



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

Happy Mother's Day!

I wish I could say something more spectacular in honor of women who have – and who are – going about the arduous business of meeting the needs of innocently 'needy' little children, rearing perfectly normal 'challenging' adolescents, and helping to launch incredibly gifted young adults into the world to find their place in service to God and their fellow man.

All I can say is, "Thank God for wonderful and gifted mothers." May your kind increase – and may we, as God's people, always be an encouragement to you and never a hindrance.

This Mother's Day is unique, isn't it? Families have spent an incredible amount of time together – which means it has probably been a mixture of wonderful and frustrating experiences. I can't help but think that the extraordinary amount of time will provide fertile soil for some of the richest memories ever.

I only wish that our worship services could allow us to gather as a church family and see how many families love, respect and honor their mothers. I'm hopeful and prayerful that we can return to assembling together without fear or 'catching' or 'sharing' something harmful. If it is the Lord's will, that day will come. Until then, a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of a great mother – and perhaps a note of gratitude will need to suffice.

Happy Mother's Day!

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 3, 2020	
Contribution	\$27,908
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

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

- Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Bill Plunk and family on the passing of his wife, Betsy, also the mother of Mike Plunk, grandmother of Harrison and Reagan Plunk, and our sister in Christ. Funeral services were Thursday in Oakland, TN.

Sympathy is extended to Sue Tarrant and family on the passing of her brother, J.L. Petty. Funeral services were Wednesday in Memphis.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Stacey and Christie Ainsworth on the birth of a grandson, Lincoln Haralson Gorman. He was born May 4, 2020 and weighed 7 lbs. Proud parents are Nick, Kelcey, and big brother Jaxon and proud great uncle and aunt Jeremy and Cathy Ainsworth.

Congratulations to Will and Erin Morgan on the birth of a son, Charles Whitten "Whitt" Morgan. Whitt was born May 4, 2020 and weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Proud sister is Sara Kenton.

Dear church family,

Your shepherds would like to remind you that we are here for you. If you are experiencing any hardship or need, please call any of us or email us at gtcocmail@gmail.com.

your shepherds

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.

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.

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SASHA MALUGA

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine,

As you may already guess this newsletter will be somewhat different-all of our lives are “a bit” different now. Just like the United States, Ukraine has very strict quarantine rules, and we try to follow them and at the same time try to find ways to encourage and support our brothers and sisters and help those in need. When it comes to restrictions-we are supposed to meet in a group of no more than 10, should keep a distance, in public places we have to wear a mask (in the stores, in elevators, etc.), only grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations are open. People are encouraged to stay home. You are not even supposed to walk in a group of more than 2 people (exception is the kids). Subway is not working; public transportation is not working except for special categories of employees and they have a special document to prove it. So, a very different life! But the church is not a building-it is people and knowing that we know that even we want to meet so badly, we have to handle this situation in such a way that it would not cause people to blame the church for the spreading of the Virus. Here it is a big problem for the Orthodox church-some of them refused to cancel services for Easter and many priests and people got sick. In Kyiv, we have Lavra-an old Orthodox monastery where they still hold services, now it is completely closed even though at first the chief priest said that they would not close it. But most of the priests who live inside are infected and many have died since they would not stop services when it all started.

From the beginning I want to let you know that we have been very blessed-we do not have anyone in our family, at our church family or even among the people we know-the confirmed cases of the Coronavirus. The numbers in Ukraine are about 10 thousand people who have been diagnosed, and the worse situation is in Kyiv. But it looks like the number of new cases per day is going down, so we hope that maybe within a month the government will start lifting the quarantine.

We also want to let you know-YOU are in our prayers daily! We pray for people around the world, but especially we pray for our church family in the United States, for God to protect you, to help you go through this difficult time without many losses. It is truly a challenging time, one of a kind, and we pray for you fervently.

Our congregation is doing a very similar thing to what you are doing at Germantown. I come to the church building with a few other brothers and we have a complete service on Sunday morning with our members and guests watching it live online or they can watch it later as a recording. So when it comes to our Bible classes and Sunday services, it is all online. I should admit-computers are a real struggle for me, but I am doing my best to learn! I am teaching a Bible class on Tuesdays using Zoom and Natasha uses it for her ladies' class on Thursday. We have between 20 to 30 people in the conference setting each time.

The positive side of the online sessions is that now we have our brothers and sisters from Donetsk, mostly from Budyonovsky, join us. Donetsk also announced quarantine and now the churches there do not meet and most can't provide online services, so our dear brothers and sisters join us on Sundays and also during the week. So speaking in numbers our Sunday “attendance” actually grew-we have about 60 people watching live (most of those are families, so we think it is about 120 people or even more). We are so thankful that people are eager to hear the word of God, to encourage each other and to go through this time together.

Other than teaching, visiting on the phone and praying for each other, a big part of our work has been benevolence. We have been helping families at church who are really struggling, helping the children at the Shelter and also helping some of the refugees.

I am teaching every day at UBI-Minor Prophets and a Preaching class, and Natasha is translating a new course that we added to UBI curriculum this year-Youth Ministry. We had to cancel our graduation this year, just like other schools, and while we do not like that at all, we want to honor our graduates, but Lord willing, we will invite them next year to share the celebration with the next year graduates.

Our family is doing well, despite the quarantine, we all stay busy. Toma and Regina are taking classes online. Tomas is supposed to have her graduation exams from Medical University this year and it has been moved to June for now. They are both handling it well.

We want to say how thankful we are for all your help and support. At this time of struggles, we especially feel how blessed we are by having you as our supporting congregation. We praise God for joining our lives together as He foresaw the work that we can do for His kingdom together!

In Christian love,
Sasha, Natasha, Toma and Regina

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DONATIONS

M/M Michael Tomlinson - In memory of Glyn Sain, mother of Michelle Ford and David Sain.

M/M Mitchell Alvarez - In memory of Glyn Sain, mother of Michelle Ford and David Sain.

M/M Harry Smith - In memory of Betsy Plunk, wife of Bill Plunk.

MISSIONS FUND

Ladies Bible Class - In memory of Howard Shelton, husband of Nell Shelton.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADE PARENTS

It is that time of the year that we will be honoring our rising 7th graders. This is a BIG transition for your child. We will have a slide show presentation on Sunday, May 17. We need parents to complete our online questionnaire and contact information and submit a current picture of your child for our slide show presentation. Please have all of this completed by May 10 so we can have the slide show ready for May 17. For any questions or concerns, please contact Joshua or Jennifer.

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,

Thank you for the donation to St Jude Children's Research Hospital in memory of Julia. That is such a special gift. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

In Christian love,

Carolyn Cason

Joe Cason Family

Dear church family,

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers offered with the passing of Dad. Thank you also for your concern for Mom with the limited access to comfort her. Your expression of kindness were comforting during this difficult time.

In Christian love,

Terry Day and family

The Germantown church of Christ,

Thank you for the cards, visits, the food, and the prayers. We really appreciate your love and kindness.

Sincerely,

Ira and Pat Fontenot

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.

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.

"I AM" SERIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

May 10 (Sunday)	John 6:35,41,48,51	Zach Shappley
May 13 (Wednesday)	John 8:12	Eddie Lewis
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