

March 4, 2021

### IN NEED

This past weekend, our youth and families had the great opportunity to go to Pigeon Forge to attend Challenge Youth Conference. I am thankful for all of our youth and families who were able to attend and I am also thankful for all the prayers for a safe arrival and return. The theme this year was In Need and we focused on being “In need of love, In need of Christ, In need of Someone to Listen, and In need of Grace and Mercy.” We heard great lessons on these topics and were able to come out of this weekend with a better outlook on what it means to be in need of something and how Jesus is the ultimate provider for our needs.

When I think of the simple title “In Need” I immediately think of a child. Last week, we looked at being independent and saw that being on our own actually comes from a lot of help from others. We talked about how children, even at a young age, begin trying to do things by themselves. But there is one thing that children will not do on their own, confront the things that scare or hurt them. Think about it. If you are hiding and jump out at a toddler, what are they going to do? They are either going to run to their parents or they are going to fall down on the way running to their parents. When a child gets hurt what do they do? They run to their parent.

I can remember when I was growing up, my mom and dad had the magic cure for anything. If I was scared, I could run to my mom and she had the remedy. If I was hurt in any way, my mom had the cure. If I had a splinter in my finger, my dad could take it out. Not only did I need them for times of trouble, but I needed them for my food, clothing, and shelter. But somewhere along the line that changes. Somewhere in our life, a switch flips and we become different. Instead of coming to your parents when you are scared, you sit in the darkness and fear by yourself. Instead of running to get help when you are hurt, you act like it is an embarrassing thing to hurt so you just hold in the pain and try to deal with it yourself.

Maybe this is just part of becoming an adult, but this mindset is dangerous and deadly when it enters our spiritual life. **Matthew 11:28-30** says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Jesus tells us that when we are weighed down with life and we are scared or hurt then we need to come to Him and He can give us rest. But are we too much of an “adult” to do that? Are we too mature to be in need? When I think back to how a child reacts compared to how an adult reacts to hardships in life, it brings new insight to what Jesus was

trying to teach the disciples. In **Matthew 18:1-4** it says, “At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” We need to be willing to humble ourselves and come to God when we are in need. Instead of sitting in our own fears and sins, we need to lay them aside and turn to our Father.

Much too often, many of us are like the prodigal son in **Luke 15**. We go through life thinking that we have it all figured out and that we can take care of ourselves. Even in the middle of the storms of life, we tell others and we tell God, “I’m fine and I can do this myself.” Only if we repent from this attitude and turn to God can we ever make it through this world, just as the prodigal son did. Sometimes, we let the world tell us that we are worthless and that God would never take us back, but look at what Christ taught in **Luke 15:20-24**, “And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.” If we are willing to repent, turn to God, and admit that we are in need of help, God will provide that and so much more. He proved that to us through Jesus (John 3:16). What do you need God to help you with right now? Jesus tells us in **John 16:23**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” Ask God for help in your life. He will provide.

**Andrew Spivey**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

On **Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, we will begin  
Sunday evening services  
at 5:00 p.m.

On **Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** we will  
begin Wednesday evening  
class, in the auditorium only,  
at 7:00 p.m.

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 2:1-25; 18:2-4

Wednesday Read – Exodus 3

### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of Genesis 36, 39-46 also Exodus 1:

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to him and why?
2. Why did God allow Joseph to be sent to Egypt?
3. What did God tell Jacob when he and his family were traveling to Egypt?
4. Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites ?
5. How did Pharaoh try to destroy the Israelites?

### THANK YOU NOTES

To My Church family, Betty and I love everyone of you. Thank you for the genuine love of the Lord and His kingdom. We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers for Betty and the prayers, love and concern for Betty when she was sick. Betty and I saw many of your children grow up in front of us. We are a family! Thank you for helping me to get through a unbelievable loss of my wife. Thank you for continually praying for Josh and Ashley as they come to grips with it. Betty loves children and especially her own grandchildren. I am thankful that they had some time to know her. She has always been a beautiful person and a lady to be around. I know that she is now waiting for me and all of you. Thank you for knowing her and loving her and our family. A loving church family, **David, Josh, Ashley, Matt, Crystal, Caleb, Parker, Emma, Harper and Syble.**

To my dear Christian family, God is good – God is great. He hears our prayers. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and expressions of concern. Thank you for remembering me in your prayers.

**Grace Bracey**

Thanks for your care and concern for me during my hospital stay by your visits, phone calls, and most of all your prayers. They were greatly appreciated. It is great to be among such a caring congregation.

**Pat Crump**

**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**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 7, 2021

#### 9:00 AM SERVICE

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

#### 11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Jerry Watson  
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Lee Boone  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

### WEDNESDAY

March 10, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Tim Strickland  
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson  
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Charlie Seals

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. & Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### 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 home and 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.....	95
Morning Worship 11a.m. ....	36
Sunday Evening.....	N/A
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contributions.....	\$6,956.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,367.01

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