

January 14, 2021

A GENEROUS PLACE

There is an old Chinese fable that tells of an old woodcutter who lived with his son in the forest. The people in the village nearby used to call the old man a miser and say that he kept stacks of silver hidden in his house. He would continue to hoard it up until it all turned to gold, and some even said that he could rub a silver coin for hour after hour until it would actually turn to gold!

One day the old man was out chopping wood when a wild tiger appeared and pounced on him. The tiger gripped the old man by the shirt on his back and carried him off, dangling the miser from his mouth the way a cat might carry her kitten. The old man's son saw everything that happened and ran to grab his knife. He soon caught up to the tiger that held his father.

His father was not hurt much, because the tiger held him by his clothes. When the old woodcutter saw his son about to stab the tiger he called out in great alarm, "Don't spoil the tiger's skin! Don't spoil the tiger's skin! If you can kill him without cutting holes in his skin we can get many pieces of silver for it. Kill him, but do not cut his body."

As the son listened obediently to his father's instruction, the tiger, seeing his opportunity to escape, suddenly bounded into the forest, carrying the old miser with him. The son pursued but could not catch the nimble tiger. He never saw his father again.

This old story, along with many other fables throughout history, illustrates the dangers of greed. By thinking only of money and of his own gain, the old man foolishly lost his life. Jesus told a similar fable in the form of one of His parables. In **Luke 12:13-21**, it reads, "Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.' But He said to Him, 'Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?' And He said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.' And He told them a parable, saying, 'The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But

God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Not only is greed a sinful act, but it causes us much harm in the process. Paul warned Timothy in **1 Timothy 6:9-10**, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." Greed is sin, and sin never made anyone happy and complete, though it has destroyed many people's lives. So be on your guard against all kinds of greed, and cultivate a spirit of generosity instead. **Proverbs 11:24** says, "One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want." As we continue into this new year, let us remember to be imitators of Christ and start with developing the spirit of giving. In **Luke 12:3-34**, Jesus says, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We must remember that this world is not our eternal resting place. We have a kingdom that our Heavenly Father wants us to enjoy. So make sure that you are storing up treasure that never fails. **Andrew Spivey**

WRONG IS ALWAYS WRONG

Wrong is wrong, even if you don't get caught. The eyes of the Lord are in every place. **Wrong is wrong**, even if you do it for a good cause. The end never justifies the means. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. **Wrong is wrong**, even if it doesn't bother the conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong-doing; even an honest sin or an evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of God. "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." (Gal 6:7) **Wrong is wrong**, even if it is commonly considered acceptable. The Bible says "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."(Ex 23:2) **Wrong is always wrong** despite our efforts to excuse our actions. Remember, there is never a right way to do wrong.

via Bulletin Digest

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Genesis 1

Wednesday Read – Genesis 2

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of John 5 & Mark 2:23-3:19;

1. Why were the leaders mad at Jesus for healing a crippled man and telling him to pick up his mat and walk?
2. Who in the Old Testament had shown that Jesus was the Son of God?
3. Why did Jesus get angry with the leaders of the Jews before He healed the man with the withered hand?
4. Name Jesus' twelve apostles.
5. What were the jobs of the apostles?

REMINDER

If there is a time that services will be cancelled, due to the virus or weather conditions this winter, you should receive a call from the Calling Post service to alert you to the closure. Please make a note of the phone number so you will know that the call is an announcement from the church. Calling Post's number is (405) 308-4474 and is from Oklahoma. A newsletter may be sent if there is enough time to get it out and you may check the Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist>

THANK YOU NOTES

To Our Nashville Road church family, thank you so much for the phone calls, cards and prayers during my recovery from my knee replacement. Also thank you so much for being there for David with prayers, phone calls, cards and the beautiful plants with the death of his 2 brothers in such a short time. We love you all.

David & June Thompson

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Family of Imogene (Jean) Thurman

We would like to thank you all for the beautiful plant. We lost a strong Christian woman who will be greatly missed.

Family of Jean West

The Lord detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.

Proverbs 15:8

WORSHIP SERVICES

All services at Nashville Road have been suspended until further notice. The Elders

Because of the surge in the recent COVID-19 cases in the community and members, the elders at Nashville Road have decided to cancel in-person services until further notice. However, you will still be able to watch our services streaming live on the Nashville Road Church of Christ Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist> at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. If you or anyone you know have needs during these troublesome times, be sure to notify us at 615-452-3431.

During this medical crisis, our financial obligations to mission work and etc... continues. Please consider mailing your contribution check to the church office at: 1883 Nashville Pike Gallatin TN 37066. Thank you. The Elders

Members of Nashville Road, we have individual communion available. Please call the office or Tim Strickland, 615-336-6039.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

SICK LIST

Pat Crump is home and doing well. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Barry Carter**, husband to Tracy and son to Mattie Carter, is recovering from open heart surgery. **Clay Young**, friend of Tim Strickland, has been diagnosed with covid and currently on a ventilator. **Brenda Jackson**, friend of June Thompson, has been diagnosed with covid & is getting antibody infusions. **Jerry Ladd, Sr.** has requested prayers from the church. He has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. **Steven Burgess**, stepson of Pauletta Hood, is recovering at home from injuries from a car accident. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has completed her chemotherapy and has been found to be cancer free. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



PRAYER LIST

Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 214; **Jim Sweeney**; **Jan Fulford**; **J.H & Frances Catron**; **Melba Hill**; **William Dunn**; **Jean Deaton**; **Ron & Anna Radish**; **Phil Johnston** father-in-law of Josh Johnson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. **Dana Loveless**, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; **Danny Lowe** cousin of Linda Cherry; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list.
 Please notify us of any changes

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Bill & Jane Dunn**; **Cathy Henderson**; **Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9a.m.....	N/A
Morning Worship 11a.m.	N/A
Sunday Evening.....	N/A
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contributions.....	\$8,840.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,824.13

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