

Family Talk

Good morning! It is such a pleasure to be able to gather for worship. I don't take it for granted. I don't think that after what we have endured with the pandemic that I ever will. I thank the Lord that He has blessed this congregation with far too many blessings to enumerate (in this article) but which should be gratefully received by all of us. One of those is our privilege of Bible study.

I've thought many times how first century Christians would have loved having the written word we have – the written word of inspired men explaining, defending, and defining what God wants each of us to do. There is nothing more important than being able to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those we know. Then, there is the responsibility to reach out to others by any means necessary—"speaking the truth in love." That is our hope and aspiration at this congregation, isn't it? May God bless us as we continue to focus on God.

The Children's Bible Hour during our Sunday evening service resumes today, January 10. Adam and Mary Katherine Stewart do an outstanding job of teaching, training and inspiring our young children, ages 3 through 1st grade. They will learn Bible stories, sing songs together, and be encouraged to serve God all their lives. If I had a child in that age group, I tell you, I'd make sure they were in that class! Thanks, Adam and Mary Katherine!

As we move forward through life, we should never forget that the church is the singular, divine 'family' that should give each of us strength and support to face the future. Our classes provide an excellent opportunity to learn more about our Lord - as well as encourage each other's faith. Whether in person or on-line, we pray that you can join us each Sunday.

Sermon and Scripture Reading

AM—God is My Strength (Psalms 44:1-8)

PM—Developing a Spiritual Worldview (Colossians 2:6-12)

Bible Classes

Class	Topic	Teacher	Room
Adult Class	Ruth/Galatians	John Thomas Ron Roberson	Auditorium
Adult Class	A Study of Genesis	Dave Phillips	FH 1 & 2
Adult Class	Relationships/David	Larry Scroggs	FH 3 & 4
Adult Class	Study of Acts/Cont.	David Escue Steve Haynes	Room 124
Adult Class	Simple Christian	Jason Speed	FH Main
Young Professionals	Topical Subjects	Jacob Wallace J. Chapman	AH 122
Transitions	Living Among Lions	Barry Kelton Lucas Suddreth	Room 129 Jeff Spence
Youth Group	Life of David	Al Gabriel Tim Malone Brian Stewart	Youth Room
Grace Land	God's Story	1st-6th Grades	Grace Land
Pre-K	Various	Young Children	PH 101-108

Welcome Guests



If you are visiting with us, you are our honored guest. We encourage you to fill out the red guest card located on the back of 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.

What's Happening

Ladies Monday Evening

Bible Study Class

Monday, Jan 11

7-8PM

Zoom

Wednesday Night

Bible Study Classes

Wednesday, Jan 13

7-8PM

Fellowship Hall,
Auditorium, and Zoom

Thursday Night

Zoom Class

Thursday, Jan 14

7-8PM

Contact Dave Phillips
for more info.

davephillips623@gmail.com

Communion

Distribution

Saturday, Jan 16

12–1 PM

Covered canopy at back
of building

Daily Bible Readers

2021

Schedule on Spiritual

Leadership Table

Glenn Daily

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

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Getella Allen	Allen Dixon	Barbara Patterson
Bud Bush	Mary Jo Dixon	Rebecca Washington
Nell Crawford	David Escue	Steve Williams
Norman Dean	Rick Haynes	Shannon Wilson
	Wayne Littleton	

Friends and Family

Landon Bentle - cousin of Brenda Higgins
Betty Browning - sister of Cheryl Fewell
Blake Carden - nephew of Joe Skelley
Pam Gowitske - niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - niece of Jerry Ellis
Blaine Howard - friend of Shannon Wilson
Randy Ivy - brother of John Ivy
Raymond Lovinggood - brother of Joy Straw
Richard McCollum - 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
Mike Sain - brother of Tim Sain
Mary Grace Troup - friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Danny Vincent - brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne
Diann Walker - sister of Renea Sain
Jim Ware - cousin of Cheryl Fewell
David Worrell - son of Barbara Worrell
Mindy Worrell - daughter of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

James Chapman - son of Barry & Cheryl Chapman Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Lauren Cotney - our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN
Andrew Dacus - son of Anne Dacus/Air Force Reserves
Lauren Dacus - our sister/Marines/Camp Lejeune, NC
Philip Day - son of Terry & Cheryl Day/USS Tortuga
Andy Dye - grandson of Allen & Mary Jo Dixon/Army/Iraq
Alaina Gembara - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Bahrain, SA
Bria Gibson - daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/London, England
John Gibson - son-in-law of Terry Chambers/Navy/Italy
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
Jason Wilder - brother of Joseph Wilder/Army/Middle East
Ethan Williams - grandson of Bud & Jane Bush /Army/Ft. Bragg, N.C.
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)

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

Baptism

Lexi * Pendleton

Note From The Elders

Andy Gaines has requested to step down from his role as a deacon. Currently, family care needs necessitate he be in Nashville much of the time, and, thus, not able to provide enough time to complete all his deacon responsibilities. Along with Jon Pace, Andy has been one of our two administrative deacons, who coordinate administrative needs for the eldership as related to planning and implementation between the elders and deacons. In addition Andy has been responsible for communion supply and distribution. He will continue in this role as a ministry leader working alongside John Dorian. The elders thank Andy for his service as a deacon of the congregation. We wish Andy and Katina the very best as Andy continues to support family members with their needs.

your shepherds

Monday Night Ladies Bible Study

The Monday Night Ladies Bible Study will begin on January 11, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The new study will be the book "Jonah, Navigating A Life Interrupted" by Priscilla Shirer. Please contact Phyllis Kelton if you wish to join so books can be ordered.

Daily Bible Readers 2021

Be a consistent reader of God's word in 2021. The following items are on the Spiritual Leadership ministry table in the south hallway:

- Plan 1 a schedule to read the New Testament in one year
- Plan 2 a schedule to read the Old Testament and the New Testament in two years
- Order a form to order The Daily Bible by F. LaGard Smith which includes 365 readings of the Bible with devotional insights.

If you have questions, please contact Glenn Daily.

Bridal Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower honoring Alise Murray, bride elect of Drew Blake, the son of Kent and Jennifer Blake and the grandson of Betty Blake on Sunday, January 24, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The couple is registered at Anthropologie, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Macy's and Target. Please include gift receipt.

Wednesday Night Adult Class Offerings

Keeping Our Focus - A Study of Ecclesiastes

Teacher: Dave Phillips

Location: Auditorium

Description: A wise man looks at life from various perspectives and determines that ultimately we have a unique challenge as God's people. This study could not come at a more appropriate time -- in that we are still facing challenges from the ongoing pandemic. Our focus should remain the same as discussed in this classic scriptural text.

Global Discipleship

Teacher: Daryl Steiner

Location: Fellowship Hall

Description: Last week we considered the global mission of God. We considered how one mission one objective and one story is seen to permeate the entirety of the Old Testament. This next Wednesday night we will continue to follow that same story and see how it continues throughout the life of Jesus the Apostles and the mission of the early church. Join us as we examine the Story of His Glory.

Amos: Righteous Living in A Wealthy Society

Teacher: Philip Slate.

Location: online via ZOOM (email edu.gtcoc@outlook.com for the link)

Description: God sends a southern farmer north to preach judgment. . . and to offer promise. Amos is a "mean" book in which one learns much about the nature of God. The chief message, however, is about the righteous use of wealth and position. It is a useful backdrop to the New Testament call for "justice" and sincere religious practice.

**All adults are encouraged to select a Bible class teacher and topic that best fits the needs of their own spiritual growth.*

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Memorials

Mrs. Lottie Wade - In memory of William Doyle Wade, her husband and father of William N. Wade, Mary Lane Wade Koch, and Leslie A. Wade.

M/M Bruce Grissom - In memory of Lyndsey Patterson, father of Lynn Patterson.

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 gtownpreschool@gmail.

Photos Needed

Photos are needed to update our web site. If you have photos from the past couple of years associated with a ministry, event or worship service, please email them to Tim Malone at timalone70@gmail.com.

2022 Church Calendar

The 2022 church calendar is now "Open" for placement of your events. If you have recurring events or new or one-time events, you may contact the church office, 754-1668 to place the event on the church calendar. Note: this is for 2022, not 2021, as we schedule events as much as 13-24 months in advance

Online Giving

Germantown church of Christ has begun accepting online 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.

Call In Option for Listening to Morning Worship

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.

Information For The Bulletin

Please submit all requests for announcements in the bulletin to carolportergtcoc@gmail.com, or by calling the church office. Request must be received as soon as possible and no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Please remember all requests will be processed as space in the bulletin allows.

Communion Supplies

We will have one distribution session for communion cups Saturday from 12 -1 PM. Please drive to the back of the church building to the covered canopy for pickup. In addition you may pickup the bulletin, monthly prayer calendar and monthly birthday calendar.

Transitions Sunday AM Bible Class

Transitions class will meet in room 129 for Sunday morning Bible class. This class is for those who are 18-24 years of age.

For The Record	Ministers
January 3, 2021	Joshua Adams - Youth
	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
Sunday Bible Class 177	Dave Phillips - Preaching
8:00 a.m. 99	Ron Roberson - Senior Adult Ministry
10:30 a.m. 193	Zach Shappley - Family Ministry
Total a.m. Worship 292	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship 103	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
	Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine
Contribution \$32,684	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
Budget \$35,199	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada