



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

We welcome you back to our worship this morning! Many will be worshipping from remote sites (home on computer, television, or phone) while many will meet at our building. Our good experience last week helps us to learn how to manage a slow return – and no one is eager to try to predict coming events – to a sense of a congregation working together for the Lord in the way previous to the Pandemic. It truly has been an interesting, eventful, and eye-opening series of events that have led us to where we are. We truly walk with God each day – and perhaps we are now more aware of that than ever before.

As we continue our worship experience at the building, we want to be very aware of the recommendations made by our elders regarding social distancing and the way we communicate with each other. The response from the congregation has been tremendous in that we respected distances and participating in our service. We are grateful for the way in which we all dispensed with the communion cups at the end of service. For now, the small plastic bags that are placed at each family setting seemed to be useful to avoid spilling anything on seats or floor. It seems that using the self-contained communion cups will be a part of our service for the foreseeable future – who knows? The manner in which people exited by rows following the service was helpful so that no one was hindered from leaving or forced to be in any grouping of people was so beneficial. Many gathered outside for a brief time before leaving – but I doubt if many – if any – had any complaints about being ‘caught in a group.’ We would like to continue this respectful approach as we continue to meet together.

Whether at home or in our assembly at the building – we are worshipping our God together! Sometimes 2nd best is the best we can offer at this time. *(There is a sermon in there! Read 1 Kings 14:27 and see if you can't find one.)*

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 24, 2020

Contribution	\$32,253
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>Rick Haynes</u> | <u>Nell Shelton</u> |
| <u>John Beard</u> | <u>Barbara Patterson</u> | <u>Jeff Spence</u> |
| <u>Bud Bush</u> | <u>Lindsey Patterson</u> | <u>Sue Taylor</u> |
| <u>Tim Eddins</u> | <u>Paul Pickett</u> | <u>Steve Williams</u> |
| <u>Mamie Gates</u> | <u>Peggy Risner</u> | <u>Shannon Wilson</u> |
| | <u>Leon Sanderson</u> | |

Friends and Family

- 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
Henry Strock Family - Friends of Mott & Nancy Jones
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, NC
Timothy Wright - Son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Ft. Lee, VA

Parents of Members

- Andrew Duncan, Sr. (Prudence Duncan)
Mike and Lucy Mitchell (Tonia Turpin)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)
Ken and Lucia Vanderpool (Kathleen Manning)

BAPTISM

- Vespa* Shifflett
Adam* Stewart
Katelynn* Stewart
Ellie* Stewart

NEW MEMBERS

- Larry* & Ethel* Crum
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to J.T. and Cathie Liles on the birth of a granddaughter. Ruby Mia Liles was born May 23 and weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Jordan and Sarah Liles of San Diego, CA.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Nancy Jones and family on the passing of her brother, Charles Stovall on May 26 in California. A memorial service will be planned at a future date.

NOTE FROM THE ELDERS

We want to thank Russ and Janet Smith for the many years of service within the body of Christ at Germantown as they displayed servant hearts. Russ and Janet are moving to Arkansas to be closer to family and today, May 31, is their last day with us.

Russ was the Education/Involvement Minister for the Germantown congregation from November 1998 – December 1999; having various program responsibilities across areas of the congregation. He also coordinated Vacation Bible School, teachers' workshops, and the Teachers' Appreciation Banquet. For many years Russ has been preaching on Sunday mornings at the Clarendon, Arkansas church of Christ. Janet has taught various age groups and has been a core leader in our women's ministry over the years. She was instrumental in our Lads-to-Leaders (L2L) ministry, especially, as she planned and implemented our L2L Kickoff Banquet for many years. Both Russ and Janet went on the congregation's first mission trip and several annual trips to Canada in support of the summer camp in Saskatchewan. Russ and Janet have brought invaluable knowledge and experience to these positions of responsibility and have used their many talents in serving our Germantown family.

We wish the best for Russ and Janet and for their entire family!
your shepherds

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Lucas Suddreth,
Young Adult Minister
05/31/2020

Looking back through the Gospel of John, I think a lot of people today can identify with Nathaniel in John 1:45-51. He is a skeptic. A self-made man with the glint of intelligence in his eyes. I imagine he identifies well with the scholars and sages of the day, looking to the book of Proverbs to find and live by wisdom. Nathaniel is an intellectual who has fallen into intellectual snobbery. He knows that it is in big cities where big ideas are made. It is in big cities where one can find primary, secondary, and advanced education. Big cities are the drivers of culture and society. Anyone who is anyone comes from a big city.

Having this mindset, Nathaniel is incredulous when Philip tells him that “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph” (1:45). “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (1:46), he asks rather skeptically and sarcastically. Nathaniel’s skepticism is not rooted in rivalry with the town down the street (Nathaniel was from Cana which neighbors Nazareth). Instead, Nathaniel is dissatisfied with anything that is familiar or close to home. He looked down upon his hometown and any other town like it, and for Jesus to come from a town like Nazareth was too much for him. How could any rabbi, prophet, or leader of the Jews come from a place like that?

However, when Nathaniel finally meets Jesus, he is surprised by what he finds. When Jesus sees Nathaniel walking toward him, he says “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” (1:47). This is a reference to Jacob who, at one time lived a life of deceit, but turned from this life of deceit and received the name Israel. What Jesus is saying is that he can see in Nathaniel that he will be true and faithful. In response, Nathaniel is shocked by Jesus’ comment and asks how Jesus knows him? To which Jesus replies that He saw Nathaniel under the fig tree before Philip even began talking with him.

For most people, myself included, this has been a strange passage that is difficult to understand. The point is that before Philip found Nathaniel, Jesus had already found him. Jesus knew Nathaniel before Nathaniel had any idea who Jesus was. This same principle can be applied to us today. Jesus came down to this Earth and died on the rugged cross many years ago. He died for the sinners of that day, and for the ones that were yet to be born. Before we were made in the womb, Jesus knew us and died for us.

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

Proverbs 139:14-16

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MEMORIALS

M/M Tim Eddins - In memory of Betsy Plunk, wife of Bill Plunk and mother of Michael and Joseph Plunk; Glyn Sain, mother of Michelle Ford and David Sain.

MISSIONS FUND

M/M Tom Dickson - In memory of Evelyn Beler, mother of Kerry Cancienne; Will Day, husband of Louise Day and father of Terry Day; Glyn Sain, mother of Michelle Ford and David Sain; Howard Shelton, husband of Nell Shelton; Betsy Plunk, wife of Bill Plunk and mother of Michael and Joseph Plunk.

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.

BUS DRIVERS

The church is in need of additional volunteers to drive the Bus for each service to and from Kirby Pines. We need drivers that can choose one of the three services for one (1) month out of the year, and we also need volunteers that are willing to be put on a list as a substitute to fill in as needed. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Archie Shelton at 901-378-9736. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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.

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

The family of Lee Petty thank you for your kindness in remembering Lee with your donation. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family.

Many thanks,
Barbara, Nathan & Family

COMMUNION SUPPLIES

** Please note time changes**

We will have 2 distribution sessions 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
- 2) Sunday morning from 8:30-9:30 am.

In addition you may pickup the following items:

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

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.

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.

"I AM" SERIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

May 31 (Sunday) John 15:1,5 Lucas Suddreth