



Family Talk

The Lord's Family in Germantown

Good morning! It's a great day to serve God! What great things will you experience?

"If I knew then what I know now, I would have made a different choice." Have you ever said that to yourself? I believe if I knew what 2020 was going to be like, I would have named our theme for the year, "If the Lord wills..." rather than "God with us." However, our theme is still accurate and so critically important for a spiritually healthy mindset for each day.

We continue to plan for Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening prayer and worship events, even though they could change at any moment. If the Lord wills... I intend to be preaching on Sunday morning and evening. I'm planning to be at the building regardless of other events. It will be (if the Lord wills...) live-streamed or recorded and placed on our website for us to study the Bible together and pray – regardless of whether you are able, advised or allowed to come to the building. These are such strange times, requiring the greatest amount of patience with each other and with ourselves. God is good! He is still blessing us – and, if the Lord wills, we will emerge spiritually stronger – or at least a little more informed of our own spiritual needs – which should result in a greater zeal for finding the will of God.

The numerous cancellations of events that we were looking forward to attending should not dissuade us from using this time to allow our prayer time to lengthen our study time of God's word to increase our spiritual depth. Each challenge forces us to seek God more diligently.

I hope and pray to see you at worship on Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. If not in person – we'll look for you on line. Be sure to check our website (gtcoc.org) for the latest updates. May God bless us all as we serve Him. You know, *He really is with us!*

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

AM - Live In Love & Light (Ephesians 5:1-10)

PM - Perils & Possibilities (Acts 8:1-3)

THREE SUNDAY SERVICES!!

8:00 AM

10:30 AM

6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE
BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.**

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

September 13, 2020

8:00AM

Welcome:

Song Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Communion:

Closing Prayer:

David Escue

Jonathan Chapman

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Logan Buchanan

Larry Arick

John Thomas

10:30AM

Bently Goodwin

Tim Vann

Barry Chapman

Jeremy Ainsworth

Joseph Wilder

Al Gabriel

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 we 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

September 6, 2020

Contribution	\$28,979
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

Andrea Bartley
David Bartley
Bud Bush
Deanna Gilbert
Rick Haynes

Holly Hester
Olivia Mars
Barbara Patterson
Lindsey Patterson
Bonnie Siler
Scott Smith

Jeff Spence
Steve Williams
Shannon Wilson
Barbara Worrell
Brad Vick

Friends and Family

Lauri Blancett - Daughter of Bud & Jane Bush
Quinn, Sheila & Colton Britt - Cousins of Richard Taylor and David & Andrea Bartley
Betty Browning - Sister of Cheryl Fewell
Blake Carden - Nephew of Joe Skelley
Pam Gowitske - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Teresa Hall - Niece of Jerry Ellis
Randy Ivy - Brother of John Ivy
Cecil Roller - Friend of David Escue
Bri Stahl - Friend of the Barry & Phyllis Kelton
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 - 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
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/Elgin AFB

Parents of Members

Albert & Pearl Carroll (Michael Carroll)
Terry Malone (Tim Malone)
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)
Mary Ann Thomas (David Smith)

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Brad Vick and Holly Hester on the passing of their grandfather, Artie Collins. Services were September 5, 2020 in Hohenwald, TN.

Sympathy is extended to Bonnie Siler and family on the passing of her sister, Pat Forrest. Services were Thursday in Union City, TN.

Sympathy is extended to Scott Smith and family on the passing of his mother, Barbara Snyder. A private family service will be held at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to Barbara Worrell and family on the passing of her daughter-in-law, Tia Worrell. Services are pending at the time of this printing.

MEN'S FALL RETREAT

The Men's Fall Retreat will be held October 9th and 10th (Friday evening/Saturday morning) at the Pinecrest Event Center in Moscow, TN. The featured speaker will be Joe Brumfield from the Southpoint church of Christ in Kansas City, MO. Please contact Mike Parham at parhamestatelaw@gmail.com or at 901-870-0153 with any questions or concerns.



BRIDAL SHOWER

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower honoring Kristen Hamblenton, bride-elect of Jonathan Chapman, the son of Barry and Cheryl Chapman, today from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Dillard's, Target, Williams Sonoma and Walmart. Please include gift receipts.

LADS-TO-LEADERS FAMILIES

The L2L awards for 2020 have arrived. If you previously received an email on this subject, your child has awards or ribbons to be picked up. You can stop by the office on a Wednesday or Thursday between 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Carol Porter is in charge of handing out the awards, so please make sure to speak with her. Also, a few of you still have T-Shirts to pick up.

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 townpreschool@gmail.com.

SASHA MALUGA

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Kyiv, Ukraine. In our previous newsletter we had so much to share about everything that has been happening here, about the many changes that are taking place after the Rogers moved, and how this summer is an important milestone for our children – as Toma was about to start as an intern at the hospital and Regina was to take a test to be able to apply to a Christian University in US. Since that time we moved forward – Toma is officially working as an intern Family Doctor at a hospital in a small town about 3 hours away from Kyiv, and Regina passed her test and got a grade that qualifies her to apply to US University! We are so proud of our girls and pray that God would continue to bless them in their life with Him!

As the quarantine in Ukraine continues, we are doing our best to make sure that our ministry brings glory to God and reaches people without endangering them. In mid-July Kyiv eased the quarantine restrictions for a few weeks and our church was even able to visit the children's center and teach classes there. But shortly after that Kyiv's Covid numbers have gone up and now Kyiv is a high-risk area and all the restrictions are back again.

In July we were also able to take some of our kids from Poznyaki and some kids from the children's center to the water park. Our kids missed the special programs that we usually have for them during the summer. So, it was so much joy for them to have this trip, they missed having fun together.

We still can meet on Sundays and during the week, but we need to keep the guidelines. Our Sunday attendance stays about 40- 50 people plus those who are watching our worship services online.

I was not able to visit the prisons since March but finally some of our team members were allowed a short private meeting with some of the prisoners that we have been studying with and we sent them the supplies and food that they needed so much.

We continue to help the children's center in their needs and also help the individual kids with their special needs. Last month we brought cleaning supplies, some food items, a bike and a scooter for the kids, and also got tennis shoes for Sasha and Zhenya, a brother and sister that we have known for two years now. We miss having them with us at church on Sundays so much, but they tell us that they miss that even more!

The summer is almost over and we are about to begin a new school year at UBI. We look forward to getting to know our new students and to see our current students after the summer break.

Toma will also be returning to Kyiv at the end of August to continue her classes at the Medical University till March and after that she will have to go back to work.

At the end of July, Natasha and I drove Toma to Korsun-Shevchankivsky, the town where she is working. We helped her to settle in (we had to rent a small apartment for her there) and we spent a day together. The town is very pretty, it is small, clean and very green. We enjoyed a walk to the local park, a real landmark of that small town.

Regina is going to have her second test at the end of August, SAT test, that could help her to apply for Academic scholarship if she is admitted. She is working hard, and we hope she will do well on her test.

We are so thankful to you, our family in Christ, for supporting us, for praying about us, for helping us, for serving with us! It is such a blessing to have the love and support of the brothers and sisters! You are such an encouragement to us always!

In Christian love,
Sasha, Natasha, Toma and Regina

MISSIONS FUND

Mrs. Phyllis Vincent - In memory of Jimmy Wilson, husband of Patsy Wilson; Roger Bradford, husband of Stacey Bradford; Elsa Snow, mother of Lois Vincent; Betty Agee, mother of Mike Agee.

DIAPER DRIVE NEXT WEEK-END

Sizes needed: all sizes except 3's. Also in need of wipes. Diaper collection: Saturday, September 19th from 10:00-12:00. Diaper packaging: Sunday, September 20th after 8am worship in the Fellowship Hall. Diaper distribution: Monday, September 21st from 1:00-2:30 pm at Midtown church of Christ.

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) 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
- 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 Germantown church family,
Thank you to all who sent cards, called and especially prayed for me. It is a blessing to have friends like the ones at Germantown. I think of you all often and I love you. Hope to see some of you soon.

Nell Shelton

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.

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.



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.