

January 2, 2022

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Prepared and Positioned for Growth

Good morning! This is a beautiful day for the beginning of 2022. We meet to praise God as a body of believers who are dedicated to pursuing and serving God in all that we do. You've chosen the best means of beginning your year.

This will be a great year for serving God. It is a gift from above and regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves, we are not alone. When you come to worship with us, please be aware that there will (almost definitely) be some who are visiting our services looking to find a place where they can find God. I trust that you will serve as a catalyst to encourage them to begin worshipping with us. It may well be that your smile, warm greeting and helpful manner may be the very thing that brings them back to worship with us again.

We begin our new theme for this year—and we just can't wait until our Elder's Breakfast to introduce it to you. Normally, I make a brief explanation on January 1 and then follow that up with a fuller explanation on the last Saturday in January, when our Elder's Breakfast is held. (You may or may not know that our fiscal year begins in February, which means that our leaders have all submitted proposals on what we, as a congregation, would like to do together during the year—and explanations are given as to what that will look like. By the way, questions from any of our members are also entertained at that time.)

Our theme will be announced today along with some of the ways in which we will pursue achieving it. I don't want to spoil the announcement, but the important point is that we are all—in every sermon, activity, and study—are wanting to focus on the theme. You'll be given a booklet each month for home use to challenge you to a greater level of faith in the Lord. It's a new concept for us. We're excited about it! I hope you are. Let's make 2022 a memorable year—for all the right reasons.

We are so glad you are here! Let's worship together!

Sermons and Scripture Reading

AM - Who Is Jesus? (*Hebrews 1:1-7*)

PM - The Difference Jesus Makes (*Matthew 11:25-30*)

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.



Bible Classes - Sunday

Class	Topic	Teachers	Location
Auditorium	Sermon on the Mount	Glenn Daily	Auditorium
Faith Builders	Current Topics in the Church	Dave Phillips	FH 1&2
Fellowship Hall	Gospel of Mark	Larry Scroggs	FH 3&4
I.O.U.	The Teachings of Jesus	David Escue Steve Haynes	AH 124
Cornerstone	Matthew: What Our Lord Taught	Philip Slate	AH 128
Reflections	Various Topics & Questions	Brian Stewart Joe Roth Jason Speed	AH 120
Southeast Asian	Gospel of John	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	SE Asian Classroom
Young Adult	Hebrews	Lucas Suddreth	AH 129
Youth	Why We Do What We Do	Various	Youth Room
Grace Land	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Pre-K, Kindergarten, Nursery	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Bible Classes - Wednesday

Age Group	Topic	Teachers	Location
Adult	Gospel of John	Jim Howard	Auditorium
Adult	When Faith is in the Fire: 1-2 Peter	Dave Phillips	AH 120
Adult	Marching Off the Map	Brian Stewart	FH
Adult	How We Ought to Live!	Owen James	AH 124
Youth: Grades 7-12	The Sanctity of Life	Joshua Adams	Youth Room
Youth: Grades 1-6	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten	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

Vee Brasfield	Ruth Evans	Betty Robertson
Amy Craft	Brenda Higgins	Nell Shelton
Kim Echols	Greg Krech	Phyllis Vincent
Michelle Ford	Walt Lipsey	Shannon Wilson
Andy Gaines	Vivian Morris	Barbara Worrell

Friends and Family

Jerry Agnew - cousin of Carol Redden & Baxter McCord

Shelley Arick - Daughter-in-law of Larry & Kay Arick

Landon Bentle - cousin of Brenda Higgins

Matt Blasdel - nephew of Brenda Higgins

Gaylon Booker - friend of Rick & Judy Haynes

Becky Bowers - friend of Shannon Dorian

Jane Evans - cousin of Sam Bush

Ray Gainey - nephew of Jerry Ellis

Ashely Hinton - daughter of Guy & Betty Robertson

O'Neal Howard - cousin of Doris Conder

Sarah Howard - cousin of Doris Conder

Charles King - brother of Lynn Burlison

Ola Koehler - great aunt of Savannah Hutcheson

Adam Miller - son of Don & Danby Miller

Ron & Sally Raver - friends of Brenda Higgins

Richard Sain - uncle of Michelle Ford, David Sain, Tim Sain

Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes

David Worrell - son of Barbara Worrell

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

Those Serving Our Country

James Chapman - son of Barry & Cheryl Chapman/Army/Ft. Bragg, NC

Lauren Cotney - our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN

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 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/Eglin AFB/FL

Lacey Hicks - daughter-in-law of Mark & Kristi 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. Campbell, KY

Timothy Wright - son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Campbell, KY

Parents of Members

Mary Jo Dixon (Nancy James)

Betty Harlston (Paula Jones)

Truman Hull, Sr. (Camilla Jones)

Brian Kaminskis (Savannah Hutcheson)

Marie McFall (Phyllis Kelton)

Herschel Osburn (Melanie Smith)

Deacon/Ministry Leader Meeting

On Sunday, January 9, 2022, we will have a meeting with all deacons and ministry leaders at 4:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend if possible. We will discuss our plans for the Ministry Fair happening in February.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Ellis and family on the passing of her sister-in-law Karen Ellenberger in Pennsylvania. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Heart Group Coordinators NEEDED

Want to be a Heart Group Coordinator?

If you are interested, please text, call, or reach out in person to Cary Duncan (901) 496-3237 or Daryl Steiner (618) 302-5251. More details to come!

Daily Bible Readers 2022

Be a consistent reader of God's word in 2022. 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

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

Germantown Youth Group

Germantown Youth Group and their families are invited to the GYG Family Potluck on Sunday, January 9th at 11:30 AM immediately following the 2nd-morning service. At this luncheon we will talk about the events we have coming up in 2022, hand out calendars, have sign-up sheets, and be sharing some exciting things we have planned!



Sasha Maluga

Missionary To Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine. Over the last month it seemed that we lived in two separate worlds, until November the 1st and after that date. As of November, the 1st Kyiv has been officially announced to be a “red zone” which is pretty much a lockdown. The only difference this time is that unvaccinated people are not to attend public places, mass gatherings, restaurants, stores (except for grocery stores and pharmacies) and public transportation. But since not many people in Ukraine were vaccinated that created a difficult situation. Most people in our congregation were not vaccinated too and because of that we had to go online, the same situation was with UBI - we had to start teaching online again, but after the lockdown the format of all of our meetings has changed and we have been doing everything online.

GOOD NEWS

The very next day after the lockdown started, we had a wonderful celebration – Angela devoted her heart to God and was baptized into Jesus Christ. And we are now blessed with a new sister in Christ. Angela has been visiting our church for almost two years and not until two months ago she agreed to study with me more on the matters of faith and baptism. Now we hope that other members of her family will also open their hearts and obey the Gospel.

We can't meet in large groups now, but we still can meet if there are only several people, so a small group of men come to church every Sunday and we stream the services. And then we have our usual Bible lesson every Tuesday on Zoom. The ladies have their ladies' Bible class every Wednesday evening. One of the blessings of Zoom is that we have Christians from other congregations also join us for our classes since their congregations can't meet and many of those Christians are from Donetsk.

Since we can still meet in small groups, Natasha continues to coordinate the rehearsals for our Christmas play. We hope we can have it this year even if we have to push it for a later time. But hopefully we can have it in January just as planned.

This week we had changes again. The schools in red zone were allowed to open. So, UBI is finally meeting in person again. It is great to be together and to teach in person. I am currently Teaching the Book of Daniel and Bible History 2, and Natasha teaches the Public Speaking for Women, Part 2.

Unfortunately, the situation in Ukraine is very serious, there are not only many people with COVID, but a lot of people are dying. Over the last two months we had three preachers of the church of Christ die of Covid, two of them lived in Donetsk and one lived near Kyiv. Thankfully nobody in our congregation or at UBI had any serious health problems.

Both of our girls are doing well. Toma is busy working at the hospital, she says they have a lot of people with Covid but thankfully she stays healthy. She can't come visit us every weekend, but she tries to come home at least once a month now. Her practical part of internship will end in January, and she will come back to Kyiv in February for more lectures and will be in Kyiv until the end of July. We are not sure yet what happens after that yet, she may have to go back to the same town and work in the local hospital for a few more years.

Regina is excited and happy at Harding. She had all A's as her midterm grades and she works really hard preparing for her finals in just a few weeks. She enjoyed her first Halloween and now enjoying her first Thanksgiving, staying with our dear friends, or better to say family, in Collierville. We are glad she has a chance to worship with our brothers and sisters at Germantown this week. We are so thankful to so many of you for encouraging Regina and taking care of her while she is away from home!

We are so grateful to God for everything in our lives, and we are very thankful for you, our dear brothers and sisters. We appreciate so much all your help and your prayers! God has blessed us in so many ways and we are forever grateful to Him and want to serve Him from all our hearts!

In Christian love,
Sasha and Natasha

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

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Missions

M/M Terry Johnson - In memory of Allen Dixon, husband of Mary Jo Dixon, father of Nancy James, grandfather of Nicholas James.

Memorial

Ms. Barbara Hodges - Germantown church of Christ in memory of Allen Dixon, husband of Mary Jo Dixon, father of Nancy James, grandfather of Nicholas James.

Donations

Germantown church of Christ - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Jimmy Franklin, brother of David Franklin.

Germantown church of Christ - AGAPE Child and Family Services of Memphis in memory of Allen Dixon, husband of Mary Jo Dixon, father of Nancy James, grandfather of Nicholas James.

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. For questions or concerns, please see Lucas Suddreth.



Thank you

Dear Friends,

Please accept my heartfelt *Thanks* for all the attention and kindness given to all of us here at Kirby Pines. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are very meaningful to us. The "goodies" were very good and are "very gone!" We are so blessed by all of your caring and I know that God will continue to bless all of you.

With much love.
Shirley Anderson

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 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.

Preschool Openings

The Preschool is now hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. We are in need of several ladies to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 17, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184 or email her at gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

For The Record		Ministers
December 26, 2021		
Sunday Bible Class	208	Joshua Adams - Youth
8:00 a.m.	117	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	285	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 a.m. online	120	Zach Shappley - Family Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	522	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	135	Brian Stewart - Engagement
6:00 p.m. online	54	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
Total p.m. Worship	189	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
		Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine
Contribution	\$79,076	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
Budget	\$35,159	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada