

February 4, 2021

### DON'T NEGLECT THE MAINTENANCE

After these past few weeks of being sick, I am finally feeling better and beginning to get life back on track. One of those things is trying to clean up the house. It always surprises me how quickly a house can become a mess. If you don't continue working at it, it can soon become overwhelming. It is almost like the house itself wants you to give up. One shirt in the floor, or one dirty corner can soon turn into a pile of clothes that reach the ceiling or a dust bunny that grows legs if it becomes neglected. One lady found this out the hard way. Back in 1984, an unemployed cleaning lady in Saint Louis notices some bee buzzing around the attic of her two story home. Since they were up so high and didn't bother her, she made no effort to try and get rid of them. After all, there were only a few and maybe they might help with her flower garden in the front. Over the summer, the bees continued to fly in and out of the attic vent while the woman continued to be unconcerned and unaware of the growing hive. Eventually, the bees filled the entire attic.

One evening, the lady rushed out of her house as the second story ceiling began to collapse. Although she escaped major injury, her house was completely destroyed. After inspecting what had caused such destruction, it was determined that the joists holding the roof up had collapsed because of the weight of all the honey and honeycomb made from the thousands of bees. It is easy for us to neglect things in our life that seem like no big deal. Just like cleaning up a house or maintaining proper pest control, we need to make sure that we are not neglecting what we need to be doing in our lives as Christians.

As Christians, there are many areas of maintenance that we are aware of. We need to be vigilant at avoiding temptation and keeping sin out of our lives. However, there are some passages that put a whole new perspective on neglect. In James 4:17, it reads "So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin." This is a passage that hits me straight to the core. It's hard enough that I have to fight off temptations and abstain from doing all the bad stuff but now I have to worry about not doing the good stuff too. In the verses leading up to what James says, he warns us not to be too bold in taking tomorrow for granted. He reminds us that life is short and it can be over in an instant. Therefore, we need to

do our best at taking advantage of every opportunity that presents itself. Galatians 6:10 says, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

If we look back on our lives, I am sure that all of us can think of times where we let opportunities to do good or help others pass us by. Some of them are chances that will never come again. James 2:15-17 says, "If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." We need to remember that our religion is not one of leisure but of hard work. We need to make sure that we are truly focused on loving God and actually doing His work. Take time this week and ask yourself, "Am I truly serving God or am I serving Him as long as I don't have anything else to do?"

One of the keywords when it comes to Christian maturity is "Action". We need to make sure that we are focused on building an active faith and not a faith of convenience. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 depicts what the world will be like in the last days. In verse four it says the people will become "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." We never want to be guilty of putting ourselves in front of God and neglecting to maintain our spiritual house. After all, He loved us enough to sacrifice Jesus for us. What are we sacrificing for Him? As said earlier, Christianity is a religion of action. It is more than just making a nice comment when someone post about their troubles on social media. It is more than just paying a simple complement at Sunday service. It is a life of work in God's glorious kingdom. As you see the opportunities to help those in need and spread God's word in your life, then you also have the responsibility to go forth and be a light in this dark world. Don't be neglectful of the work to be done for God's kingdom. "Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:18 **Andrew Spivey**

**"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**  
**John 8:12**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Genesis 7

Wednesday Read – Genesis 8

### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of Genesis 5 & 6:

1. What happened to Enoch and why?
2. Who was the oldest man and how old was he when he died?
3. Name Noah's 3 sons.
4. Why did God plan to destroy the earth with a flood? How did He feel ?
5. Describe the ark's size and the material used to construct it.

### 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 one out and you may check the Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist>

### NEW BABY COMING

**Austin, Jessie & Beckham Pernell** are expecting a new baby boy, **Beau**, in March. We would like to honor Beau's arrival by providing diapers and wipes. Please bring diapers and wipes, and place them under the table in the foyer, or bring by the office, by **February 14<sup>th</sup>**. After each Sunday service, someone will collect the items brought and make sure they get to the Pernell's.

### BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance. Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.  
This is my story, this is my song..  
Praising my Savior, all the daylong:  
This is my story, this is my song.  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.  
**Fanny J. Crosby**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

February 7, 2021

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins  
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland  
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith  
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935  
Church Office.....615-452-3431

**During this medical crisis, our financial obligations to mission work and etc... continues. If you are unable to attend services, 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.  
 All other services postponed at this time

### SICK LIST

**Mae Oldham** is in Sumner Regional. **Marilee Frederick** is in Vanco Manor on Dickerson Pike for rehab. **Buck Buchanan** is in Life Care Center in Old Hickory for rehab. He has several health issues. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Ricky Cantrell** has been diagnosed with melanoma. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Barry Carter**, husband to Tracy and son to Mattie Carter, is home recovering from open heart surgery. **Brenda Jackson**, friend of June Thompson, has been diagnosed with covid & is getting antibody infusions. **Jerry Ladd, Sr** has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. **Steven Burgess**, step-son 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 213; **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; **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.....	48
Morning Worship 11a.m. ....	53
Sunday Evening.....	N/A
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contributions.....	\$8,132.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,064.89

### 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
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

### Deacons

Carl Newby Brent Smith  
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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