

March 16, 2023

### PEACE MAKER OR PEACE FAKER?

What is the first thing that you think of when you hear the word contentment? For me, my mind tends to go to two places. One is sitting on the beach watching the ocean. Hearing those waves, and feeling that sea breeze brings me back to my childhood. I can sit there and imagine my brother and I playing in the waves and diving to collect shells. Another is being out in the woods early in the morning. I love early spring turkey season for this reason. It is one of the most amazing things to hear the sounds of nature waking from sleep all around you and to hear the forest come to life. As you might notice, both of these are beautiful and special to me, but are they examples of me being content?

In **Philippians 4:11-12**, Paul says, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." In this passage, we begin to notice that contentment is not a state of being but something we must practice and actively work towards. The reason I think of the beach and the forest when I think of myself being content is because, in those places, it is easy for me to be at peace. However, this world is not a place where we can easily find peace and contentment anywhere. This is why God calls for us to be peacemakers.

Contentment can only come if you make yourself peaceful, even in the worst of times. The reward for being a peacemaker is wonderful as well. **Matthew 5:9** tells us that those who make peace in their lives will be blessed and will be called children of God. With a reward of being known as a child of God, one can imagine that becoming a peacemaker must be quite challenging. Peacemakers play an active role in making peace not only with themselves but with others. In order to be a peacemaker, we must be forgiving, kind, and gentle even with those who are ungrateful and shameful. When we begin to consider others greater than ourselves, we will begin to find it easier to forgive and treat others with kindness.

Unfortunately, many times we end up becoming peace fakers instead of peacemakers. We want to act like we are content and everything is great when in truth we are struggling. We act like we want peace

with others, but we are not willing to humble ourselves and be merciful to others. **Luke 6:27-31** says, "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Sometimes the greatest enemy that is robbing us of being content is ourselves. This can cause us to not reflect the love of Christ on others, because we do not see the love of Christ in ourselves.

In order to be at peace and to be content in all struggles of life, it requires a willingness to show mercy to others. Think of it like gang violence or two nations going to war with each other.

Retaliating against someone who wronged you will only create more violence. The reason for this is because as soon as one gang retaliates or one nation threatens the other, the other gang or nation now believes they have the same right to retaliate. The only way for violence to end is for someone to decide they will not retaliate.

As brothers and sisters in Christ we need to actively work to encourage one another and build each other up (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**). We need to talk to one another about our struggles and pray for each other to have contentment in the turmoil of life (**James 5:16**). Finally we need to learn how to encourage one another, both inside and outside of Christ, to love and good works (**Hebrews 10:24**). By beginning with these few simple acts around us we can gain one step closer to becoming a true peace maker and learning to truly make ourselves content in every situation. **Andrew Spivey**

*One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.*  
**Psalms 145:4**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Acts 15:1-35

Wednesday Read – Acts 15:36-41 & Acts 16:1-40

### BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **Acts 13 & 14**

1. Name the 2 men the Holy Spirit set apart for the first missionary journey.
2. Describe the man who opposed Paul and Barnabas in the city of Paphos and what happened to him?
3. Why did Paul and Barnabas shake the dust off their feet when they left Antioch of Pisidia?
4. Name in order the cities that Paul and Barnabas visited on the first missionary journey.
5. When Paul and Barnabas revisited the cities of their way home, what did they do?

### LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders puppet team will meet every Sunday at 3:30 PM from now until convention time.

### ANNUAL EGG HUNT

The Annual Egg Hunt here at Nashville Road is set for **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** beginning at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to help with candy to fill the eggs, please bring bags of individually wrapped candy and leave them on one of the tables in the fellowship room by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The teen class will be responsible for stuffing the eggs.

### TNT (TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER)

The next TNT meeting will be on **Tuesday March 21st** in the fellowship room at **6:00 pm**. TNT is for all youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade & up. *\*Notice the new time to begin.\**

### WIDOWS/WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

The next Widows/Widowers Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 16th** in the Fellowship Room. It will be hosted by the **Excel's group**. A sign-up sheet will be out at the end of March. Please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, kind words and deeds following the passing of Sue. She will be missed. We know she is in a much better place.  
God Bless,  
**The Family of Sue Spry**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 19, 2023

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Matt Ellis  
 Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
 Scripture Reading.....Adam Williamson  
 Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
 Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
 Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
 Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....David Thompson  
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

### WEDNESDAY

March 22, 2023

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
 Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins  
 East Door.....J/L Cherry  
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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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

Mary Spivey is home now recovering from bronchitis. Mary Ann Reinhart has been diagnosed with cancer. Bethany Shoulders granddaughter of Evelyn Harris has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She is in the hospital in Gainesville Florida. Jimmy Wheeler, brother of Sherry Perry had shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday. Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals, continues with rehab. Allison Hogan, daughter of Demar Elam has sepsis after having back surgery James McCloskey a former member continues with radiation treatments. Mike Martin, friend of the Jennings & Cato families, is in ICU at Skyline. Paul Norman, nephew of Carolyn Vester and cousin to Valarie Senn & Wanda Sherrill, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon 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; Bryan Grissom cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; 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; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; 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.....	81
Morning Worship.....	119
Sunday Evening.....	77
Wednesday Evening.....	55
Contribution.....	\$5,300.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,753.00

### 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

### Deacons

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Ken Veale	Adam Williamson

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