



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

There are blessings even in the middle of difficulties, challenges and opportunities. This pandemic surely is a challenge. But what is the best way to capitalize on these trials?

I want to suggest that it is not to tell other people how to do it. It is to do it ourselves with the help of God.

That may sound strange coming from a preacher – but I'm convinced that it is true. There is no one person who knows all the talents and opportunities that another person possesses. In fact, I don't think we are even aware of how God has blessed us. We have unique relationships – associations that no one else shares. We are surrounded by people that could be touched by nobody else. What a blessing!

In addition, I believe God opens doors for 'seekers' to cross paths with those that are equipped to help others find the Lord.

I am praying that we might take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself to us (individually) to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It begins with prayer.

Would you please pray regularly – and intensely – that God might use us to serve Him. Then, let's be prayerful for open doors – and watchful for a new acquaintance to lead to our Lord.

Need information? Check our website (www.gtcoc.org) for information or 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 please let us know 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.

MEASUREMENT OF GROWTH

May 10, 2020

Contribution	\$33,600
Budget	\$35,199

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PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list is updated every two weeks.

Please call the church office if your friend or family member should remain on the list.

Members

<u>David Bartley</u>	<u>Barbara Patterson</u>	<u>Nell Shelton</u>
<u>John Beard</u>	<u>Lindsey Patterson</u>	<u>Jeff Spence</u>
<u>Bud Bush</u>	<u>Paul Pickett</u>	<u>Sue Taylor</u>
<u>Mamie Gates</u>	<u>Bill Plunk</u>	<u>Steve Williams</u>
<u>Rick Haynes</u>	<u>Peggy Risner</u>	<u>Shannon Wilson</u>

Friends and Family

Marty Benefiel - Brother of Kathy Irvin
Lauri Blancett - Daughter of Bud & Jane Bush
Tod Brooks - Nephew of Joe Brooks
Sarah Campbell - Brother of Judy Franklin
Blake Carden - Nephew of Joe Skelley
Pat Forrest - Sister of Bonnie Siler
Randy Fowler - Brother of Frank Fowler
Pam Gowitske - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Jim & Beth Olive - Friends of Guy & Betty Robertson
Sydney Robinson - Cousin of Ken Tarrant
Cecil Roller - Friend of David Escue
Jennifer Samko - Friend of Joe & Shirley Brooks
Eric Shelton - Friend of Michelle Garrett
Barry Simpson - Brother of Sharon Haston
Billy Spain - Brother-in-law of Guy & Betty Robertson
Bri Stahl - Friend of Barry & Phyllis Kelton
Taylor Wiles - Granddaughter of Tom & Getella Allen
David Worrell - Son of Barbara Worrell
Tia Worrell - Daughter-in-law of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

Princeton & Charlene Blanchard - Son & Daughter-In Law of Prudence Duncan/Air Force/ Ramstein, Germany
James Chapman - Our brother/Army/Kuwait
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 Terri Chambers/ Navy/Italy
Tyler Hicks - Our brother/Air Force/Wichita Falls, TX
Lacey Hicks - Wife of Tyler Hicks/Air Force/Wichita Falls, TX
Will Holman - Grandson of Donna Griffin/Air Force/Mt. Home, ID
Grant Kelton - Our brother/Sheppard AFB/Wichita Falls, TX
Taylor Kelton - Our brother/Hanscom AFB, Bedford, MA.
Savanah Reed - Granddaughter of John & Martha Reed/Air Force
Griffin Stanford - Our brother/Army Guard
Billy Turpin - Son of Tonia Turpin/Marines/Japan
Landon Walker - Son of Christy Perkins/USS Gerald R. Ford
Jason Wilder - Brother of Joseph Wilder/Army/Middle East
Ethan Williams - Grandson of Bud & Jane Bush /Army/Ft. Bragg, N.C.
Timothy Wright - Son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Lee, VA

Parents of Members

Andrew Duncan, Sr. (Prudence Duncan)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jessie and Kristen Sloan on the birth of a daughter, Layla Rose. She was born May 12, 2020 and weighed 7 lbs.4 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Scotty and Lisa Shive and Eddie and Joanne Sloan. Great grandparents are Carl and Ann Hardeman and Chuck and Sharon Shive.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Jessie & Kristen Sloan
3655 Jordan View Dr.
Southaven, MS 38671
Jessie's cell: 662-408-2805

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Attention parents of 2020 college graduates. If you have a student that will be graduating anytime in 2020 (May, August, or December), we would like to recognize their accomplishments. Please send your child's name, the name of the institution, the degree earned, and the date of graduation (month only is fine) to Sheryl Escue at mrsescue1227@gmail.com by Sunday, May 31st. The information will be published in the church bulletin in June.

NEW OPTION FOR LISTENING TO SUNDAY MORNING CHURCH SERVICE

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 gtcocsound-room@gmail.com.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE GREETERS

Several years ago, we had members greeting at each door for the Sunday evening service. We would like to revive that practice once we meet again. A number of greeters are committed to the morning services and it is our hope that enough members would be available to greet at the evening service as well. Please prayerfully consider this great opportunity to serve. If you are willing to greet during the Sunday evening service, please contact Tim Malone at timalone70@gmail.com or at 256-924-9863.

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In The Midst of Trouble, Do Something Good

Because of the coronavirus we have all been inconvenienced at the very least. Unfortunately, many people are ill and some people have died. Our hearts go out to those who are ill and especially to those who have lost loved ones. We are all hoping that this pandemic will soon be over.

However, there are a few things that have happened during this pandemic that are actually good for us. I don't know about your neighborhood, but in my neighborhood, we have always had people who go for walks through the neighborhood. Since this pandemic happened, the number of people who are walking every day has tripled, and some of us have even lost some weight in the process. That doesn't eliminate the difficulties caused by the pandemic but it does encourage us to do something good which will make us healthier. My point is that even in the midst of a mess we can find things to do which are good for us and others too.

Let me remind you that Memorial Day is May 25th. Usually the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery has a ceremony on Memorial Day every year. Because of the pandemic there will not be a ceremony honoring our veterans on Memorial Day this year. Since we are usually sitting close to one another during the ceremonial it is probably best that we not have that ceremony this year.

However, if you would still like to honor the veterans who are buried at the West Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery you might want to continue another custom that has been a part of Memorial Day for many years. We can still honor our veterans by placing a flag on each grave. The flags have already been bought and paid for. You can come to the cemetery by yourself, with other members of your family, or with friends beginning Monday, May 18th or any other day that week. This is a strictly volunteer effort during which you can maintain a six feet distance between yourself and the others that are also placing flags on graves. Upon arrival at the cemetery, you will need to contact Director James Lindsey, either in person at the front office or call 901-543-2016. He will give you a map of your section assignment and the flags for that section. You do not have to make an appointment for a specific time but you can if you would like to do so. God bless these men and women who served in our country's military. Do something good for yourself and for them. Walk to their gravesite and place a flag in their honor. God bless you and God bless America.

**Thank you,
Ron**

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MISSIONS FUND

M.M Ed Castellaw - In memory of Betsy Plunk, wife of Bill Plunk

M/M Terry Johnson - In memory of Betsy Plunk, wife of Bill Plunk; Will Day, husband of Louise Day, father of Terry Day; Howard Shelton, husband of Nell Shelton; Mark Garrett, brother of Mitch Garrett.

SENIOR SUNDAY VIDEO

The Senior Sunday video honoring our graduating high school seniors can be accessed via the website on the teen page as well as on the Germantown church of Christ YouTube and Facebook pages. Please take a look at this video as we support our graduating seniors.

YARD SIGNS

We have yard signs available to our members. These yard signs are one small way that we can let the community know we are here and still worshipping each week! You can pick one up during the regular communion cup distribution times on Saturday and Sunday.

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Come check us out
on our live stream
www.gtcoc.org

SUNDAY
10:30 AM

We love our church family!

MINISTERS

Joshua Adams - Youth
Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
Dave Phillips - Preaching
Ron Roberson - Senior Adult Ministry
Zach Shappley - Family Ministry
Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine
Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Morning Assembly 8:00 a.m.
Morning Assembly 10:30 a.m.
Evening Assembly 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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THANK YOU

Dear church family,
We would like to thank you for the cards, calls, food, flowers, prayers and every expression of love shared with us during this difficult time in our lives. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to each of us.

In Christian love,
Bill Plunk & Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
I really appreciate the cards, calls and every expression of sympathy at the passing of my mom, Evelyn Beler. She was a remarkable lady and a wonderful mother to four children as well as grandmother and great-grandmother. Thank you for your prayers during this grieving process. God has faithfully been answering them for me, my children, my siblings, and extended family. May God bless you!

With love,
Kerry Cancienne

COMMUNION SUPPLIES

We will have 3 distribution sessions for communion cups. Please drive to the back of the church building to the covered canopy for pickup.

- 1) Saturday morning from 10:00-11:30 am
- 2) Saturday afternoon from 3:30-5:00 pm
- 3) Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30 am.

In addition you may pickup the following items:

- Weekly Bulletin
- Monthly Prayer Calendar
- Monthly Birthday Calendar.

ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to announce as of Sunday, April 5, 2020, Germantown church of Christ began 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.

"I AM" SERIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

May 17 (Sunday)	John 10:7,9	Lucas Suddreth
May 20 (Wednesday)	John 11:25	Ron Roberson
May 24 (Sunday)	John 10:11,14	Dave Phillips
May 27 (Wednesday)	John 14:6	Zach Shappley
May 31 (Sunday)	John 15:1,5	Lucas Suddreth