

March 21, 2021

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Good morning and welcome to the worship service of the Germantown church family! Here's the 'normal' we are experiencing at present. We're now, like it or not, fully adjusted to Daylight Savings Time. Schools are on Spring Break, but, like it or not, at varied times. The church, continues ministries, but like it or not, doing so in new ways to meet the needs of the people and the expectations of the community. What is the result? No problem. We'll continue to serve God in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in and focus on the positive things we can do for the Lord. The cooperation of the congregation has been tremendous and we all long for the days when restrictions, cautions, and considerations will be reduced.

Our Bible classes are preparing to engage in full. We learned that regular Sunday morning classes will resume in April, so we are beginning to see the resumption of our 'small groups' (that is how we try to keep up with each other) that will allow us to resume and enhance faith and fellowship.

We are even discussing ways to enhance activities in the summer. Won't that be great? We've all missed the privilege of being together and it looks like we have 'turned the corner' in moving toward our regular scheduling. I should preface all of this by repeating, "If the Lord wills..." 2020 has surely taught us to be more reliant on the power of God and aware of powers that are beyond our control in planning for the future. This sounds biblical, too, doesn't it.

We are privileged this morning to hear Lucas speak to us. We are trying to keep our theme the same regardless of who is speaking - and this month we are focusing on forgiveness. At whatever stage in life we find ourselves, we struggle with the issue of forgiveness. I am so thankful that the Bible gives us assurance that leads to confidence. The confidence is not in ourselves, but in God.

I look forward to seeing you this Sunday in our assembly. If you are worshipping at home, we certainly understand. Let's continue to grow in peace, faith and fellowship.

Sermon and Scripture Reading

AM Knowing God (Ex. 34: 6-7) (*Lucas Suddreth*)

PM Facing the Lions of Life (Dan. 6: 16-18) (*Dave Phillips*)

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.

Baptism

Kori* Browning

New Members

Greg* & Stacie* Browning
Kori*
854 Shelton Rd.
Collierville, TN 38017
Greg: 731-234-9039
Stacie: 731-415-9068

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.

Wings' Collection for West Tennessee Children's Home

The Wings Ministry will be collecting undershirts, boxers, and socks for the boys at the West Tennessee Children's Home beginning Sunday, April 4 through Sunday, April 25. The boys are needing white t-shirts (crew neck only) and boxers (solid or plaid color) in the following sizes: small, medium, and large. They are also in need of white crew socks. A list of their needs will also be on the Wings table in the foyer. Your help is greatly appreciated. For any questions or concerns, please contact Christie Ainsworth or Dana Goodwin.

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.

Sasha Maluga Missionary To Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine! We are having a real winter here, with lots of snow, ice and ice storms. We want to share with you what has been happening at Poznyaki, at UBI and in our family since our last newsletter.

January continued with a lot of fun activities. A week after we had our Christmas play at church, we had a special movie party for all the kids and teens who participated in the play. We bought pizza and popcorn and watched the video all together. It was a lot of fun and the kids loved seeing themselves on the screen. We thanked them for their hard work! We also thanked all the adults who helped to make the play possible, without a good hardworking team it would be impossible to have that ministry. We are so thankful to God for our brothers and sisters. For that occasion we also had a very special present – the candies that we received from our brothers and sisters at Germantown! Kids loved them! Thank you all so much for loving our kids and caring about them so much!

Almost every year after we have our Christmas play, we see the fruits of that ministry. We see how the kids grow closer together, how new friendships are formed and how new kids feel more included, but this year just as in years before, we also have one parent who began coming to church after their child's performance. It is amazing how God can touch the hearts of people through their children and through what the church does for their children.

Our congregation is trying to do our best to help children and teens to feel loved and cared for, we want them to grow in their understanding of God's word and His love. We are thankful that several sisters at our church are helping with children ministry and we are thankful to have a new youth minister – Vova Yasinsky, who is so much on fire and really loves working with youth. We began to work more on ways how we can help the children from the children's center to be more included into our kids and teens activities, so that they would not feel isolated but would feel that they belong with other kids from our church.

In order to help our teens to grow closer we had two special events. A special boys' time together and girls' time together. Vova had invited the teen boys to his place and they had a great time talking, making pizza together and watching a movie. And one of our young ladies at church, Kristina, invited the teen girls to her place and they had a special "girls party". Of course, it was more sophisticated than the boys' time together, but boys had exactly what they like, and they girls did what they like. Two different styles but in both cases a great quality time together.

Our church has been blessed over the last several months with several new members and regular visitors. It is great to see people coming back to God after they were away from Him for years and it is also great to meet people who are seeking God and want to hear His word. Our church is also very blessed with several people who have a zeal and a gift for street evangelism.

We continue to have Bible classes during the week where we study the book of Daniel now, Natasha continues to teach a ladies' class once a week and also twice a week she helps our teens to prepare for their final high school English exam.

Just a few days ago we began a new semester at UBI. We are very glad to have four new students and very thrilled that three of them are the members at Poznyaki. This term started for our students and staff in a very special way. They were so happy to get the gifts from Germantown! They got packages with American candies and the students also got the school supplies that they need so much for their classes. Needless to say, how surprised and thankful they were to get those very special gifts! Thank you so much from all of us!!!

We as a family are so thankful to God for everything that happened during this time, for every opportunity to serve, for every person that came our way and with whom we could talk about God and to whom we could help. We are also thankful for so many personal blessings. We were thrilled to hear that Regina was not only admitted to Harding but was also given Academic scholarship!!! God is truly the best Provider who never stops to amaze us. If Lord wills, Regina will be coming to the States at the end of July to start her classes at Harding in August. Toma is also having a big change in her life. At the end of this month, she will be moving to a small town about 3 hours away from Kyiv where she went to work for one month in August. This time she is going there for a year, her Medical school sends her there to work as an Intern family doctor. If those plans become reality this year will be such a big change for us when both of our children will not be right here with us, but we pray about their future, we want them to follow their dream but most importantly follow God and His plan for their lives. Toma will stay much closer to us in distance but when it comes to Regina, if she goes to Harding, she will be closer to all of you than to us and we are so thankful to God for all of you, our family, because God comforts us with the thought that she will have a real family there and we have nothing to worry about.

Thank you so much for everything! We can't list all the blessings that come to our lives because of you, we probably do not even know all of them. But God knows and we always ask Him to bless you abundantly for your great love for His people and His kingdom, and for your very special love for our family!

In Christian love,
Sasha, Natasha, Regina, Toma

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Missions

Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class - In memory of Louise Jenkins, mother of Debbie Jenkins.

Ms. Carolyn Cason - In memory of Louise Jenkins, mother of Debbie Jenkins.

Memorials

M/M Fred Donaldson - In memory of Betty Massey, wife of Shelby Massey.

Donations

Germantown church of Christ - St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Sovia Brown, wife of Charles Brown; Louise Jenkins, mother of Debbie Jenkins.

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.

Thank you

To the Germantown church family,
Thank you so much for the many ways you supported us after Marilyn's fall, during her hospitalizations and passing. We are thankful for all the prayers, cards, calls, and all the love shown to us through those difficult days. Marilyn was a faithful Christian, passing peacefully into eternal life. She will be missed by all. We are thankful we are a part of God's loving, caring family at Germantown.

Blessings and love,
Rosalind and Lisa Edwards

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.

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 14, 2021		Joshua Adams - Youth	
Sunday Bible Class	200	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership	
8:00 a.m.	87	Dave Phillips - Preaching	
10:30 a.m.	222	Ron Roberson - Senior Adult Ministry	
10:30 Online Worship	158	Zach Shapple - Family Ministry	
Total a.m. Worship	466	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry	
Sunday p.m. Worship	133	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi	
6:00 p.m. Online	65	Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine	
Total p.m. Worship	198	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece	
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada	
Contribution	\$41,114		
Budget	\$35,159		