

February 2, 2023

**WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?**

The story is told of a very rich man who was from New York. He had received his inheritance from his father and grandfather and had acquired much land, property, and cattle over the years. His estate was easily worth millions with the beautiful gardens, fountains, and a large chateau overlooking all of it. Even though he was very wealthy, he was quite an unhappy man. He and his wife were both growing old and they were never able to have a child of their own. He had always wanted a son to carry on his family legacy as his father was able to pass down to him and his grandfather before, but it seemed as though that would not be the case. Then, years later, his wife became pregnant and gave birth to a son.

The boy was severely handicapped but the man loved him with his whole heart. Together they raised their son with all the love they had until the mother passed away when the boy was 5. Through this difficult time, his father drew closer to his special son. He ended up hiring a maid to help take care of his son with him and he quit all extra work in order to spend more time with his child. At thirteen, the boy's birth defects cost him his life and sadly his father, too, died shortly after, from a broken heart.

Suddenly, throughout the news papers and telephone lines, there was a buzz about who was going to take over the man's vast estate. The news went out that there was going to be an auction and thousands of bidders from all over the world came to bid on the beautiful antiques, one of a kind works of art, historic literature, and the home and property. As the auction began, the first item offered was a simple painting of the owners son, but it seemed as though no one was interested. The auctioneer even began telling of how this painting was specially commissioned and hung in the old man's bedroom for years and was his favorite painting. But, no one was interested, they simply waited like vultures for the "real" auction to start.

Finally, one of the caretakers, a sweet woman who had spent years helping take care of the boy offered what little money she had for the picture. Being the only bidder, she easily won with less than 10 dollars. As she went to claim her painting and leave, the auctioneer suddenly announced to the crowd, "wait a moment. There appears to be something attached to the back of this painting." Everyone looked up as the auctioneer pulled a small envelope off the back of the painting. He opened the envelope and found that it was a hand written will that said "To the person who thinks enough of my son to buy this painting, to this person I give my entire estate." With this announcement, the auction was over and the greedy crowd left in an uproar as

the humble kind women stood in shock overlooking her new painting, and her new mansion and estate.

**Isaiah 55:6-9** says, "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." How many of us have sought after what we thought were the riches we truly needed in our lives, only to find out later that our Father was prepared to give us His entire estate if we had only sought after His Son alone? As a matter of fact, this is what Jesus was teaching in **Matthew 6:31-33**, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

We are all guilty of seeking other things in our lives than Jesus. Maybe its riches, luxury, success, power, etc. But, in the end, we were put on this earth for one core reason. Paul says in **Acts 17:26-27**, "And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us," And God has revealed Himself to us through Jesus. Jesus said in **John 14:6** "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." It is only through Christ that we can find the true treasure that we are intended to seek. Jesus said in **Matthew 6:19-21** "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." The question you must ask yourself is where is your heart focused? Is it focused on following Christ and His word, or is it focused on the "riches" of money, fame, pride, and pleasure? In the end, only one will survive. **Andrew Spivey**

**INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Should it be necessary to cancel services during the winter due to icy or snowy conditions where it is unsafe for driving, you will receive a call from Calling Post to alert you to the cancellation. Calling Post originates in Oklahoma. **405** is the area code for Calling Post.

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**

**Sunday Read – Matthew 9:9-34**

**Wednesday Read – Mark 6:1-29**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Questions for last week's reading of;

**Matthew 13:24-53, Matthew 8:18-22 & Luke 8:22-39**

1. How is the kingdom of heaven like yeast or a mustard seed?
2. How is the kingdom of heaven like a field with good plants and weeds or like a net full of good and bad fish?
3. What did the man searching for pearls do when he found the pearl of great price and why?
4. When Jesus stilled the storm, did the disciples truly understand who he was?
5. When Jesus sent the demons from the man who lived in a cave into the swine, why were the people afraid?

**LADS TO LEADERS**

We will meet on Sunday, February 5, 2023 beginning at 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Room. Lads to Leaders will meet every Sunday at 3:30 PM from now until convention time, except for 2/26/23 which is CYC weekend.

**DORCAS CLASS**

Dorcas Class will be on Saturdays beginning on February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. The class will meet every Saturday in February. For more details please see **Pam Newby**.

**EXCEL'S**

Excel's is having a Pizza party on **Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship room. Pizza will be provided. Please bring drinks and desserts. We will also decide on more events for the year. Please make plans to attend and enjoy the fellowship. For more details please see **Marila Smith or Diana Stephenson**.

**SYMPATHY**

Our Love and Sympathy to **Brandon Head** and family on the passing of his father, **Timothy Head**, on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services were held Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Tim was a member at White House Church of Christ. Brandon is the fire chief at Millersville Fire Department and a friend of Charity Bell.

**ORDER OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**February 5, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)**

Song.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

**10:00 AM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson  
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

**5:00 PM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

**WEDNESDAY**

**February 8 , 2023**

**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

Door Greeters – West Door.....B/T Brown  
East Door.....C/P Newby

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL**

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### SICK LIST

Wanda Sherrill had bladder surgery and is home now recovering. Lena Baggett is home recovering from a ruptured disc. Ann Tyler is having problems with her back. Mary Ann Reinhart has been diagnosed with cancer. She has begun radiation treatments. Vetrus Mee has returned to Charter Senior Living in rm. 126. Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals, continues recovering from a snowboarding accident and is in rehab. He is improving each week. James McCloskey a former member has begun chemo treatments. Treatments will continue for about 10 months. Mike Martin, friend of the Jennings & Cato families, is now at Life Care Center in Old Hickory. He is improving some. Rob Spivey, son of Keith & Lisha Spivey, is recovering from a broken leg. Paul Norman, nephew of Carolyn Vester and cousin to Valarie Senn & Wanda Sherrill, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Rachel Goode, friend of Carl & Pam Newby is recovering at home from surgery she had on November 7<sup>th</sup> and is doing well. April Cothran, a good friend of Celena Marshall has been diagnosed with stage 4 adenocarcinoma of the pancreas. She is taking chemo treatments. Bryan Grissom, cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover, has been diagnosed with cancer.

### PRAYER LIST

Vetrus Mee, Charter Senior Living of Gallatin; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Charlie Cliburn; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Larry Bailey son of Tina Bailey; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Ricky Cantrell; Wade & Wanda Kennedy parents of Diana Stephenson; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; 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; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

### SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 220; Joyce Savage, NHC Place Sumner, room 322; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Melba Hill.

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

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	97
Morning Worship.....	144
Sunday Evening.....	82
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$7,521.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,961.00

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

### Deacons

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Ken Veale	Adam Williamson



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