

Family Talk

“This is the day the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.” This wonderful verse from Psalm 118 is a delightful way to greet each morning—whether it is verbalized or not. The sentiment of gratitude for a new day of life is a means of recognizing that each day is a gift. We are grateful.

This Sunday is a special day because we are taking the time during our regular Bible Class time to hear a report from our shepherds on the plans we have for 2021. For the past several years, this has been accomplished during our Elder’s Breakfast on the last Saturday of January. Since our fiscal year begins on February 1, it seemed like a natural target date for the report and ensuing discussion. But this is not written in stone—and there were many years when this congregation reported on the plans for our work together in just the way we are doing it this week. So, we are going ‘retro’ just like everyone else in life.

Along with the report on various ministries, we’ll also have a way of introducing our Sermon Theme for the New Year. If you’ve been with us in person or on-line, you have a ‘sneak preview’ as to what we are doing. But perhaps a little more insight into the more specific focus will help you see why an annual theme is important.

I am so thrilled that we are also returning to having some of our young men lead us in worship on the 5th Sunday of each month (there may be exceptions depending on youth activities). This is always encouraging—and especially encouraging during these times to see that we have young men being encouraged to stand up for—to proclaim—and to share the good news of God. Let’s keep encouraging them!

Sermons And Scripture Reading

AM - Charting Our Course— Joshua 24:14-15

PM - Youth Led Worship On “Turning Points”

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	Simply 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

Elders’ Annual Report	Wednesday Night	Thursday Night Zoom Class	Communion Distribution	Peyton Stanford Baby Shower
Sunday, Jan 31	Wednesday, Feb 3	Thursday, Feb 4	Saturday, Feb 6	Sunday, Feb 7
9:15–10:15 AM	7-8PM	7-8PM	12–1 PM	2-4 PM
Auditorium during Bible Class	Fellowship Hall, Auditorium, Live Stream and Zoom	Contact Dave Phillips for more info. davephillips623@gmail.com	Covered canopy at back of building	Fellowship Hall

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

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Melissa Beavers	Mary Jo Dixon	Barbara Patterson
Bud Bush	Brenda Greene	Rebecca Washington
Nell Crawford	Rick Haynes	Steve Williams
Allen Dixon	Wayne Littleton	Shannon Wilson

Friends and Family

Chris Blackstone - stepfather of Savannah Hutcheson

Blake Carden - nephew of Joe Skelley

Carolyn Hladky - Mother of Holly Pruitt

Ray Hardisky - brother-in-law of Mike Slate

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

Axl Smith - Grandson of Don & Linda White

Mary Grace Troup - friend of Guy & Betty Robertson

Danny Vincent - brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne

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

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.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Brenda Greene and family on the passing of her father, Bill Greene. Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

Baby Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby girl shower honoring Peyton Stanford on Sunday, February 7 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Peyton is the wife of Griffin Stanford and the daughter-in-law of Terry and Michelle Stanford. Peyton is registered at Babylist.com, which includes registries from Amazon, Target, and Walmart. Please include gift receipts.

Attention Veterans : Covid-19 Vaccine Opportunity

Veterans who are currently receiving benefits and/or been a patient at the VA hospital may call 901-523-8990, push "3" to arrange an appointment to receive the Covid Vaccine. This is for those 65 and older and advise there is a waiting time so please be patient when calling.

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.

Daily Bible Readers 2021

For those who have signed up for the Daily Bible Readers for 2021, the Bibles you ordered will be available for pickup during office hours from 8:AM to 4PM beginning Monday. Make checks to the "Germantown church of Christ" with memo "Daily Bible Readers".

For any questions or concerns, please see Carol Porter or Savannah Hutcheson in the office.

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.

Sasha Maluga Missionary to Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine. This year started with the shower of blessings to us because of your love and generosity! Our children along with the children from the children's center were able to get wonderful Christmas gifts and we are so grateful to you for making that possible! This newsletter will have lots of pictures of the children and we want you to see those happy faces and those smiles because God through you made those children happy in the midst of not so happy time and situation around them. THANK YOU more than I can express with words, thank you for letting our Heavenly Father show His love through you and above all we thank Him for every blessing in our life!

The month of December and first part of January is always busy and intense time at our church. Even with the Pandemic we were still able to continue not just our regular ministries but also some of our biggest annual projects - a Christmas Eve celebration, a Bible contest for kids and teens and a Christmas production. We didn't have as many children and teens this year because some families prefer not to come to church and they watch services online but still we had most of our kids.

We were also able to continue to teach at the children's center and bring the kids to church with us on Sundays. We continue to buy things for the children center that they need for kids - medicines, cleaning supplies, sweets, and even Christmas trees!

We send you our love and thanksgiving! We have been praying for your country and for all of you. We do not know what this year will bring us, but we know that on a larger scale it doesn't matter as long as we do what we are called to do! May God bless you richly just as you so generously bless others!

(The entire Maluga report with pictures is on the bulletin board outside the church office)

In Christian love,

Sasha, Natasha, Toma, and Regina



OUR WORK TOGETHER

Donation

Germantown church of Christ - St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Albert Carroll, father of Michael Carroll.

Memorial

Mr. & Mrs. James Johnson - In memory of Getella Allen, mother of Sara Wiles and Rex Allen.

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.

Germantown Youth Group

The GYG will be celebrating Super Bowl Sunday with a party following evening service Sunday, February 7th. Pizza, wings, and drinks will be provided as we watch the game on the Youth Room projector. Parents and family members are welcome to join the teens.

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.

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.

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.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11

For The Record

January 24, 2021

Sunday Bible Class	220
8:00 a.m.	115
10:30 a.m.	189
10:30 Online Worship	108
Total a.m. Worship	412
Sunday p.m. Worship	116
6:00 p.m. Online	53
Total p.m. Worship	169

Contribution	\$36,724
Budget	\$35,199

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

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" at the bottom of your home screen. Click the button "Take Attendance" and enter your information. For questions or concerns, please see Lucas Suddreth.

