

May 29, 2022

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Fully Committed to Jesus Our Savior!

We have significantly challenged ourselves this year, haven't we? To claim to be 'fully committed' is a hearty and significant aspiration. Our sermons, our classes, even our conversations reflect on our willingness to live up to that standard. I'm reminded of Peter's statement to Jesus, when he said, "Even though all else leave you, I'll be with you." I'm glad that Jesus, who knew his heart and his intentions, was well aware of how much greater that challenge was than Peter imagined. I pray everyday that we will also receive grace from God when we fail, but strength from God each day as we pursue this worthy goal.

ULTIMATE was this weekend. Joshua Adams has led many of our teens to bring many events together. Volunteer adults have joined the effort, as well, to provide all the physical needs for the weekend. We were introduced to Zoe Johnson and Jake England, who are serving as summer interns. We are glad that Noah Vann has returned to speak during the week, and on Sunday morning as well. This will bring to a close our emphasis on the teens and we are all thrilled that this event has been restored. May God be glorified in all that was accomplished and the seed which was sown.

Tonight, Philip Slate will be preaching in my absence, and I am thankful for Philip and Pat, and the work they continue to do as a part of this church family. Sunday nights are the best, aren't they?

By the way, our VBS organizational meeting last Sunday afternoon was well-attended and tasks were immediately distributed to eager volunteers. Mark your calendars for **June 26-30!** Classes for children and adults will be on the topic of prayer. I hope you plan to be here! The Thursday night event will be our celebration for all involved.

Sermons and Scripture Reading

AM - Having Your World Turned Upside Down
(1 Kings 19:1-3) - Noah Vann, speaker

PM - "If The Lord Is With Us, Why Has All This Happened To Us?" (Judges 6:1-6) - Philip Slate, speaker

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	Colossians	Glenn Daily	Auditorium
Faith Builders	Various	Dave Phillips	FH 1&2
Fellowship Hall	Transitions-Mark to	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	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

Age Group	Topic	Teachers	Location
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

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

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Andrea Bartley	Peggy Risner	Lottie Wade
Vee Brasfield	Harry Shettles	Jason Walker
Amy Craft	Bonnie Siler	Ronnie Williams
Ruth Evans	Laura Vann	Shannon Wilson

Friends and Family

Landon Bentle - cousin of Brenda Higgins
Matt Blasdel - nephew of Brenda Higgins
Bill Collins - brother of Brenda Vick
Kelcy Gorman - daughter of Stacey & Christy Ainsworth
Linda Hanson - daughter-in-law of Chuck & Paula Hanson
Alan Hayes - brother of Paul Hayes
O'Neal Howard - cousin of Doris Conder
Bob Kelsey - friend of Phyllis Vincent
John Pearson - friend of Phyllis Vincent
Laura Sexton - sister of Debby Hayes
David Shettles - son of Harry Shettles
Barry Simpson - brother of Sharon Haston
Carey Tomlinson - brother of Tommy Tomlinson
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.

New Member

Charlotte* Blaker
PO Box 770774
Memphis, TN 38177
901-581-1813

Office Closure

The church office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Bridal Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower in honor of Makensie Vaughn, bride elect of Eli Conder, on Sunday, June 12 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Eli is the son of Mark and Brenda Conder, grandson of Doris Conder and Jimmie Clyde. The couple are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, REI, and Target. Please include gift receipts.

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)
Dan Fetherston (Emily Graham)
Wayne Graham (Derek Graham)
Betty Harlston (Paula Jones)
Truman Hull, Sr. (Camilla Jones)
Herschel Osburn (Melanie Smith)
Margaret Wade (Emily Wade)



BUS MINISTRY

KIRBY PINES BUS DRIVERS

MAY

Sunday AM - Jeremy Ainsworth
Sunday PM - Jodi Whitfield
Wednesday PM - Archie Shelton

All Grace Land Parents

As you know, summer is right around the corner and we want to give our Grace Land teachers a much needed break. If you would, please consider signing up to teach or to be a keeper in Grace Land on Sunday mornings. Please go to <https://bit.ly/3KwmdzT> to sign-up, or you can fill out the sign-up sheet in the south hallway.

Leslie Williams

Missionary To Canada

I have returned exhausted and grateful for my most recent visit to Papua New Guinea. It has been an adventure. It seems like every country has its own set of rules for Covid and they change regularly, so it is very difficult to keep track. This led to repeated complications on my travels .

Cairns church is doing great. I was able to meet with them Sunday for worship and also gather Monday night for another Bible study at one of the member's homes. There were all the old faces there, but several new families as well. One of the most recent converts is Elizabeth Momberger, wife to the Chief Pilot for Air Niugini, Albert Momberger. It turns out I know Elizabeth's family quite well--her brother Richard Rudd was baptized in Alotau some years ago, and her sister Lindy Warren was also known to us in Alotau. Elizabeth's parents showed up for service as well, and I have had Bible studies with them in the past (he has been a Jehovah Witness and a Pentecostal in the past). Another of the new converts is a sister to Tamasi Kelly (her husband is an elder for the Hanuabada church in Pt. Moresby). All in all, my visit to Alotau was very rewarding, and I got some excellent time in with several of the church leaders, specifically David Momberger.

My ongoing PNG trip went forward uneventfully, and finally I was able to arrive in Alotau. After two years away from the churches in Milne Bay, I found some things that were very encouraging to me, and some things that were troubling to me. The core group of believers are still moving forward in their faith, and I am encouraged to find such devoted faithfulness being shown in very difficult conditions. Not only has Covid rules restricted the congregations in PNG, but the area around Alotau has also undergone a terrible crime wave. A criminal gang has dominated the community, and the Police sent in a Riot Squad to chase them down. Both groups are horrible, preying on the peaceful. Horror stories abound, and one of the teenage sons of Patrick (member of the Mutuyuwa church) was shot and killed, along with 8 others buried in a mass grave at East Cape. No one travels out at night, and I saw dozens of vehicles in Alotau with bullet holes in them. Mutuyuwa is known as a gang haven, and many of the church members are unwilling to walk to church in Mutuyuwa, and have chosen to attend the congregation on the other side of town, Puto. Joel Siripudi has made this move. Chris and Leta Doga, one of our strong leaders from Mutuyuwa, has decided to attend church in Sineada for his families safety. This has led to a lot of disappointment for John and Siggie, who have shared the leadership in the town. They feel abandoned and outcast. One of the highlights of the trip was to get all the church leaders together at the Easter Camp, sit down and talk through the difficulties that have led to the spreading out of the church membership outside of the town church. I do believe that I need to address a weakness that is revealing itself as time goes by--an inability to quickly and effectively address conflict and disagreements within the church. I spoke to the leadership at the Camp and told them that this was really my fault--I addressed conflict issues in the church and never really taught the leadership how to address the issues themselves. So, I have agreed to teach some classes on Conflict Management in my next visit to Milne Bay and hopefully address the numerous personal issues that seem to have interrupted the peace of church during the last several years. None of the conflicts were in any way major, just left unresolved and therefore harmful. On the final day of camp several reconciliations took place.

My time in Pt. Moresby was also an encouraging time. I only got to meet with the Hanuabada congregation over two days, but was able to connect on of our Milne Bay brothers with the church. I was also very pleased to see a growing number of young people attending and participation with the fellowships. It was wonderful to see the balance of older church members (specifically SowSow and Joe Kelly) and the younger members working together so well. One young man, Tamasi, was baptized following our last day of fellowship, the husband of one of our very faithful young girls. I am just so comforted to see this congregation come through a time of hardship and disappointment and be so full of joy and faith. Pray that Chucky Abigawa (one of our young men from Alotau) will connect with this church and serve with them in the future.

On the final day of camp several reconciliations took place. My sermon on Sunday morning was on balancing the characteristics of God in our lives, two of them being people of justice (cannot ignore or overlook wrongdoing) and compassion (willingness to forgive and reach out to those in need). Appointed to lead the women's class at the last moment, I asked our sisters to apply the lesson to their lives, and let me tell you, the women got right to it. Lots of confession, admission of hurt feelings, direct appeals to forgiveness and lots of tears. As I said to Loopie afterward on the phone, I felt really out of place! Loopie assured me that this was not unusual for a woman's fellowship. During the morning, Ishmael stood before the congregation and confessed his adultery, sought forgiveness from the church and his wife, Wendy. Two brothers from Lautevateva, Willie and Robert, stood before the gathered congregation and sought reconciliation and forgiveness for their past difficulties. It was a very tough emotional day, but one that I think was much needed and I pray the confessions and public forgiveness offered with call the church to greater fellowship and union in Christ.

I had a relatively uneventful trip home. Travel is so difficult due to reduced staffing at all the airports, and this in turn leads to long lines and missed flights. I still have not recovered from what I suspect is bad water consumed at the camp. I think I will go into the doctor's office today and check for amoebic dysentery. But otherwise, I am so grateful for the time with the churches in Australia and PNG, and so grateful to be home again with my family. I am also grateful for your partnership in this effort and pray that good fruit will be born out of our efforts together. This is my constant prayer.

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

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Memorials

M/M Mike Slate - In memory of David Gaines, brother of Andy Gaines; Jan Lira, sister of Kay Littleton.

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 The Record

May 22, 2022

Ministers

Sunday Bible Class	272	Joshua Adams - Youth Ministry
8:00 a.m.	133	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	309	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 a.m. online	69	Joe Skelley - Senior Adult Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	511	Brian Stewart - Engagement Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	184	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
6:00 p.m. online	46	Sasha Maliuga - Missionary to Ukraine
Total p.m. Worship	230	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Contribution	\$32,615	
Budget	\$35,131	

Thank you

Germantown church of Christ members and friends, Thanks so much for prayers and lovely cards. It means so much to be thought about during a difficult time in the loss of our nephew, Harold Rogers. May God continue to bless each of you abundantly.

J.C. and Lucille Williams

Thank you to all who contributed clothing for the West Tennessee Children's Home young men. We collected 76 pairs of socks, 270 undershirts, and 184 pairs of boxers.

Christie Ainsworth
Dana Goodwin

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.

Then He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest"

Matthew 9:37-38