



# Family Talk

## The Lord's Family in Germantown

**Good morning, Germantown church! It's a great day to serve God!**

There are certainly challenges in life and we must learn how to prayerfully and carefully navigate these. One of the challenges is the number of families grieving because of the loss of loved ones. There does not seem to be a fitting way to notify everyone of the passing of a loved one of our church in a consistent manner – and in a way that gives a ‘fitting tribute’ to the lives of the person and/or his or her family. This has to be one of the greatest challenges we face in this pandemic – just keeping connected. Would you join me in trying to make some contact (and this would vary with each of us depending on our schedules) with one of your brothers and sisters in Christ? Four questions: (1) *How are you doing?* (2) *Is there anything you need?* (3) *What good thing has happened to you?* (4) *What do you have planned?* Then, if you can help with an issue, the act of brotherly kindness is complete. However, if you can't meet the need, it is time to call some of your other brothers and sisters and let us help.

It is love. It is service. It is called acting like Jesus. It is called, ‘the church.’

I hope to see you in church on Sunday. Join us ‘on-line’ if you must. I know it's not the best, but sometimes ‘second-best’ is the best we can do. Let's keep praising God for His love.

### SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

AM - *The Wise Walk* (Ephesians 5:15-21)

PM - *Perils And Possibilities Of A Pandemic* (Acts 9:26-30)

### THREE SUNDAY SERVICES!!

*8:00 AM*

*10:30 AM*

*6:00 PM*

WEDNESDAY SERVICE BEGINS AT  
7:00 P.M.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

September 20, 2020

#### 8:00AM

David Escue

Leon Sanderson

Larry Arick

Jerry Asbille

Larry Shelton

Derek Graham

#### 10:30AM

Brian Stewart

Chris Hicks

Tim Vann

Michael Conder

Mike Parham

Joshua Adams

Welcome:

Song Leader:

Opening Prayer:

Scripture Reading:

Communion:

Closing Prayer:

### 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

September 13, 2020

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| Contribution | \$29,920 |
| 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  
Jerry Graham

Rick Haynes  
Olivia Mars  
Barbara Patterson

Lindsey Patterson  
Jeff Spence  
Steve Williams  
Shannon Wilson

**Friends and Family**

Stephanie Arick - Daughter-in-law of Larry & Kay Arick  
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  
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  
Al Pettigrew - Cousin of Doris Conder  
Cecil Roller - Friend of David Escue  
Leslie Skelton - Friend of Glenda Farmer  
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)  
Byron & Harriet Cobb (Greg Cobb)  
Don & Alice Gaines (Andy Gaines)  
Terry Malone (Tim Malone)  
Elaine Nixon (Tim Nixon)  
Mary Ann Thomas (David Smith)

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**SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is extended to Jerry Graham and family on the passing of his father and our brother in Christ, J.R. Graham. A private service was held September 15, 2020.

**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.

**MEN'S FALL RETREAT**

The Men's Fall Retreat will be held October 9 and 10, (Friday evening/Saturday morning) at the Pinecrest Event Center in Moscow, TN. The speaker will be Joe Brumfield from the Southpoint church of Christ in Kansas City, KS. The cost will be \$35.00 for both Friday and Saturday, \$20.00 for Friday only and \$15.00 for Saturday only. Due to Covid-19 restrictions overnight capacity will be limited to 12 people. Please contact Mike Parham at parhamstatelaw@gmail.com or 901-870-0153 to reserve a spot or if you have any questions.

**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.

**HOPE FOR HAITI JOY BOXES**

Hope for Haiti's Children (HFHC) is a non-profit organization associated with churches of Christ that provides education sponsorships for children in Haiti. Several Germantown members sponsor children through HFHC.

HFHC has a school in Pageste, which is also the meeting place of the church of Christ. This year Germantown has committed to providing **41 Joy Boxes** for children in the village of Pageste. Although Christmas is still months away, our Joy Boxes must be mailed in bulk by early October so they will reach Haiti and the children of Pageste in time for Christmas. Therefore, we must receive the filled boxes **by October 4<sup>th</sup>** to meet the shipping deadline.

If you are interested in providing a Joy Box for one of these children, please contact Jennifer Blake as soon as possible for more information. Email: [stillwaterhr@comcast.net](mailto:stillwaterhr@comcast.net) or phone 901-569-6529.

# **Ron Roberson, Senior Adult Ministry**

## **Praising, Caring, Growing, Sharing**

In Matthew 6:5-6 we read, “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, that they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6: 5-6 (English Standard Version Bible).

Is Jesus prohibiting public prayer? Not at all. Jesus himself prayed both in private and in public, in the presence of His disciples, and His apostles led many prayers in the public assemblies. The practice that Jesus is condemning here is that of assuming an attitude of prayer in public places, when the prayer itself is not for the public. In the first century, the hypocrites would stand up in the synagogues, or on the street corners, where they could be seen from all four directions, and with upturned faces and upturned hands offered silent prayers.

Whether the prayer is silent or out loud the point that Jesus is making has to do with motive. The people that Jesus is referring to did not love to pray – they loved to pray where they would be seen, and they prayed that they might be seen.

I knew a man who was really talented and skilled in a lot of different things. He would do anything (repair an engine, construct a pavilion, etc.) as long as he had an audience. He was a good man in many ways but he never had any time for God.

Back in November of 2000, I was asked to present a devotional at Friendship Christian Academy in Trousdale County, Tennessee. It just so happened that earlier that year the Supreme Court of the United States of America prohibited the broadcast of public prayer before athletic events and I mentioned that in my devotional. I said, “Because you are attending a Christian Academy I am going to assume that it is customary for you to pray before athletic events. I hope that the Supreme Court ruling has not stopped you from praying. We need to remember that prayer can be offered at any time and in any place including the belly of a whale, hanging on a cross, in the middle of a storm, and before, during, or after, a game. Since prayer can be offered at any time and in any place, the Supreme Court nor any other human entity can prevent prayer. The governmental authorities can and have restricted the public broadcast of prayer, but it cannot prevent prayer.

It was very ironic to me that at that time we were discussing the prohibition of public prayer just one week before Thanksgiving. On October 3, 1789 President George Washington proclaimed our first national Thanksgiving. In the first paragraph of his proclamation Washington said, “Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

“Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18. No matter what happens, let’s never forget to pray. God bless you!

### COMMUNION SUPPLIES

#### Please note time change for Saturday 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](http://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.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

*Romans 15:13*

### 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.

## **church of Christ**

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### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### INFORMATION FOR THE BULLETIN

Please submit all requests for announcements in the bulletin to [carolporter@gtcoc.org](mailto:carolporter@gtcoc.org) 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.