honored by the level of their dedication to being God's people everywhere they go.

What are you influencing your children and / or grandchildren to become?

Ron Roberson
Associate Minister
Germantown church of Christ

DONATION

M/M Philip Slate - In honor of Deborah Cotney.

M/M Tim Eddins - In honor of Lindsey Patterson, father of Lynn Patterson and grandfather of Rebecca Bush.

BUILDING FUND

Mr. Larry Hilbun - In memory of Fred Blake, husband of Betty Blake; Walter & Melba Edge, father & mother of Sam Edge.

MISSIONS FUND

Joe Methvin - Husband of Alice Methvin.

Jessie Lee Holder - Mother of Barbara Hodges & Debbie Florendo.

Charles Castellaw - Brother of Ed Castellaw.

Ted Dorian - Father of John Dorian

James Benjamin - Brother of Jo Crawford

Dorothy Munn - Steve Williams

Don Slate - Father of Mike Slate

Julia Cason - Sister of Carolyn Cason

Evelyn Beler - Mother of Kerry Cancienne

Betsy Plunk - Wife of Bill Plunk

Darla Higgins - Sister of Ilinda Parham

Jeff Arick - Son of Larry & Kay Arick

Pat Forrest - Sister of Bonnie Siler

J.R. Graham - Father of Jerry Graham

Byron Cobb - Father of Greg Cobb

Barbara Snyder - Mother of Scott Smith

Betty Jean Day - Mother of Stacey Day

Mona Mobley - Mother of Barry Mobley

Ruth Sain - Mother of Tim Sain

Jackie Marsh - Grandmother of Rachel Suddreth

Raymond Cozart - Uncle of Anne Thomas

Lindsey Patterson - Father of Lynn Patterson & grandfather of Rebecca Bush.

FAITH AND FAMILY FUND

Mary Ann Thomas - Mother of David Smith.

GERMANTOWN BUSINESS CARDS

Business cards with our contact information and worship times are available on a number of credenzas in the hallways. Please take as many as you would like to distribute to anyone you may want to be our guests.

MINISTERS

Joshua Adams - Youth

Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership

Dave Phillips - Preaching

Ron Roberson - Senior Adult Ministry

Zach Shappley - Family Ministry

Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry

Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi

Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine

Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece

Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:15 a.m.

Morning Assembly 8:00 a.m.

Morning Assembly 10:30 a.m.

Evening Assembly 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

OPTION FOR LISTENING

TO SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE

A 'call in' option is available to listen to the Sunday morning church service. There are 2 options for the phone number to call. If you are using your cell phone, call 312-626-6799. If you are using your home phone, call toll free at 877-853-5257. When asked to enter a meeting number, enter 573 861 516 and then press the '#' key. If asked to enter a participant ID, just press the '#' key again. If you know of anyone who does not receive email and would benefit from this information, please pass this along to them. If you have any questions, please contact gtcocsoundroom@gmail.com.

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 please let us know 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.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

The following books have been purchased for the church library and are now available:

Baptism In The New Testament - G.R. Beasley-Murray.

Chariots Of Fire And A Christian Message For Today - W.J. Weatherby & Jim and Anne Ryun.

For The Glory: Eric Liddell's Journey From Olympic Champion To Modern Martyr - Duncan Hamilton.

A History Of Israel - John Bright.

Old Testament Theology: Essays On Structure, Theme, And Text- Walter Bruggemann.

Paul: Apostle Of The Heart Set Free - F.F. Bruce.

The Quest For The Historical Satan - Miguel A. De La Torre & Albert Hernandez.

Ripple Effects: Discover The Miraculous Motivating Power Of Woman's Influence - Pam Tebow.

The Spirit, The Church And The World: The Message Of Acts - John Stott.

Women In The Church: Biblical And Historical Perspective- Everett Ferguson.

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