

WHY WAS HE CALLED GOOD?

Most everyone in the world is familiar with the story we call *The Good Samaritan*. According to written material of Jesus' day, there was a great debate going on about the question, "Who is my neighbor?" As Jews, they were quite familiar with the commandment to "Love your neighbor as you love yourself," **Lev. 19:18**. Some concluded that only the Jew was a neighbor worthy of their love. Many of the Jews did not believe that the Gentiles and Samaritans met the qualifications of "my neighbor." They decided to question Jesus regarding this because He had already impressed His audiences with His sermons and answers to their questions. They marveled because He spoke with authority and answered them well regarding other questions (**Matt. 7:29, Mark 12:28**).



A scribe came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Luke 10:25. Jesus asked, "What is written in the law?" (v. 26).

The lawyer answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (v. 27). Jesus told him that he had answered correctly. There was no question about what the greatest commandment meant; so, the scribe didn't ask about it, but he did want Jesus to help settle the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered by giving the story about a Samaritan who helped a wounded man in a ditch while a priest and Levite passed by without helping. You will note, however, that nowhere in the story does anyone call the Samaritan "good." We have added that word to give the story a title. But why do we call him "good?"

He did not turn his back on someone in distress: No person likes to look upon unpleasant sights. To avoid them, we turn our heads the other way or put on mental blinders, which causes our minds to block out the part we don't want to see. Like the pain killer commercial, "I don't have time for the pain," we avoid pain at all costs. Instead we like situations that give us good feelings and pleasure. Besides, who wants stress in an already too stressful world?

He turned his face on the man rather than his back. The Levite in the story stopped and looked, but

that is all he did. We need to turn our faces to people in distress. The greatest way to relieve stress is to help others who are in need. Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Kindness is a universal language." Everybody can see it and know it. It is called the language of love and is understood around the world on every continent and in every culture.

He was willing to disrupt his schedule in order to help someone in trouble. We live in a hustle and bustle world. With all of our modern convenience of "instant messaging" and modern transportation, many of us still can't seem to find the time to turn our attention to others in need.

He was willing to demonstrate the act of human awareness. He was aware of the fact that someone was in distress and needed his help, even a stranger. The Samaritan demonstrated what is called "empathy." Empathy calls for a person to ask, "What if it were me in that ditch?" "What would I want someone else to do, if it were me who had been beaten and robbed?" The more we practice putting ourselves in the place of others in distress the more we will practice being the good neighbor to our neighbors. We are all subject to suffering, sorrow, illness, etc. Money and prestige offer no protection. The answer is CARING.

If we are going to help our neighbor in the ditch, we must see Christ in the ditch. When Jesus gave a picture of the last judgment, He says that He will state to those who will enter heaven, "In as much as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you have done it to Me," Matthew 25:37. **HAVE YOU SEEN JESUS LATELY?**

Charles R. Williams

LEFT OVERS

There are several dishes and other items that have been left in the Fellowship Room over the last few years. If you are missing a dish, or a lid to your favorite dish, please go check out the table in the Fellowship Room for those items. Any item not claimed by March 10th will be properly disposed.

QUESTIONS

1. If we take a vote to quit midweek Bible study, would your vote be consistent with your practice?
2. What are you doing Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and Wednesday nights? Think about it.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sun.: PAUL; 1ST Journey, Acts 13
Wed.: PAUL; The Gospel Spread, Acts 14

OUTREACH TEAM

Outreach Team # 1 led by Adam & Amy Williamson will meet Sunday immediately following the evening worship services in front of the auditorium.

CALENDAR NOTES

The Calendar of Events has Lads to Leaders Convention listed on March 29th. Please disregard that as it is a misprint. The convention will be held April 19th & 20th at the Opryland Hotel. Additionally, the Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 6th will be moved to Saturday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. due to conflicting youth events. Please make a note of these calendar changes.

DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class, taught by Pam Newby, will be held on Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16 & 23, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. All young ladies are invited to participate in the Dorcas Class. Each class will include a Bible lesson and a service project.

COMMUNION CARE

The Communion Care List for 2019 has been posted on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. If you would like to help care for the communion trays, please sign your name by the month you would like. **We still have 5 months open for sign up. A special thanks to all who helped with the communion trays in 2018.**

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank everyone from the church that came to visit me. I enjoyed all the songs. The Children were a joy to hear singing. They are a special little group of singers. Thanks for the Valentine bag. I am so thankful for my church friends and knowing they care. Please keep me in your prayers. I Love everyone.

In Christian love,

Melba Hill

Thank You everyone for all the calls and thoughtful cards you have sent to me. One day I will come and visit.

Love to all.

Jane Hughes

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
March 3, 2019
BIBLE STUDY 9:00 A.M.
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Prayer.....Charlie Seals
Nursery.....Peggy Buck

WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Tim Edmison
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Table.....Jim Cherry
Serve.....A. Pernell, B. Smith, R. Pinckley
S. Richardson, K. Yarbrough, LJ Kreynus
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone
Ushers.....R. Buck, C. Suddarth, L. Clark
Nursery.....Gayle Key
Greeters.....(W. D)L/J Clark (E. D)B/M Smith
(Those serving should be downstairs 5 minutes early)

WORSHIP 5:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Tim Edmison
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Table.....W. Sheppard/T. Butler
Closing Prayer.....Charles Simmons
Nursery.....Gayle Key

WEDNESDAY March 6, 7:00 P.M.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Tim Edmison
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever
Closing Building March.....Jonathan Senn
Treasurer/Assist March.....O. Cothron/B. Smith
Visitor Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
Church Office.....615-452-3431

ZONE #1

Your zone is responsible for picking up the communion cups and straightening the songbooks during the month of March.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Bible Study 9:00 a.m. • Sun. Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. • Sun. Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. •
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

SICK LIST

Harold Autry in ICU at Sumner Regional for tests. **Pauletta Hood** is at Hendersonville Hospital for tests. **Mary Spivey** fell last week and broke her hip. She is at Sumner Regional. **Yvonne Woodward** fell last week and broke hip and arm and is at Sumner Regional. **Wanda Gregory** has been diagnosed with leukemia. **Ann Tyler** is home recovering from having a procedure done on her spine. **Cathy Henderson** is home and doing some better. **Jim Huffman** had an evaluation on his eye, Feb. 27th. **Dock Campbell** is now at Gallatin Rehab Center. **Marilee Frederick** is home recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Jane Hughes** is now staying with daughter Cindy in North Carolina. **Jon Crump** is now at The Waters in Gallatin. **Joe Kane**, father of Kenny Yarbrough, has leukemia. **Harvey Victory**, great uncle of Olivia Ellis, has pancreatic cancer which has spread through his body. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, is at the Georgetown Hospital & Cancer Research Center. **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachael Mayes, is waiting on additional treatment options. **Elizabeth Jones**, mother to Wanda Mathewson is on hospice. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues. **Kylie Pruitt**, cousin to Bob Sever, her cancer has returned. Treatment will be determined soon.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



PRAYER LIST

Chris Tyler; **Joe Adams**; **William Dunn**; **Jean Deaton**; **Jon Crump**; **Donna Holmes**, daughter of Eva Petty; **Kylie Pruitt**, cousin to Bob Sever; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Jane Huffard**, friend to Carl & Pam Newby; **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachel Mayes; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Randell Wallace**, friend of Jim Huffman; **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; **Delaney Bruce**, friend of Betty

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Johnson; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Ted Lawrence**, brother of Wanda Proctor; **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

Ron & Anna Radish, **Bill & Jane Dunn**, **Cathy Henderson**, **Penny Campbell**, Brookdale Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221, **Lillie Sisco**, **Dorothy Sullivan**, **Dock Campbell**, Gallatin Rehab Center, Room 420; **Emogine Williams**, Richland Place Health Center, 500 Elmington Ave, Room 327, Nashville TN 37205; **Thelma Ambrose**, mother of Helen Milliken, Room 123 at Elmcroft at Rivergate; **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	109
Morning Worship.....	188
Sunday Evening.....	101
Wednesday.....	98
Contribution.....	\$7,340.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,278.05

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
James Spivey.....	615-451-0776
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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 Ken Veale Adam Williamson Robert Williamson



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