

May 9, 2021

Family Talk *with Dave Phillips*

Good morning! This is a time for good news.. Our shepherds shared their announcement at our Wednesday evening service. It has been emailed to everyone on our email list. (If you are not included in our email updates, please let the office know - as it has become a very rich source of communication on important issues. We promise not to abuse the privilege) So, today we begin our new seating arrangements. We wear masks out of respect for each other, but for those who have received vaccinations and/or are comfortable with closer seating arrangements, the inner two sections of pews are reserved for you. Should you prefer to maintain 'social distancing' (use of every other pew), you are asked to sit in the outer sections, or wings, of the pew arrangement. Of course, this is the 'next step' for our seating in the auditorium. Our hope and prayer is that all the requests and recommendations by the city will progress rapidly toward complete restoration of all our activities. Of course, we are most concerned with the spiritual and physical health of our brothers and sisters, our neighbors, and the population around the world. That is why we must be so diligent to learn, live and share the good news of Jesus Christ wherever we are.

Senior Sunday was such a wonderful success! Our thanks to Joshua Adams and all the parents who helped us try to give honor to our high school graduates. We had a good group to stay after our services and enjoyed visiting with graduates and their families. I couldn't help but wish we would have had the privilege of doing the same for last year's graduates. It was our loss, too. We missed the chance to congratulate them - but we have not forgotten to pray for them. May God bless each graduate!

We have others in the congregation who have graduated and we want to hear about them. Congratulations to Lucas Suddreth on receiving his Master of Divinity degree from Harding School of Theology. Great accomplishment!

Sermon and Scripture Reading

AM - A Word For Our Mothers (2 Timothy 1:1-7)
PM - Keeping The Dream Alive (Mark 4:26-29)

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	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	Allen Dixon	Barbara Patterson
Cathy Clark	Mary Jo Dixon	Charles Speed
Dorothy Deas	Cheryl McClurg	Shannon Wilson

Friends and Family

Jerry Agnew - cousin of Carol Redden & Baxter McCord
Matt Blasdel - nephew of Brenda Higgins
Blake Carden - nephew of Joe Skelley
Darien Chasteen - friend of Susan Davis
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
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

New Members

Brenna* McKee
6780 Long Rd.
Arlington, TN 38002
901-493-7668

Ron* Webb
2016 Brantwood Cove
Germantown, TN 38139
901-651-0123

Deanna Gilbert

Deanna Gilbert has accepted the Youth Minister Assistant position for the Summer term for the Germantown Youth Group. Her first day will be Monday, May 17, 2021. Deanna graduated from Freed-Hardeman University. We welcome Deanna to the church staff and look forward to our work together.

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
Savannah 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.

Dear church family,

Thank you for your continual support and prayers as we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, we made difficult decisions and recommendations with much prayer and petition to God for His guidance and help. We trust in God to be with us and to help us along the way. As we see more people become vaccinated, more become comfortable in being out and resuming in-person worship, bible class and congregational activities.

With this in mind, we want the church family to know first that everyone is welcome to attend in-person services. We also know you will make decisions based on your personal health situation. We encourage you to participate in the setting that is safe for you.

Second, beginning this Sunday, all pews in the two middle sections will be used for general seating. The pews in the two wing sections will continue to be designated every other pew for seating.

We are working to create a safe environment for us to gather and fellowship. We ask for your prayers and support as we move forward with love and unity for one another.

your shepherds

Lucas Suddreth, Adult Education Minister

For over a millennia, Jews and Christians have been known as “people of The Book” because of their dedication to studying Scripture. I was encouraged to hear this, and it made me think that as faithful disciples one of the most important things we can do is read and interpret the Bible to the best of our abilities. Listed below are some ways that we can practice healthy Biblical interpretation.

1. Pray for guidance and wisdom as you read and interpret the text. This is the Word of God that we hold before us, so before we do anything we should ask God to lead us in the right understanding of Scripture.
2. Read the passage carefully and slowly, noting any names, places, or specific points the author makes.
3. Read the whole chapter to get the bigger picture of what the author (through the power of the Holy Spirit) was trying to say. It would be even more helpful to read the chapters that appear immediately before and after your text.

Using steps 1 and 2 we can get a better idea of what was happening in that time and place. We can see cultural clues that tell us what was appropriate and inappropriate, and we can see the ideology of the author, or the way he thought. These steps are especially valuable because they help us understand the way the author thinks.

4. Now that you have a firm grasp of what the writer is saying, ask yourself, “what was the author telling the people in this text?”
5. After determining what the writer was saying to the people in that text, ask yourself, “what is the writer trying to tell me?”

It may be beneficial to read the text again, asking yourself these questions while reading. It would also be wise to consult a commentary to see what people who have devoted their lives to studying this text think about this passage. Our church library can be a valuable resource for those of us who do not have many commentaries or would simply like to see what other resources we may have on the text.

Lastly, the Bible that we hold in our hands is one of the most valuable things we have in this world, and as such, we should also approach it with humility and obedience. This means approaching Scripture with the acknowledgment that there are some things written in it I won't like or understand. But with humility and obedience we accept that in God's Word the Lord tells us what we need to hear and we obey it.

OUR WORK TOGETHER

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.

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.

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.



Thank You

To the members of Germantown church of Christ, I cannot thank you all enough for the sweet cards, phone calls, texts, and email messages I received concerning the death of my father, Kenneth Vanderpool. Your kind and thoughtful sentiments touched my heart, blessing me with love and encouragement. I am ever so grateful to the people of this congregation, including the elders, ministers, and staff, who constantly kept me in their prayers.

Kathleen Manning

Rhonda and I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, donations, and many other acts of kindness shown to us at the passing of my Mother, Rebecca Barham.

David Barham

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

Leadership Camp 2021

Leadership Camp will be June 7-11! The camp is for boys and girls who will be in grades 1 through 6 during the next school year. We'll learn fundamentals of leadership and will learn the source of our strength and **Magnify the Power!** Sign-up forms are on the Building Spiritual Leadership ministry table in the south hallway and are due Monday, May 10. Be sure to sign-up early as T-shirts will be ordered on Tuesday, May 11. Contact Glenn Daily, if you have any questions.

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.

For The Record		Ministers
May 2, 2021		
Sunday Bible Class	260	Joshua Adams - Youth
8:00 a.m.	135	Glenn Daily - Spiritual Leadership
10:30 a.m.	305	Dave Phillips - Preaching
10:30 Online Worship	62	Zach Shappley - Family Ministry
Total a.m. Worship	502	Lucas Suddreth - Young Adult Ministry
Sunday p.m. Worship	191	Eddie Lewis - Missionary to Mississippi
6:00 p.m. Online	21	Sasha Maluga - Missionary to Ukraine
Total p.m. Worship	212	Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
		Leslie Williams - Missionary to Canada
Contribution	\$31,165	
Budget	\$35,159	