

March 14, 2021

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Good morning and welcome to the worship service of the Germantown church family! We are blessed to have a spiritual family that loves God, cares about spiritual issues in life, and shares the good news of Jesus both personally and collectively with the church. Though we are separated for a time because of health challenges, we are not ungrateful for the privilege of being 'in the Kingdom of God' and certainly not unconcerned about those around us. Today is a great day for us to gather to worship God.

Today, as we begin Daylight Savings Time, we are reminded of how time marches on in spite of our circumstances. The news is consistent that we have news of births and deaths, regardless of our situations in life. We are blessed to see the children coming back to Bible classes—and believe me—it is a wonderful event to see their smiles and hear their laughter. It is also good to know that we are training them and reminding ourselves of the importance of serving God with all our might—in whatever circumstance. We must not let Satan dissuade us or discourage us from serving God. As the world 'begins opening its doors for business', let us also remember our responsibility to encourage the most important institution on the face of the earth or in Heaven above, the church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There is some good news from 'one of our own', Nathan Daily, who has been a faculty member at Heritage Christian University since 2008. Just recently, he completed his PhD. in Religion from Claremont Graduate University. This is no small accomplishment. Having earned an M.A. from Brandeis University, an M.A. and M.Div. from HST in Memphis, he built upon the B.A. he earned at FHU. His studies allow him to very capably teach courses in Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Christian Theology. His studies in languages, both ancient and modern, allow him to be training teachers, preachers, and Christians for years to come. I remember when he was told at HST, "You shouldn't be studying commentaries, you should be writing them." Apparently, Nathan took it to heart. Congratulations to Nathan and Molly (quite an educator herself)! We rejoice with Glenn and Dee at this wonderful achievement.

Sermon and Scripture Reading

AM Increase Our Faith (Luke 17:1-6)

PM Where Is God In Our Lives (Ezekiel 3:16-21)

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	Teacher	Room
Adult Class	Hebrews	John Thomas	Auditorium
Adult Class	A Study of Genesis	Dave Phillips	FH 1 & 2
Adult Class	Psalms of 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
Adult Class	Bible Stories of the Old Testament	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	Cambodian Classroom
Young Professionals	Discipleship	Jacob Wallace J. Chapman	AH 122
Transitions	Living Among Lions	Barry Kelton Jeff Spence	Room 129
Youth Group	David: A Man After God's Own Heart	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

Bible Classes - Wednesday

Class	Topic	Teacher	Room
Adult	Security of the Believer (1, 2, 3 John)	Dave Phillips	Auditorium
Adult	Understanding the Old to Understand the New	Daryl Steiner Cody Marceau	FH Main
Adult Ladies	Steadfast: A Study on the Book of James	Rebecca Bush Deanna Gilbert	FH 3/4
Youth Group	It's Complicated: Love, Dating, and Relationships	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

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Bud Bush	Allen Dixon	Renea Sain
Nell Crawford	Mary Jo Dixon	Charles Speed
Dorothy Deas	Rick Haynes	Shannon Wilson
	Barbara Patterson	

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
CJ & Collene Smith Lane - friends of Kathleen Manning
Raymond Lovinggood - brother of Joy Straw
Angela McCollum - great niece of Guy & Betty Robertson
John Murley - nephew of Nancy Jones
Al Pettigrew - cousin of Doris Conder
John Roberts - friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Rodriguez Family - friends of Scott Smith
Mary Grace Troup - friend of Guy & Betty Robertson
Kenneth Vanderpool - father of Kathleen Manning
Danny Vincent - brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne
Jim Ware - cousin of Cheryl Fewell
David Worrell - son 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 the Jenkins family on the passing of Louise Jenkins, our sister in Christ. Arrangements are incomplete at the time of this printing.

Congratulations

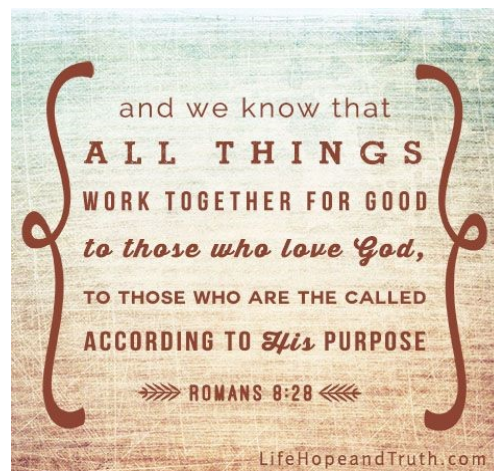
Congratulations to Griffin and Peyton Stanford on the birth of a daughter. Kennedy Elaine Stanford was born on March 8 and weighed 8 lbs. and 11 ozs. and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Terry and Michelle Stanford, great-grandmother Donna Griffin, and proud uncle is Max Stanford.

Communion Supplies

We will have one distribution session for communion cups Saturday from 12-1PM. 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.

Diaper Drive

The Diaper Drive for the month of March will take place Saturday, March 20 from 10-12PM at the church building. Sizes needed are N, 1, 2, 3, 6 and wipes. On Sunday, March 21, diapers will be packaged in the adult hall during second service. On Monday, March 22, diapers will be distributed from 12-1:30PM at Memphis Rox. The bus will leave the church building at 10:30AM.



RON ROBERSON'S RETIREMENT

Ron Roberson will be retiring from his minister position with Germantown on March 27, 2021. We are grateful Ron has spent 19 years in ministry at Germantown. God's family at Germantown has come to know and love Ron and Sherry. The Roberson's have not only shared their ministry with us, but we have been able to share life together. Our congregation is glad to have received such a blessing from their ministry and we collectively wish them the very best in retirement.

Ron and Sherry brought their ministry to Germantown in July 2002 when Ron joined the ministry staff as the Involvement Minister. He took on an integral component to our ministries, which included involving our members in ministries of the congregation. As more adults were brought into the work of the church at Germantown, Ron made friends, laid plans, and was devoted to identifying and building ministry teams. The number of ministries grew and the number of individuals within ministries increased. The Germantown congregation has dozens of ministries and many of them were established, manned, and flourished once Ron led our involvement ministry.

With his love for God's word, Ron has been a Bible class teacher the entire time he has been on staff. In the beginning he taught Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Later a men's Bible study on Tuesday mornings was added. The last several years Ron has taught a Wednesday afternoon Bible class at the Germantown Plantation Senior Living.

A few years ago Ron proposed a Senior Adult Ministry be formed and volunteered to lead the ministry. The elders were very supportive of the idea and again, Ron's ministry expanded rapidly as many seniors at Germantown were actively involved. The ministry included seniors gathering for fellowship after worship services, attending local events at the Germantown Playhouse, going on day trips to regional recreation areas, and taking part in a senior adult conference in Branson, MO.

Ron was one of the planners and coordinators for the Ministry Summit, a Friday night and Saturday morning annual planning and fellowship meeting of elders, deacons, and ministers.

An exceptional work within Ron's ministry has been ensuring the congregation has a presence in the community. Under Ron's leadership our congregation has shown we have a desire to be a part of the community and to be a good neighbor. Ron was the chaplain for the Germantown Chamber of Commerce for several years. He was awarded the 2008 'Jo Reed Community Service Award' by Leadership Germantown Alumni Association. The Germantown Lions Club selected Ron as 'Citizen of the Year' in 2009. Ensuring a visible presence by our congregation at the annual Germantown Festival was led by Ron. For many years Ron worked with the Germantown Fire Department and other organizations to have Safety City for 5 and 6 year olds in our Fellowship Hall for a week each summer. Ron maintained the Germantown church of Christ's visibility in other areas, including events for seniors, business events, and city council meetings.

The office staff will miss seeing Ron on a daily basis as his smile, energy, and joy are very contagious. The ministers will miss Ron's support and eagerness to help with any present ministry challenge. The elders will miss his open mindedness and sharing of ideas to further the work of the church at Germantown. The members will miss being led in ministry by Ron's Christian example. We are all excited for Ron and Sherry as they enter another segment of their lives, and we look forward to our continued friendship and work together in our portion of God's vineyard at Germantown.

- your shepherds

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Missions

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class - In memory of Marilyn Vennari, sister of Rosalind Edwards, aunt of Lisa Edwards.

Mrs. Genie Linder - In memory of Steve Williams, husband of Loretta Williams.

Ms. Mary Petty - In memory of Marilyn Vennari, sister of Rosalind Edwards, aunt of Lisa Edwards.

Ms. Joan Dodson - In memory of Marilyn Vennari, sister of Rosalind Edwards, aunt of Lisa Edwards.

Library Donation

The following book titled "Sacred Marriage" by Gary Thomas was placed in the church library in memory of Betty Massey, our sister in Christ.

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.

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.

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.

Men's Softball League

The Men's church softball league is starting back and anyone interested should email Joseph Wilder at jl_wilder@yahoo.com. Registration ends this month for the spring season which starts in April. Cost is divided by the players and therefore depends on how many sign up but is normally around \$50.

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



For The Record		Ministers	
March 7, 2021		Joshua Adams - Youth	
Sunday Bible Class	214	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership	
8:00 a.m.	124	Dave Phillips - Preaching	
10:30 a.m.	189	Ron Roberson - Senior Adult Ministry	
10:30 Online Worship	144	Zach Shappley - Family Ministry	
Total a.m. Worship	457	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry	
Sunday p.m. Worship	115	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi	
6:00 p.m. Online	61	Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine	
Total p.m. Worship	176	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece	
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada	
Contribution	\$30,843		
Budget	\$35,159		

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward.

Colossians 3:23-24