

February 25, 2021

ALL BY MYSELF

A young woman started a job at a textile mill. On the wall of the mill was a big sign that read, "When your thread gets tangled, call the foreman." One morning as the young woman started her day, she quickly realized that her thread had become tangled. Being new to the job and embarrassed of what she had done, she quickly tried to fix the problem only for the tangle to get worse and worse. As she worked and worked to fix the tangle, the foreman watched her from above. After a little while the foreman walked over to her and said, "I see that your thread is tangled." The young lady replied, "Yes, but I'm doing the best I can to untangle it." The foreman answered "Look at the sign. It says if your thread gets tangled to call the foreman. You're not doing your best because the best thing you could do is call for me and I will untangle it for you."

It is interesting to think of how much we strive to be independent. The world is often resistant and refuses to ask for help, but in reality help is a universal need. When I think of our desire for independence in contrast with our need for help, I am reminded of a popular phrase every parent has heard. I can do it myself. Maybe it is first said as a spoon full of spaghetti gets thrown in the floor. It might have been said when shoes are getting put on backwards and buttons are being missed on a shirt. It could have even been said while a not so successful trip to the bathroom took place. Regardless of the situation, I am sure that every parent can recall these words and used them as a mental marker on their child's path to maturity.

What I find so ironic about maturing to become independent is that we overlook the fact that independence is solely the result of accepting a lot of help along the way. Whether it is help through teaching and training, following examples, or even simple encouragement, our independence now comes from great sacrifice and needing help along the way. Where would we be if we didn't have someone to teach us or show us the way? **Proverbs 22:6** says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." In this we see both physical and spiritual aspects.

Even more, as Christians, our independence is a result of Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Paul said in **Galatians 5:1** "For freedom Christ has set us free;

stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery." The only way that we can truly be free is the result of accepting the help Jesus gives us. No matter how much we would like to think we can, we cannot save ourselves. Even after we are baptized in Christ we will continually need His spiritual guidance and help. When we try, we end up with a bigger knot in our thread than when we started. As Jeremiah said in his prayer in **Jeremiah 10:23**, "I know, O LORD, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps." We need spiritual guidance and we cannot gain that through worldly wisdom.

No matter how independent we may think we are, we are always dependent on God. **Acts 17:25** tells us that He gives everyone "life and breath and everything else." The greatest thing He gave us was His only Son, and only through that help and ultimate sacrifice can we ever be truly free from sin. 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." Salvation only comes when we humbly accept the word of truth because it has the power to save our souls (**James 1:21**).

I'm sure that there are many things that you can do all by yourself. However, remember the true freedom and assurance of salvation we gain in Christ completely rests on us leaning upon the Lord as our helper. As it says in **Hebrews 13:6**, "So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" **Andrew Spivey**

*Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift:
We have hard work to do and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle: face it 'tis God's gift.
Be strong!
Say not the days are evil who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce O shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's Name,
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
Be strong!
It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day, how long;
Maltbie Babcock (d. 1901) Bulletin Digest*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Genesis 36, 39-46
Wednesday Read – Exodus 1

BIBLE STUDY 

Questions for last week's reading of Job 2 & Job3-42:

- 1. What did God allow Satan to do to Job's body?
- 2. What did Job's wife tell him to do ?
- 3. Why did Job's friends think bad things happened to him?
- 4. What did Job ask God and what did God answer?
- 5. How did god bless Job after he prayer for his friend?

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>

LIVE STREAM SERVICE UPDATE

We have updated our live stream service. We hope that the update in video and sound quality make a difference to our many members who are worshipping at home during the pandemic. You can see our live stream at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays on <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist> If you have any feedback on the live stream, feel free to leave a comment on the video, call the office, or call **Andrew Spivey or Jonathan Senn**. We are continually working to improve the live stream.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

Ann Tyler has a new home phone number. Her number is now (615) 461-8902. Please make a note of her new number in your church directory.

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
February 28, 2021
9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
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

Bill Johnson is in a regular room at Sumner Regional and hopes to go home soon. **Mae Oldham** is now home. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler is in a regular room at Centennial but still not doing well. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Ricky Cantrell** has been diagnosed with melanoma. **Roger Gregory**, friend of the Spivey family, ICU Sumner Regional; **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. **Donny Pedigo**, friend of Tim Cummins has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **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.



PRAYER LIST

Maxine Cothron; **Buck Buchanan**, Life Care Center, Room 227, 1250 Robinson Road, Old Hickory, TN 37138; **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**; **Chase Ditmore**, grandson of Jim & Linda Cherry; **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.

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.

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9a.m.....	55
Morning Worship 11a.m.....	41
Sunday Evening.....	N/A
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contributions.....	\$8,070.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,849.14

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

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 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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