

March 27, 2022

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Fully Committed to Jesus Our Savior!

Good morning! This is a special day! It is the Lord's Day! We gather to worship our God and uphold, magnify and praise all creation for the wonderful works that we both observe and experience.

It is also the day of Our Journey of Faith, which is the working title that has been given to our Area-Wide Worship Service. Our purpose is to invite all congregations—and all God's people—to gather for a period of worship. We have been meeting for many years, and it has always been a delight to associate with brothers and sisters from around the city. We feel strongly that we can come together with no other agenda than worshiping, utilizing preachers and song leaders from across the city. We have discussed with each a common theme for the service. We have prayed with the song leaders and the speakers about this very night. We are asking young men in various congregations to participate by reading scripture and leading us in prayer. We pray that God is pleased with our worship.

We invite you to come early and leave late. We begin at 5:00 pm, instead of our regular 6:00 pm time. We will gather in the fellowship hall afterwards, for all that are so inclined, to visit while we enjoy light refreshments. These refreshments (cookies, water, coffee, etc.) provide an informal environment where we can all 'catch up.'

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet, greet and encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ. We will have people who are visiting the service for the very first time. As you come into the auditorium, why not introduce yourself and get to know where they are from and learn more about their spiritual heritage? This will be a great time for us!

This will be our last Sunday to focus on a deeper understanding of the Trinity. We have certainly not exhausted all the details of our marvelous God, but I've appreciated the good comments from many about how this study has at least encouraged them along the way. Praise God for all of our blessings!

Sermons and Scripture Reading

AM - The God Of Love And Peace (2 Corinthians 13:11-14)
PM - Area Wide Service - (5:00-6:15 pm)

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.



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

Bible Classes - Sunday

<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Auditorium	Romans	John Thomas	Auditorium
Faith Builders	Various	Dave Phillips	FH 1&2
Fellowship Hall	Transitions-Mark to Acts	Larry Scroggs	FH 3&4
I.O.U.	The Teachings of Jesus	David Escue Steve Haynes	AH 124
Cornerstone	The Teachings of Jesus in Matthew	Philip Slate	AH 128
Reflections	Traditions of Men vs. Word of God	Brian Stewart Joe Roth Jason Speed	AH 120
Southeast Asian	Christ in the Gospel of John	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	SE Asian Classroom
Young Adult	Hebrews	Lucas Suddreth	AH 129
Youth	The Names of God	Various	Youth Room
Grace Land	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Pre-K, Kindergarten, Nursery	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Bible Classes - Wednesday

<u>Age Group</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Location</u>
Adult	Gospel of John	Jim Howard	Auditorium
Adult	The Church of the Future	Dave Phillips	AH 120
Adult	Marching Off the Map	Brian Stewart	FH
Adult	Minor Prophets: Why Bother?	Barry Chapman Al Fowler	AH 128
Youth: Grades 7-12	Chosen	Joshua Adams	Youth Room
Youth: Grades 1-6	God's Story	Various	Grace Land
Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten	Various	Various	PH 101-108

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Larry Arick	Al Fowler	Pat Slate
Andrea Bartley	Brenda Higgins	Charles Speed
Vee Brasfield	Greg Krech	Bob Straw
Doris Conder	Vivian Morris	Ronnie Williams
Amy Craft	Peggy Risner	Shannon Wilson
Ruth Evans	Bonnie Siler	Barbara Worrell
	Harry Shettles	

Friends and Family

Landon Bentle - cousin of Brenda Higgins
Matt Blasdel - nephew of Brenda Higgins
Becky Bowers - friend of Shannon Dorian
Jane Evans - cousin of Sam Bush
Ray Gainey - nephew of Jerry Ellis
Jennifer Dugger Grant - friend of Kathleen Manning
Alan Hayes - brother of Paul Hayes
Ashely Hinton - daughter of Guy & Betty Robertson
O'Neal Howard - cousin of Doris Conder
Lavera Leopard - friend of Mott & Nancy Jones
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
Aldo Silva - grandson of Ruth Turner
Barry Simpson - brother of Sharon Haston
Carey Tomlinson - brother of Tommy Tomlinson

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 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)
Herschel Osburn (Melanie Smith)
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 Lowell Patterson and family on the passing of his wife and our sister in Christ, Barbara Patterson. A memorial service was held here at Germantown church of Wednesday.

Gift Card Baby Shower

There will be a Baby Gift Card shower honoring Kelsey and Cody Marceau from Sunday, March 13 until Sunday, April 3. They are expecting twins and would appreciate gift cards from Amazon, Target, and Walmart. Please include gift receipts and place cards in the basket on the shower credenza by the Fellowship Hall.

Gift Cards For College Aged Members

WINGS will be collecting donations to buy \$10.00 Sonic Gift cards for our college aged members today, March 27, 2021 after each Sunday morning worship service in the main hallway. Temple Horner is leading this effort and will be collecting the donations. This effort is meant to encourage our college aged members as challenges such as finals are approaching. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This Sunday!

Sunday, March 27, 2022

"Our Journey of Faith"

Area-Wide Worship Service

Don't miss this wonderful time of worship as we join together to praise God! Our service will be held at Germantown church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike Germantown, TN. Speakers will be Tim Alsup, minister of the Great Oaks church of Christ, and Michael Jackson, minister of the Boulevard church of Christ. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will dismiss no later than 6:15 p.m. You will be receiving more information soon!

Please plan now to be a part of this service!



Bridal Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower in honor of Kate Duke, bride elect of Riley Echols, on Sunday, April 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. Riley is the son of Ricky and Kim Echols. The couple are registered at Babcock Gifts, Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Target. Please include gift receipts.

SASHA MALIUGA

MISSIONARY TO UKRIANE

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine and from Sopot, Poland. At this time I, Natasha, will be writing our newsletters on behalf of our family. Many of you already know that after the war started in Ukraine on February 24th a lot has happened to our country, our people, our congregation and to our family. Unfortunately, life has changed for every Ukrainian family. It is a time of trials for us, but at the same time the time to learn to rely on God more than ever.

Where do I start?

I will start with the time before the war. We heard that the war might start, but you know, people didn't believe it. Nobody believed that it would be real, but even if we believed that it was possible we didn't know what we were supposed to do, because everybody lived their normal life, children went to schools and colleges, adults went to work. We met on Sunday for our regular worship service and we even planned a special program for the next Sunday, and then the war began on February the 24, and our world has turned upside down.

The members of our church and most people in Kyiv at that time didn't plan to leave or go anywhere. We would talk to people and ask what their thoughts were, if they were thinking to go to safety - but the reaction was always the same - no, we are not going anywhere. Then the Russian troops were coming closer to Kyiv from the north and the air raid sirens became a part of our lives, and then one day the Poznyaki area was hit by a missile, and it happened more than once. By that time we were at least talking to some of our members who lived in the apartment buildings that are more fragile that it would be safer to move to a stronger building, like the building where our church was meeting. We also had a room in the basement that was used as a storage - and at the time of war it became a real blessing! Our men worked on turning that basement into a place to accommodate almost 30 people. We were able to make a supply of water and food there. For almost a week we had a group of Christians and some of their friends stay there. Everybody thought that the war would end soon. Those of us who live in stronger buildings had a place in our apartment where we would hide, but we also had a special bag with our documents and some food and water in order to grab it if we had to go to the basement under our apartment building. But during the day Sasha and I would go to the church building and spend time with everybody who lived there. At that time one couple, whose daughter had been a member of the church, decided to be baptized. For some people the war may become something that forces them to think about eternal things more. That was such a great joy for everyone!

But things were getting worse. One day we came to the church building and gathered everyone to say that we recommend at least women and children to go to safety. We didn't know where the safety would be but we were talking about Western Ukraine, at least. At that time 10 people from our church decided to go. Most of them were either younger couples or middle aged women. At the same time the families with children decided not to go anywhere, probably because traveling with children is much harder and people were afraid to go. So, that was our first wave of evacuation. That group took a train to Western Ukraine, they had a very difficult time getting there but they made it. Toma was with that group too. But the next night was horrible, there was shelling not far from where we live and Sasha and I didn't sleep all night and that night we decided that we need to do everything to persuade others to leave. Up until that time a lot of people were asking me and Sasha about what we were going to do. We said that we were going to stay, it was our sincere desire, to stay and help those who will stay. But when people heard that we were staying, they found comfort in our words, they thought that if we were staying that everything must be fine and it is okay to stay.

One elderly lady said it to me word for word. She called me with one question (after we announced to everyone at church that we suggest that women and children need to go to safety): "Are you leaving?" And when I said no, she replied: "Good, then I will stay too."

Because of that and because things were getting worse Sasha told me that I have to go, that we need to persuade other women and children to leave, but I need to go with them otherwise they will not think it is serious. We made a decision at 4 am and we called everyone at 6 am and we left that morning at 8 am. The group of 15 women and children, with brothers driving us in three cars. The cars were packed, we each only had a backpack, but it was all we could take with us. Our journey began, we moved very slowly, a lot of road blocks, traffic jams and air raid sirens on the way. We spent the first night on the floor of a Ukrainian school in a small village west of Kyiv, that place was prepared for people like us running from dangerous places.

Our second stop was in Ternopil, a city in Western Ukraine. Our group had to split, some of us slept in a small apartment that the local Christian family provided (10 people in two rooms) and the other part slept in the church building.

Thank you all for your prayers. I know how many prayers are lifted for our country and for our family. Maybe I forgot to write something important in this newsletter but I try to write about the things that are important. We are thankful to God for His church, the greatest blessing on this earth!

In Christian love,
Sasha & Natasha

(NOTE: THIS COMPLETE REPORT IS LOCATED ON THE CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD)

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Donation

Germantown church of Christ - Donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in memory of Sara Morris Kelly, sister of Curtis Morris.

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.

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

Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, visits, prayers and words of encouragement since my surgery. We are grateful for and appreciate your support. We are blessed to have you as our church family and are happy to be back in person worshipping with you.

Andy and Katina Gaines

To our brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you for the cards, phone calls and food from everyone. You don't know how much they mean and lift your spirits until you have an affliction or illness. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Benny Akin

UKRAINE RELIEF EFFORT

The elders are in the process of providing additional financial support for Sasha and Natasha Maliuga and for the Ukraine relief effort. We are working in conjunction with the Sunset International Bible Institute. Anyone interested in individually participating in this effort may make a donation to the Germantown church of Christ with a note that it is for the Ukraine Relief Effort.

your shepherds

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.

KIRBY PINES BUS DRIVERS

MARCH

Sunday AM - Kent Blake
 Sunday PM - Joseph Wilder
 Wednesday PM - John Dorian



For The Record		Ministers
March 20, 2022		
Sunday Bible Class	N/A	Joshua Adams - Youth Ministry
8:00 a.m.	146	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	257	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 a.m. online	94	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	497	Brian Stewart - Engagement Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	210	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
6:00 p.m. online	48	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
Total p.m. Worship	258	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine
		Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
Contribution	\$31,084	Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Budget	\$35,131	