

January 30, 2022

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Fully Committed to Jesus Our Savior!

Good morning! We gather as a church family today to worship in spirit and truth. It is a wonderful time to be in the assembly of people with a common interest—that is the sincere desire to be pleasing to God. We are glad you are joining us.

We are wrapping up the first month of our focus on our theme for this year. The elders have set the goal for the congregation to be “Fully Committed to Jesus our Savior.” We have a booklet that has been distributed each month to help us in our private devotions during the week. The ‘Sermon Notes’ that are distributed each week also emphasize the fact that we have a plan of study that will explore the various facets of living the Christ-like life. These are enumerated on the back of the booklet that you received this month. Please pray for each one of us as we continue this life-time effort of living for God and following the example of Jesus the Christ.

I suppose you could say that we have already launched our way into 2022—and it is true that we are already serving and living for God. But our *Elders Breakfast* is a good way of announcing at the beginning of the fiscal year exactly what our plans are. This review of 2021 and preview of 2022 is a measureable way of trying to find our place in the joint efforts of this congregation. We thank our elders for their work.

It is also true that our upcoming *Ministry Fair* will be a great opportunity for people to find a way to join hearts and hands in a specific ministry that helps the body of Christ at Germantown. This event will take place on February 6—and will allow everyone in the congregation to know of the efforts that we have and how they might find their place in the work. Our ministry leaders have a goal and their task on that day is to inform us as to what they are doing. We will want to help them! This is the time for that to happen. Are we “back to normal yet?” No—and far from it. But the work of God continues...

Sermons and Scripture Reading

AM - Why Seek Jesus Today? (Acts 4:1-12)

PM - Youth Led Worship

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	Romans	John Thomas	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	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

Benny Akin	Vee Brasfield	Harold Petty
Larry Arick	Randall Chandler	Peggy Risner
Andrea Bartley	Ruth Evans	Nell Shelton
David Bartley	Walt Lipsey	Bob Straw
Michelle Bradford	Vivian Morris	Shannon Wilson

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 Burseson
Al Pettigrew - cousin of Doris Conder
Ron & Sally Raver - friends of Brenda Higgins
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
Magda Thomas - niece of Glenn Conder
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 Kaminskas (Savannah Hutcheson)
Marie McFall (Phyllis Kelton)
Herschel Osburn (Melanie Smith)

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Sharon Shive and family on the passing of her brother, Jimmy Jetton in Paragould, AR. Services were Wednesday in Paragould, AR.

Change Of Address

Russell & Emma Mullins
1043 Island Place E.
Memphis, TN 38103

Louise Day
3535 Kirby Rd/Manor/Room 137A
Memphis, TN 38115

Will & Katy Means
7395 Fox Trace Cove
Southaven, MS 38671

Lads To Leaders

Lads To Leaders money is due for your rooms, t-shirts, registration, and the hospitality suite. If you have not paid, please see Suzanne McElyea.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, February 6, 2022, we will be having our Ministry Fair after the 10:30 a.m. service! This will be a time of fellowship, potluck, and discovery as we get to know each other better while exploring the ministries we have here at Germantown. This is the perfect time to join a ministry, so don't miss out! For our potluck, each class will be assigned a meal course (entrees, desserts, etc.) and that list can be found below. See Lucas Suddreth if you have questions.

- Auditorium - Sides
- Faith Builders - Entrees
- FH - Entrees
- Reflections - Sides
- I.O.U. - Desserts
- Cornerstone- Desserts
- YAM - Sides

All Deacon/Ministry Leaders

If you would like for your ministry to be represented at the Ministry Fair, please see Lucas or Joshua and pick up a trifold form outside the church office.

Sasha Maluga

Missionary To Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine. How would I usually start this letter? I would share with you what's happened here since our last newsletter. I would share the opportunities God gave us to serve Him. I would tell you about baptisms in our congregation and about new people coming to hear about God. I would tell you how thankful we are to serve here in Kyiv – with wonderful brothers and sisters alongside with us. I would tell you what special programs we had at our congregation and what benevolent work we have been doing. And I will do all of that – I am very excited to share with you all those things. But this time I will have to start differently. I know there are a lot of prayers all over the world being lifted on our behalf and on behalf of other brothers and sisters in Ukraine. We realize that the near future of our country can be very tragic and we pray and pray for God to not allow more war in Ukraine. Yes, we pray and we know that you have been praying. And thank you so much for that! So many have reached out to us and told us that you are praying, and that gives us so much comfort and so much courage. Anything can happen, we know that. We have seen the war first hand in 2014. That time we couldn't believe that it can happen, but it happened. And this time we understand – anything can happen. But what's different and what's the same for us this time? At this point we are not planning to go anywhere. In 2014 we had to leave Donetsk because of what was happening and we couldn't stay there, but we knew we can go to other parts of Ukraine. This time we are in Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine. If anything happens here – it will affect the whole country and we will have to stay and serve the best way we can to our countrymen. What is the same – God is still in control, we trust Him, we trust that He will take care of us as He always did. He always takes care of His children. But we will continue to pray and we ask you to do the same. We rely on your prayers and we are so thankful for them!

Now I want to share with you how our life goes, how we try to serve God and people despite all the rumors of war. In Galatians 6:10 it says “as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone”, and in Russian translation it says “as long as we have time let us do good to everyone”. That's what we are doing. We do not know what tomorrow is going to be like, but as long as we have opportunity and time, we serve the Lord!

In December we were blessed to witness another soul putting on Christ! Sofia first came to our church with her grandmother almost three years ago through our refugee's program since her family moved to Kyiv from Donetsk. Then she learned that our church is doing a Christmas play and she really wanted to be a part of it. That's how they started coming more regularly, so that she could come to our rehearsals. I was honored to Baptize her grandmother Angela in November and now Sofia decided to be baptized also. It was the first time to baptize somebody for our youth minister Vova. I am so thankful to him for all his work with our young people.

December is always a special month here. We do a lot of things with our church family – we celebrate holidays together. This year we had a New Year Costume party, Christmas Eve celebration and of course we had our traditional Christmas play – this time it was Snow White and Seven Dwarfs (with a changed story line – in our case it was a story of repentance and forgiveness). Natasha was coordinating all three of those projects and she did it so well, it is truly her gift and passion to organize big events like that.

We are so thankful to Germantown for the Christmas presents for all our kids! It is such a blessing!!!



We are so thankful to God for everything we have in our lives, we trust Him and we want to serve Him wherever we are and anyway we can! And we want to thank you, our beloved brothers and sisters, for all your love and support for us!

In Christian love,
Sasha and Natasha

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

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Member Update Form

In an effort to keep our membership directories up to date, we will be providing forms for our members to update their information. You can find these forms on the credenza by the West entrance, or the credenza across from the church office. After filling out the form, please place it in the office box outside of the office doors.
Thank you!

Heart Groups

We are building heart groups. Take a moment to meet our team leaders. There are sign-ups in the south hall. It is first come, first serve to join a team. If you are interested in hosting a group, please see Cary Duncan.

Songs Of Praise

Songs of Praise will meet today, Sunday, January 30th at 4:30 p.m. in Room 124. Please see Suzanne McElyea, Savannah Hutcheson, or Rachel Suddreth for any questions.

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.



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.

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.

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.

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. Request 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
January 23, 2022		
Sunday Bible Class	235	Joshua Adams - Youth Ministry
8:00 a.m.	104	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	271	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 a.m. online	138	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	513	Brian Stewart - Engagement
Sunday p.m. Worship	170	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
6:00 p.m. online	60	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
Total p.m. Worship	230	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine
		Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
Contribution	\$24,930	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Budget	\$35,159	