

March 11, 2021

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

Back when I was a child, my friends and I were the best 4 on 4 football players after school. Even in 2nd grade we were beating 4th and 5th graders. Some of it was because we actually tried hard. We were fast and had even designed plays to run, but our biggest success is that we had our own ball. Why is that such a big deal? Well if the 5th graders started to beat us and we were getting frustrated, we would simply take our ball and walk back in. If you quit before the game is over it wasn't a loss in our book. I am sure that many of you probably have similar stories from growing up. There was that one kid who didn't like how the game was played, so he simply took the ball and went home. What is scary about this mentality is that many do it all throughout their lives. I'm not talking about an NFL quarterback walking off with the ball or a baseball player packing up the bats, but in many aspects of life, when someone isn't getting their own way, it is easier to pack up and find a new way.

This mindset is similar to what is warned in **2 Timothy 4:3-4** which says, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." Sometimes, what we need to hear is not necessarily what we want to hear. However, it is necessary for proper spiritual growth. Much too often, we want the benefits of Christianity without the pain that comes with it. It is easier to make an excuse or justification than to humble ourselves before God and His truth. It is easier to try and make our own rules instead of having to go through the pain of changing to reflect Christ. **Hebrews 4:12-13** says, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Scripture compares the word of God to a sword. Not to a feather duster that can tickle you. Not to a pillow for a slumber party, but a sharp and piercing device that is necessary for our spiritual well-being. It is the revelation of His truth to mankind. It has everything to equip us for every good work. **2 Timothy 3:16-17**

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." The word of God has everything to equip us for every good work and often times, what the Bible has to say challenges our choices. So what are we to do?

If we are wanting to be in Christ, then we need to be open to the word of God on any given topic at any time, especially when we don't want to hear it. It may cause pain in our life, but with that pain comes healing. After all, Christ went through the pain of scourging and being crucified in order for us to be healed. **Isaiah 53:5** says, "But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed." But in order to be healed we have to follow Christ. Jesus said in **Matthew 7:21**, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of My Father who is in heaven." God wants us to fight the sin that is in our lives even when it isn't comfortable, and encourages us to teach the whole council of God, not just what we desire to hear or be entertained by (**Acts 20:27**).

Many choose to simply listen to preachers who tell them what they want to hear. However, when the Bible contradicts our desires, we need to be corrected to bring our desires in line with the Bible's teaching. We can't just take our ball and find a new game. Instead we must repent and turn to God. As Jesus says in **Revelation 3:19**, "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent."

Andrew Spivey

NEW ADDRESS

Evelyn Harris has a new address. Evelyn now lives at 195 Indian Lake Blvd # 3402 Hendersonville TN 37075.

TIME CHANGES SUNDAY, MARCH 14th; SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR SATURDAY NIGHT.



COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 4

Wednesday Read – Exodus 5

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of Exodus 2:1-25, 18: 2-4 & Exodus 3:

1. What did baby Moses' mother do with him to keep him from being killed by the Egyptians?
2. Who found baby Moses in the Nile River?
3. Why did Moses run away from Egypt ?
4. What did Moses see on Mt. Sinai ?
5. What two excuses about leading the Israelites out of Egypt did Moses give to God?

NEW BABY

Congratulations to **Jessie, Austin & Beckham Pernel** on the birth of **Beau**. Beau was born on Thursday, March 4th. He weighs 8 1/2 lbs. and is 21 inches long. All are home and doing well.

THANK YOU NOTE

We are so grateful to everyone for the diapers and wipes for baby Beau. Your kindness and generosity towards our family means a lot. We are so thankful for our Nashville Road church family.

Austin, Jessie & Beckham Pernel

THE TRUTH

It seems so hard to trust people these days. Who can be counted on to tell us the truth?

Here is what we know: Satan is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44).

Additionally, we know: It is impossible for God to lie (Hebrews 6:18).

Therefore, we absolutely must spend more time listening to God! Let us set our minds on things above (Colossians 3:1-4), and let us fill our hearts with that which is pure and beautiful (Philippians 4:8)!

Try spending more time actively thinking about, emulating, and following Jesus—the one who IS the truth. It will do wonders for your soul and attitude—not to mention your eternal destiny (John 14:6)!

Bart Warren

*South Green Street church of Christ
Glasgow, KY*

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 14, 2021

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
 Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

WEDNESDAY

March 17, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
 Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

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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

Buck Buchanan is at home on hospice. **Bill Johnson** is home now and doing better. **Mae Oldham** is home and doing well. **Brent Weedman**, friend of Debbie Gardner, has covid. **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. **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. **Jerry Ladd, Sr** has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. **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; **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; **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.....	75
Morning Worship 11a.m.	49
Sunday Evening.....	53
Wednesday Evening.....	47
Contributions.....	\$9,413.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,576.01

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