



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

It is a great day to serve God, isn't it? Each day is a gift – and on this Sunday we come together to worship God and offer our praise to Him. We gather with our brothers and sisters and extend our devotion to God and our commitment to each other in this church family as we serve together. In a perfect world, we would have no hindrances to our gathering. Fortunately for us, that 'perfect world' is yet to come. Until then, we live in a fallen world seeking to form a bond with one another by serving and worshipping to the best of our abilities.

But God is with us! Today, let us worship and serve with that thought in mind. That is the focus of our sermon this morning. Tonight, we will be focusing on seeking spiritual depth. Last week, we focused on an increased awareness of grace based on God's power. Tonight, we will consider our increased need for faith. I am already excited about tonight's service.

You met Daryl Steiner last week in our worship service. He keeps working on calling our members to get pictures for our "Germantown ZOOM picture – 2020." He has found one of the best times for people has been after services at the church building. If you have not had your picture made, you will be receiving a call *very soon* (**remember, his area code is 618, so do not assume it is an advertisement**) asking you to sign up for a time to come have your ZOOM picture made. (What I am calling a ZOOM picture is nothing more than a picture of your face taken in front of a blue background, thus highlighting your face) You can take this picture any time during the week – so simply arrange a time when Daryl calls. This individual picture (not a family portrait) will be placed in a montage of pictures that shows each of us attending at Germantown during this pandemic. It will be a 'collector's item,' and we want you to be in it.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

AM - *Motivation For Service* (2 Timothy 1:8-14)

PM - *Faith That Sustains* (2 Timothy 2:1-7)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

November 15, 2020

THREE SUNDAY SERVICES!!

8:00 AM
10:30 AM
6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY SERVICE BEGINS AT
7:00 P.M.

Welcome:
Song Leader:
Opening Prayer:
Scripture Reading:
Communion:
Closing Prayer:

8:00AM

Chris Gilbert
Jacob Wallace
Larry Shelton
Logan Buchanan
Jerry Asbille
Chad Cox

10:30AM

Lucas Suddreth
Tim Vann
David Escue
Ed Castellaw
Kent Blake
Joseph Wilder

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are visiting with us, we consider you an honored guest. We encourage you to fill out the red guest card located behind 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.



MEASUREMENT OF GROWTH

November 8, 2020

Contribution	\$27,050
Budget	\$35,199

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>Stacey Ainsworth</u>	<u>Norman Dean</u>	<u>Lindsey Patterson</u>
<u>David Bartley</u>	<u>Rick Haynes</u>	<u>Art Roberts</u>
<u>Bud Bush</u>	<u>Wayne Littleton</u>	<u>Rebecca Washington</u>
<u>Cathy Clark</u>	<u>Olivia Mars</u>	<u>Steve Williams</u>
<u>Louise Coats</u>	<u>Barbara Patterson</u>	<u>Shannon Wilson</u>

Friends and Family

Landon Bentle - Cousin of Brenda Higgins
Quinn, Sheila & Colton Britt - Cousins of Richard Taylor and David & Andrea Bartley
Betty Browning - Sister of Cheryl Fewell
Blake Carden - Nephew of Joe Skelley
Wayne Ferrell - Friend of Bob & Joy Straw
Pam Gowitske - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Randy Ivy - Brother of John Ivy
Colby Morgan - Friend of Mott & Nancy Jones
Al Pettigrew - Cousin of Doris Conder
Danny Vincent - Brother-in-law of Art & Kerry Cancienne
Jim Ware - Cousin of Cheryl Fewell
David Worrell - Son of Barbara Worrell

Those Serving Our Country

James Chapman - Our brother/Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Lauren Cotney - Our sister/Air National Guard/Knoxville, TN
Andrew Dacus - Our brother/Air Force Reserves
Lauren Dacus - Our sister/Marines/Camp Lejeune, NC
Philip Day - Son of Terry & Cheryl Day/USN Tortuga
Alaina Gembara - Daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Bahrain, SA
Bria Gibson - Daughter of Terri Chambers/Navy/Newport, R.I.
John Gibson - Son-in-law of Terri Chambers/Navy/Newport R.I.
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
Billy Turpin - Son of Tonia Turpin/Marines/Japan
Landon Walker - Son of Christy Perkins/USN Gerald R. Ford
Ethan Williams - Grandson of Bud & Jane Bush/Army/Ft. Bragg, NC
Timothy Wright - Son-in-law of Mark & Brenda Conder/Army/Eglin AFB

Parents of Members

Don Gaines (Andy Gaines)
Terry Malone (Tim Malone)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)
Jo Ann Palmer (Jan Slate)
Mary Ann Thomas (David Smith)

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

The church preschool has job opportunities for some sweet church of Christ ladies of all ages who love to be with children on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-2:30 for the spring semester, which begins in January. Please contact Michelle Bradford at 901-755-1184 or email gtownpreschool@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY DINNER - CANCELLED

The congregational holiday dinner, which takes place in December, is cancelled for this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing limitations we will not have the dinner in 2020.

WEST TENNESSEE CHILDRENS HOME

During the month of October, members are usually encouraged to donate food items to the West Tennessee Children's Home. However, as with most things this year, the donation drive will need to be adjusted due to COVID-19. We are requesting monetary gifts instead of food items. Please prayerfully consider donating to the needs of this great mission by sending in funds to help feed the children. Checks can be made out to Germantown church of Christ and please note "West Tennessee Children's Home" or "WTCH" in the memo. Donations can be placed in Chris Gilbert's box by the church office. **Today**, November 15, 2020 is the last day to donate. Please contact Chris or Deanna Gilbert for any questions or concerns.



BABY SHOWER

All ladies of the congregation are reminded of the baby girl shower in honor of Suzanne McElyea, **today**, November 15, 2020 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Suzanne is registered at Target, Buy Buy Baby, Walmart, Dillards, Gingers (Corinth) and Love And A Puppy (Corinth). Please include gift receipts.

DIAPER DRIVE

****Notice of schedule change****

Today is the last day for collection of diapers for this month. Packaging will be done today in the adult class hall. Sizes newborn, 2, 4 and 6 are needed as well as wipes. Distribution will be on Saturday November 21 at Memphis Rox from 12:00-1:30 p.m. We will load the bus at 10:00 a.m. and leave the church building at 11:00 a.m. Contact Deanna Gilbert for any questions or concerns.

GERMANTOWN BUSINESS CARDS

Business cards with our contact information and worship times are available on a number of credenzas in the hallways. Please take as many as you would like to distribute to anyone you may want to be our guests.

GOD HAS BLESSED THIS CONGREGATION SO MUCH!

HOW COULD WE NOT BE THANKFUL?

Ron Roberson, Senior Adult Minister

The month of November always brings out thanksgiving in citizens of the United States, primarily because our national leaders officially selected the fourth Thursday in November each year as a day of Thanksgiving. However, the members of this congregation have an even greater reason for being especially thankful in November. In November of 1948, worship services began being held under the name of the Germantown Church of Christ. Prior to that time most of the members of the Lord's church, who lived in Germantown, were driving to the Union Avenue church building for worship. Most of us have probably driven to, or at least passed, the Union Avenue church building. We understand why this weekly trek encouraged our brothers and sisters, who lived in Germantown, to consider forming the Germantown Church of Christ and arranging for a place to meet in Germantown.

The "Germantown Church of Christ: A History" is available on a credenza in the foyer. You may wish to pick up the story to read in its entirety.

The article states, "In November 1948, services were held in the name of the Germantown Church of Christ in the Germantown City Hall. Within two years the Germantown congregation acquired real property of 4.68 acres at 7007 Poplar Avenue in Germantown." In 1954, a "two-story education building, including classrooms on the first floor and an auditorium on the second floor, along with a 2,013 sq. ft. residence for the minister and his family were developed. By 1965, a 452-seat auditorium was built with additional classrooms on a lower level. Another addition to the physical plant occurred in 1984 with the completion of a fellowship hall and more classrooms."

Let me end this commentary by reminding myself, and all of you, to continue to thank God for your very existence and the multitude of daily blessings that He sends your way. If your parents are still living, overwhelm them with thanks while you still can. You will wish you had thanked them more when they are no longer with you. That goes for your physical and spiritual brothers and sisters too. Remember, they had to put up with you just like you had to put up with them.

The freedom we enjoy every day is not free. Remember to pray for and thank our leaders, both physical and spiritual. They all need our prayers. May God bless us all, and help us all be a blessing to others.

MEMORIAL

Germantown church of Christ - St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Mona Mobley, mother of Barry Mobley.

MISSIONS

Mrs. Phyllis Vincent - In memory of Tia Worrell, daughter-in-law of Barbara Worrell; Betty Fields, mother of Kathy Dean.

COMMUNION SUPPLIES

We will have a Saturday distribution session for communion cups.

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

Pickup Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm

In addition you may pickup the following items:

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

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.

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
Daryl Steiner - Missionary to Greece
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.

THANK YOU

To our brothers and sisters in Christ, Thank you for your prayers, cards, and kind words at the passing of my mother. Your expressions of sympathy were a great encouragement at this difficult time. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Tim & Renea Sain

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.

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.

INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN

Please submit all requests for announcements in the bulletin to carolportergtcoc@gmail.com or by calling 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.

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