

February 9, 2023

HEART OF A MOUSE ?

A mouse was playing under the bushes when a cat spotted it, and chased it all the way to the fields. The mouse was scared to death and called out for its fairy godmother and asked that it be transformed to a cat. So, the mouse became a cat. One day, the same cat was bobbing in the prairie when a dog spotted it, and chased it all the way to the woods. The cat was scared to death and called out for its fairy godmother and requested that it be transformed to a dog. So, the cat became a dog. One sunny day, the dog was searching for food in the woods when a tiger spotted it, and chased it all the way to the river. The dog was scared to death and called out for its fairy godmother and begged that it be transformed to a tiger. So, the dog became a tiger. One morning at sunrise, the tiger was prowling in the hills when a couple of native hunters spotted it, and chased it all the way to the jungle. Natives make use of tiger skin and fur as their clothing. The tiger was so scared to death that it called out for its fairy godmother and demanded that it be transformed to a native hunter. The fairy godmother firmly replied, "I have transformed you from a mouse to a cat, from a cat to a dog, from a dog to a tiger, and now you want to be transformed from a tiger to a native hunter. I can make you whatever you wish to become, but if your heart remains to be a heart of a mouse, you will always live in fear".

This story tells a lot in relation to the heart of man. Much too often, we think that we can solve everything by simply changing the outside. As long as it looks good, then it doesn't matter about anything else. It's like living in a mansion with no power and blow up furniture. But at least you have the mansion.

There are many who can do that in their spiritual life as well. In the time of Christ, there was one particular group who did this often. Jesus called them out clearly and often. In **Matthew 23:25-28** Jesus says, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Sure they looked holy and clean on the outside and to others, but inside they were spiritually dead. With such a

harsh statement coming from Jesus, it is obvious how He felt about the hypocrisy that they were living under, only caring about appearances and only taking care of what people could see. But how often do we find ourselves in similar situations? If we go to church on Sunday and act holy and spiritual, but the rest of week act like the Devil, then we are as much of a hypocrite as the scribes and Pharisees. God isn't concerned with what other people see on the outside, He is interested in what He sees on the inside. He knows what's really inside and how sincere we are about our worship of Him and our relationship with Him. **1 Samuel 16:7** reads, "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." We can fool other people, but we can't fool God. We can dress up in our Sunday finest and play the part, but when we stand before God on judgment day, He will know if we are full of dead men's bones or filled with His love. He will know if we have the heart of His son or the heart of a mouse.

Andrew Spivey

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Members of our youth group are attending Hartsville Pike Church of Christ's Bible Camp in White Bluff! We have had members attend this camp for over a decade, with many of our college and high school youth having been at least once, including our pulpit minister, Andrew Spivey. It's an uplifting experience for all ages, encouraging us to unify and build lasting relationships within the body of Christ. Our theme this year is about the book of James, and we will be studying and devoting ourselves to God's Word.

We are also going to Pigeon Forge, TN for CYC the following week, where we have a large number of youth attending. The theme is "Are You Listening?" Our youth will be encouraged to listen to and follow Christ as we continue to bring others to Him.

While doing all of this, our kids are also participating in Lads to Leaders, a program that helps to promote and strengthen spiritual qualities and talents that can help shape the church into what it should be. They do a variety of different activities, including song leading, speech, and puppets, to name a few. The theme this year is Rise Up and Build, from the book of Nehemiah. We invite everyone to encourage our youth as we continue to build a better church for Christ.

Garrett Rowlett

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Mark 6:30-56

Wednesday Read – John 6:22-71

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of;

Matthew 9: 9-34 & Mark 6:1-29

1. Why did Jesus associate with sinners and tax collectors?
2. How did Jesus know Jairus and the woman with the issue of blood had faith in Him?
3. How were the apostles able to drive out demons and heal sick people?
4. Why did the people of Nazareth reject Jesus as the son of God?
5. What did Herodias' daughter request from Herod and why?

DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class got off to a great start this past Saturday. The class will meet every Saturday in February at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Room. Each class will have a lesson and an activity. This past week's lesson was taught by Lynett Young on Joy as Dorcas spread Joy everywhere she went and with everyone she met. Each young lady made a bag with the word Joy including an acrostic for Joy - **Jesus, Others, Yourself**. For more details, please see **Pam Newby**.



LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders will meet every Sunday at 3:30 PM from now until convention time, **except** 2/19/23 (winter camp weekend) and 2/26/23 (CYC weekend).

THANK YOU

Nashville Road church Family, Thank you for your support in the passing of Glen. We appreciate the prayers, visits and flowers sent to the funeral home to honor his life. Our family has been touched by the outpouring of love for Glen. **Harold & the Family of Glen Smith**

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

February 12, 2023

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
 Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
 Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

WEDNESDAY

February 15, 2023

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Bob Brown
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

Door Greeters – West Door.....E/D Stephenson
 East Door.....L/J Clark
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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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 and has shingles. 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 7th 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.....	104
Morning Worship.....	143
Sunday Evening.....	98
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$7,883.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,961.00

Elders

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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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