

May 30, 2021

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Good morning! School is out! The world seems to be 'opening up.' Aren't we all very glad? Our services are being well attended and the spirit is climbing. As we come out of the pandemic, you should know of several key events that are upcoming. Let me give you just a hint now—with the promise of more information to come.

For example, our Wednesday evening adult classes will all be meeting in the auditorium for a resumption of our special series. The theme is "I'm Lifted Up!" I've asked all the speakers to bring a lesson that will genuinely encourage us in the work of the Lord. See you there!!

2021 Summer Series (Each Wednesday at 7 pm)

June 2 - **Tim Alsup**, Great Oaks church of Christ

June 16 - **Leon Sanderson**, Germantown—Singing emphasis

June 23 - **Mike Rogers**, Covington church of Christ

June 30 - **Joshua Adams**, Germantown

July 7 - **Harold Redd**, Midtown church of Christ

July 14 - **Leslie Chapman**, Hendersonville church of Christ

July 23 - **Jim Howard**, Germantown

July 28 - **Brian Stewart**, Germantown

Aug. 4 - **Evertt Huffard**, Millington church of Christ

Aug. 11 - **Philip Slate**, Germantown

Aug. 18 - **Lucas Suddreth**, Germantown

Aug. 25 - **Todd Sanderson**, Holly Springs church of Christ

Honor Sunday will be held on August 1, 2021 as a special Sunday in which we will focus our worship on the topic of *lament*, a means of remembering our brothers and sisters of this congregation who have gone to their reward. They passed away at a time when most of us were not able to come and express our sympathy. We will be remembering each of them during the Bible class hour on that Sunday.

Mission Sunday! The day is set for August 8. What a day! We are planning for all our missionaries to be here for a Super Sunday. Yes, at this time, the Malugas, the Williams, the Steiners, the Marceau and Lewis families are planning to be here. We'll get the 'lowdown' on what is taking place and what is upcoming. Let's keep praying and encouraging as our mission efforts blossom.

Let's continue to grow in spirit and number!

Sermon and Scripture Reading

AM - Gentle & Lowly (Mt. 11:1-6) *Speaker: Joshua Adams*

PM - Better Than... (Heb. 1:1-4) *Young men to lead*

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	AH 124
Adult Class	Simply Christian	Jason Speed	FH Main
Adult Class	1 Peter: Surviving Interrupted Life	Philip Slate	AH 128
Adult Class	Bible Stories of the Old Testament	Chuck Hanson Art Cancienne	Cambodian Classroom
Young Professionals	Discipleship	Jacob Wallace J. Chapman	AH 129
Transitions	Living Among Lions	Barry Kelton Jeff Spence	AH 127
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 (Assisted by Jim Howard & Philip Slate)	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

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

Bible Study Sunday 9:15 AM • Wednesday 7 PM

OUR PRAYERS

Members

Bud Bush	Emily Graham	Emily Stinson
Cathy Clark	John Howe	Kay Walker
Dorothy Deas	Barbara Patterson	Shannon Wilson
	Peggy Shettles	

Friends and Family

Jerry Agnew - cousin of Carol Redden & Baxter McCord

Matt Blasdel - nephew of Brenda Higgins

Blake Carden - nephew of Joe Skelley

Betty Harlston - mother of Paula Jones

Aubrey Holder - brother of Barbara Hodges & Debbie Florendo

O'Neal Howard - cousin of Doris Conder

Sarah Howard - cousin of Doris Conder

Missy Kelton - sister of Barry Kelton

CJ & Collene Smith Lane - friends of Kathleen Manning

Lavera Leopard - friend of Mott Jones

Terry Love Family - friends of Sam & Rebecca Bush

Raymond Lovinggood - brother of Joy Straw

Melissa Martin - daughter-in-law of Janet Webb

Christine Miller - grandmother of Stephanie Gordon

John Murley - nephew of Nancy Jones

Robert Patrick - friend of Glenn Conder

Dal Randle - cousin of Richard Taylor

Dorrence Stovall - nephew of Nancy Jones

Danny Vincent - brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne

Jim Ware - cousin of Cheryl Fewell

Michael Westen - friend of Tim Malone

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

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 National Guard/ Dyersburg, TN

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)

Truman Hull, Sr. (Camilla Jones)

Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)

Iona Dunlop (Stacie Browning)

Prayer list is updated every two weeks. Notify the church office if your friend or family member should remain on the list.

New Members

Juan* & Linda* Boquet

2460 George R. James

Eads, TN 38028

Juan cell: 901-468-6410

Linda cell: 901-486-2277

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to John Howe and family on the passing of his wife Brenda Howe. Funeral services were not available at the time of this printing.

Office Closure

The church office will be closed Monday, May 31st in observance of Memorial Day.

New Members Class

For all new members, June 13, 2021 at 9:15 a.m., a class will be available in Room 123 for you to learn more about each ministry. We will cover our "Praising" ministries in this month's class. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tim Malone at timalone70@gmail.com or 256-924-9863.

From Your Shepherds

Dear church family,

The shepherds thank you for your support and prayers as we continue to navigate safely through the COVID-19 pandemic. As more people become vaccinated and cases decline, we are seeing changes being made in recommendations, with the most recent change that fully vaccinated people can stop wearing masks. With this change in mind, we want the church to know if you are fully vaccinated and wish to stop wearing a mask, please feel free to do that. If you wish to continue to wear a mask, feel free to do that. This is a decision you will make based on your personal health situation or concerns.

We will continue with physical distancing in our bible classes and in the auditorium, the two outside wing sections will be every other pew for seating. For the two middle sections, all pews will be used for seating.

Also as previously communicated, everyone is welcome to attend in-person services.

Please continue your prayers for us to have a safe environment to gather and fellowship and to show our love and unity for one another.

Your Shepherds

Sasha Maluga Missionary To Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine! It has been almost a month and a half since our last newsletter and during this time it seems like we lived in two different dimensions! The end of February and the first week of March were filled with fellowship activities and Bible classes that we could all attend both at church and UBI but then in the middle of March several of our members got COVID, many people felt sick and the situation with COVID got very bad again in Kyiv. As a result, as of the 20th of March Kyiv is in lockdown again along with some other parts of Ukraine and it looks like the whole country may have a lockdown again soon. And that means we are back to worship services and Bible classes online now, but thankfully we have the equipment and people at church who help us make that possible!

It has been a tradition at our congregation that every year at the end of February we have a special contest for the brothers of our church to test their Bible knowledge. It was a sister's idea that they came up with several years ago and this "project" really pushes our brothers to study the Bible even with more diligence! This year the questions were on the Book of Acts that we finished studying last year. The sisters prepared some very challenging questions, but the brothers were well prepared and won! Those times when brothers come together to answer some challenging questions from the Bible are always special – it helps to create a very special bond among the brothers because we really depend on each other as we try to come up with the right answer! This year our congregation turned 6 years old in February which made February potluck even more special – since we also celebrated the Birthday of our congregation! Just a week after this big event we had another very special event at our congregation. Since the 8th of March is traditionally a big holiday in Ukraine – a Women's Day, we decided to have something very special for our sisters! We also prepared some Bible questions for them (they were also quite challenging, and they were about different women of the Bible) – and our sisters did a super job! They answered all questions but one! And we also served them fruits and sweets! It was a great time to honor our wonderful sisters!

At UBI until the lockdown we were able to have classes at the building. But of course, the visiting teachers couldn't come because of travel restrictions and we had them teach online. It was great to have Dave Phillips teach the Book of Revelation to the second level students.



It has only been a few days since the beginning of the lockdown, and it is scheduled at least until April the 9th. It is not easy to do everything online, at UBI I teach the Life and Teachings of Jesus for 2 hours in the morning and the Book of Romans for 2 hours in the afternoon. Of course, I miss having the students in the classroom but so glad that we can continue even if online. This term Natasha teaches ladies at UBI on teaching ladies' classes at church.

We do not know how long we will have a lock down, but we pray for the situation to improve. Our family is doing well, Toma has started her new job on March the 1st but since she is only 3 hours away from Kyiv she can come and visit. She works at the hospital as an intern family doctor and because of the difficult situation with COVID they have a lot of people there now. Thankfully Toma is doing well and hasn't had any complications.

Regina has all of her papers ready for the interview at the USA Embassy on April the 5th. We do not know if her date will be rescheduled due to lockdown but so far, we haven't had any notice about that. Please keep her in your prayers. If she gets a student visa, we hope she can come to the US this summer and start her studies at Harding! We know she will really need family there and we are so thankful to God for all of you who became our family! We know she can always count on your help and encouragement! We pray for blessings upon you, our dear family in Christ! Thank you so much for being so supportive in our ministry and so devoted to the Lord's work in Ukraine!

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

In Christian love,
Sasha & Natasha

OUR WORK TOGETHER

Youth News

The Germantown Youth Group welcomes their new summer intern, Jacob England! Jacob is a Junior at Freed Hardeman University and is originally from Smiths Grove, Kentucky. We are so blessed to have Jacob working with us this summer ensuring our teens have a fun time growing closer to God and one another.

GYG Summer Retreat takes place Tues-Thurs, June 1-3rd out at Pincrest Retreat Center. We'll leave Tuesday at 5 pm and be back Thursday at 2 pm. The theme this year is being a "Doer" taken from James 1:22. The cost of the event is \$40 and includes food, lodging, and a t-shirt.

Preschool Openings

The Preschool is now hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. We are in need of several ladies to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays from August 10, 2021-May 17, 2022. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184 or gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

Information For The Bulletin

Please submit all requests for announcements in the bulletin to carolportergtcoc@gmail.com, or by calling her at the church office at 901-754-1668. Request must be received as soon as possible and no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. Please remember all request will be processed as space in the bulletin allows.

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.



Communion Supplies

Distribution of the communion cups for participants in our streaming services will be changing to the first Saturday of each month for the remainder of 2021. Beginning in June, communion cups will be available for drive through pick-up from 12:00-1:00 one Saturday per month at the covered entrance on the south side of the building on the following dates:

June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4.

If someone cannot make it on one of these dates and needs to get communion cups during the week, they can come by the building during office hours and pick up what they need from one of the covered tables in the lobby of the building.

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.

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.

Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I will lift up my soul.

Psalm 143:8

For The Record		Ministers
May 23, 2021		
Sunday Bible Class	272	Joshua Adams - Youth
8:00 a.m.	119	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	338	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 Online Worship	55	Zach Shappley - Family Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	512	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	143	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
6:00 p.m. Online	33	Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine
Total p.m. Worship	176	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Contribution	\$24,860	
Budget	\$35,159	