



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

“So, how’s the pandemic working at your house?” I suppose, on the bright side, we have a new conversation starter. Every family, if not every person, is experiencing new behaviors that have become expectations from others. This requires patience and prayer – our new mantra.

One of the concerns that many of us share is the need for us to ‘keep in contact.’ You might think that this task is easily accomplished. But, all of us are concerned about someone who might feel left out – or taken for granted. May I just say that there is no unimportant person in the Lord’s Kingdom. *Each of us is essential in the sight of God!* We may be so consumed with our own negotiation of events that we are distracted from keeping up with others. If so, that is unfortunate and certainly unintentional. We are a part of God’s wonderful spiritual family.

We can begin by praying for each other. Why not then send a card, make a call, write a letter, or send a text? Could you join in with Bible class efforts to study together – either on-line or through printed material being sent out? We need to praise God – and keep growing!

By the way, Joshua Adams, Jenna Vick, Natalie Estes and Hunter Haynes are diligently doing their best to accomplish great tasks with our youth. Zach and Janet Shappley are continuing efforts to encourage our children – including the upcoming VBS! Ron Roberson is continuing to encourage our senior saints even though hampered by numerous restrictions on the ‘over 65 population.’ Glenn Daily continues to work through Bible studies – wherever the opportunity presents itself. Lucas Suddreth continues to work with our young adults through various means – electronic and in-person to encourage them. Today, we are privileged to have Lucas preach for us at Germantown. May all of our efforts bring glory and honor to God!

TWO SERVICES!!

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

**NO NURSERY
NO BIBLE CLASSES**
(at least not yet!)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

July 19, 2020

	<u>8:00AM</u>	<u>10:30AM</u>
Welcome:	Jonathan Chapman	Jacob Wallace
Song Leader:	Jonathan Chapman	Chris Hicks
Opening Prayer:	Tim Malone	Steve Haynes
Scripture Reading:	Scott Horner	Jeremy Ainsworth
Communion:	Derek Graham	Al Gabriel
Closing Prayer:	Willie Ferguson	Art Cancienne

Thursday Night Zoom Bible Class

Are you interested in a Zoom Bible study on Thursday nights at 7 pm? Our group of about 20 meet each week and decided we wanted to study a book of the Bible together. We began with 1 Corinthians and we are enjoying this study. If you would like to join us, send your e-mail address to davephillips623@gmail.com. You will receive an invitation and be welcomed on Thursday evening at 7 pm. Thanks, Dave.

MEASUREMENT OF GROWTH

July 12, 2020

Contribution	\$44,063
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>Tom Allen</u>	<u>Mamie Gates</u>	<u>Peggy Risner</u>
<u>David Bartley</u>	<u>Rick Haynes</u>	<u>Nell Shelton</u>
<u>Melissa Beaver</u>	<u>Zach Mars</u>	<u>Jeff Spence</u>
<u>Jim Beck</u>	<u>Olivia Mars</u>	<u>Marilyn Vennari</u>
<u>Bud Bush</u>	<u>Barbara Patterson</u>	<u>Steve Williams</u>
<u>Ida Clark</u>	<u>Lindsey Patterson</u>	<u>Shannon Wilson</u>

Friends and Family

Lauri Blancett - Daughter of Bud & Jane Bush
Betty Browning - Sister of Cheryl Fewell
Blake Carden - Nephew of Joe Skelley
Pat Forrest - Sister of Bonnie Siler
Randy Fowler - Brother of Frank Fowler
Lucy French - Friend of Louise Jenkins
Pam Gowitske - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Sally Lipsey - Wife of Walt Lipsey
Richard McCollum - Relative of Guy & Betty Robertson
Bob Neal - Friend of Mott & Nancy Jones
Jim & Beth Olive - Friends of Guy & Betty Robertson
Debra Rogers - Niece of J.C. Williams
Cecil Roller - Friend of David Escue
Jennifer Samko - Friend of Joe & Shirley Brooks
Barry Simpson - Brother of Sharon Haston
Billy Spain - Brother-in-law of Guy & Betty Robertson
Jim Ware - Cousin of Cheryl Fewell
John Edward Williams - Brother of J.C. Williams
David Worrell - Son of Barbara Worrell
Tia Worrell - Daughter-in-law of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

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/Elgin AFB/FL
Lacey Hicks - Wife of Tyler Hicks/Elgin AFB/FL
Will Holman - Grandson of Donna Griffin/Air Force/Mt. Home, ID
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
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, NC
Timothy Wright - Son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Lee, VA

Parents of Members

Terry and Brownie Malone (Tim Malone)
Mike and Lucy Mitchell (Tonia Turpin)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)
Ken and Lucia Vanderpool (Kathleen Manning)

WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING DEVOTIONALS

Over the course of the coming weeks the ministry staff will provide devotionals based on "Heroes of Faith" to supplement missing out on our Sunday night and Wednesday night worship services. Simply go to the church website, gtcoc.org and scroll down until you see Heroes of Faith lessons and click on the graphic. Sunday night's lesson will post at 6:00 pm on Sundays and Wednesday night's lesson will post at 7:00 pm. Additionally it will be posted to the Germantown church of Christ Facebook page at those times as well and you can use the GTCOC youtube link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGvHorE85ZrYiqAHf5iviGA>.

"HEROES OF FAITH"

July 19 (Sunday)	Micaiah	Jim Howard
July 22 (Wednesday)	Rahab	Chris Gilbert
July 26 (Sunday)	Paul	Jacob Wallace
July 29 (Wednesday)	Priscilla & Aquila	Philip Slate

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

The church preschool is looking for some fun loving ladies to help out in their Tuesday/Thursday program. These are paid positions. All applicants must be members of a church of Christ congregation. For more information, please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184/901-485-4245 or email at gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

COMMUNION SUPPLIES

Please note change. Saturday Morning Only.

We will have 1 distribution session for communion cups.

Please drive to the back of the church building to the covered canopy for pickup.

1) Saturday morning from 12:00-2:00 pm

In addition you may pickup the following items:

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

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**Ron Roberson,
Senior Adult Ministry
July 19, 2020**

I am so glad that my parents did not have to deal with this pandemic. Even though they would probably have dealt with it much better than I have, I would not want them to have to put up with the irritation that the pandemic has brought with it. That was the thought that went through my mind shortly after this mess started. Sherry had similar thoughts about her parents and, since we all want the best for our parents, you may have had similar thoughts as well. However, as the pandemic progressed I realized that compared to the Great Depression and the Second World War this pandemic is a minor inconvenience. Previous generations rose to the occasion, did what they had to do, and in the process made America even better.

All of us have had to deal with this pandemic and it hasn't been pleasant. Almost all of the "non-worship" activities that were scheduled to take place in our building had to be cancelled. Those of our members who might be especially at risk to the virus were asked to stay at home and watch the livestreaming of our worship service. Most of the stores in Germantown were asked to close at least temporarily in an effort to reduce the number of people being exposed to the virus. Those business owners cooperated and locked the doors of their businesses temporarily, even though that negatively affected their bottom line. I believe these business owners did that not only because the state government said they should but also because they really care about their customers.

Hopefully, this pandemic will eventually be over, and when it is we will also have the opportunity to show our local business owners that we care about them. God has repeatedly told his people that we should love our neighbors. In Leviticus 19, God tells his people how they are to treat one another and, in Leviticus 19:18b, God specifically says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord." (English Standard Version). In the New Testament, the Apostle John is often referred to as the Apostle of Love. In 1 John 3:16 we read, "By this we know love, that he laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but, in deed and in truth."

I have the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the Germantown Chamber of Commerce, so I know first hand of the challenges business owners of all kinds in the Greater Memphis area face. We can help these "weather the storm" by purchasing items and helping their business not only to survive but to grow.

God Bless You!
All the best,
Ron

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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.

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 gtcocsoundroom@gmail.com.

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN

Please submit **all** requests for announcements in the bulletin to carolportergtcoc@gmail.com or by calling me at the church office at 901-754-1668 or by a written request and placed in the box marked Office just outside the church office. Request must be received as soon as possible and no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. Please remember all requests will be processed as space in the bulletin allows.

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

To our brothers and sisters in Christ,
Although we have been attending at Germantown church of Christ for a short time without much opportunity to become acquainted, you have made us feel as though we have always been a part of this family. Your acceptance of us into this flock is the epitome of God's handiwork/ chosen people, clothed in compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, and a testament to the Shepard's' selfless leadership and over watch at this congregation. Many of you provided meals to care for our physical being and ease our burden during this trying time, what an example of dedication to the service of God's people. From the beginning you have never stopped praying for Melissa's physical and spiritual strength and for complete healing. Also, for a spirit of courage and support to fill Kat and me. We are overjoyed that God has led us to this place and look forward to doing the good works He has prepared for us to do with you here in this place.

Fulfilling His good purpose with you,
James, Melissa, and Kat Beaver.

Our family wants you to know how God has worked through you in the brotherly love you showered on us since I had the stroke in April – the meals, cards, calls, texts, and, most of all, the prayers. I have seen God's hand in my healing and rehab. I am continuing to make good progress with in-home rehab for the present and encourage you to continue to pray. God has showered us with His blessings!

Rick and Judy Haynes

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.