

PEOPLE PLEASERS

There is a natural desire in people that make them want to please others, especially when it comes to those we care about the most. If I were to take a walk through my parents house I am reminded of this as well. In my parents closet, there is still a door hanger that I made for them in preschool. In my mom's Bible there are still homemade bookmarks that I made her as a young child. Throughout the house, on tables and in drawers, you can find gifts from my brother and I that were given to my parents. Maybe you still have some at your house or you have fond memories of them. Maybe it was a simple bouquet of dandelions, a clay handprint, or a simple homemade card that says "I love you." Even if it was a simple gift, it did what it was supposed to do. It pleased the one receiving it.

However, as we get older, the desire for pleasing others takes on different roles and we soon learn that some people are harder to please than others. Maybe someone doesn't communicate well and so it is up to us to try and figure out what they like, or maybe they are extremely particular and what they desire is unrealistic. When we run into people who are difficult to please, it leads us to ask ourselves why we want to please others, and the answers can be quite different.

One of the first reasons we desire to please others is the simple fact that we care about them. We want what is best for that person and it brings us personal joy to see that they are pleased with us and what we are doing. The second reason is that it might be our job. We are obligated to make sure others are pleased whether we like it or not. The third reason can be for selfish gain. We want to get ahead in social circles or in the workplace, so we go above and beyond to make ourselves look better than others around. Finally, we could come to the conclusion that we are trying to please someone because we are insecure with ourselves. We do whatever we can to get people to like us and this can lead to some pretty unwise decisions just to gain favor with someone else. As you can see, there can be right and wrong ways when it comes to trying to please others, and when you think about it, these same reasons apply when it comes to how we try to please God.

The true reason that we should want to please God is because we love Him. We are grateful for all that He has done for us and because of His love and care for us, we should desire to please Him in return. However,

sometimes we can desire to please God for the wrong reasons. For example, imagine God was the boss of your company and invites you over for a party one night. On the way to the party, you stop to get a gift. Why are you getting the gift? Is it because it is the socially proper thing to do? Is it because you want to give Him something expensive so that He will be impressed and promote you? Is it because you are insecure and don't know if He likes you or not and you are wanting to make sure that He does? Or, is it because you really enjoy Him and know what His favorite candy is? Is our reason for trying to please God because we love God or is it because we want to seek approval or seem better than other people? In **Galatians 1:10** it says, "For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

If we truly want to please God then we need to seek to follow Him and have the right mindset as to why we seek His approval. Fortunately, the Bible gives us several ways in which we can do that. **Hebrews 11:6** says, "And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him." We must seek Him and continually put our belief and faith in Him. He also is pleased when we tell others about Him, not to show others how good we are but to help others see how good He truly is. **1 Thessalonians 2:3-4** says, "For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts." **Hebrews 13:16** also tells us how we can share God's love with others and please Him. It reads "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." **Philippians 4:18** Paul also says, "I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." By giving to others and doing good to them, they are able to see God in our lives and give glory to Him. And as an added bonus, when we please God, He rewards us as well. **Psalms 37:4** says, "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." The question you must ask is, do you desire to please God?

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 2 Samuel 20-21

Wednesday Read – 2 Samuel 22

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of

2 Samuel 18-19.

1. In the battle between Absalom's men and David's men, who won, how many men were killed and what killed the most men?
2. What happened to Absalom in the battle?
3. Who were the men who ran to tell David the news about Absalom and which one told David the truth?
4. What did Shimei ask David to do and what was David's response?
5. Why did Mephibosheth not go with David when he left Jerusalem?

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

On **Sunday, March 13th**, Nashville Road had a special contribution that will go to Ukraine. Our contribution was \$17,337.00. That is \$9,837.00 over the budget, but because our members are so giving the elders have decided to round it up and send **\$10,000.00** to Ukraine. **THANK YOU Nashville Road for having such a giving heart.**

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Susan Jennings** on the passing of her father J. D. Swann on March 14th. Funeral service were held on March 19th in Nashville.

*"Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears."
2 Samuel 7:22*

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 20, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

WEDNESDAY

March 23, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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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

Bill Johnson is going through chemo and radiation treatments. **Archie and Karen Wallace** are doing better. **Evelyn Harris** continues recovering from a knee replacement. **Terry Jennings** is home now. **Wanda Seals** will continue therapy for her back. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Ronald Milliken** husband of Helen Milliken began cancer treatments on March 3rd. **Christopher Wooten**, nephew of Wanda & Alex Sherrill, broke both legs. **Debbie Brickles**, friend of David and June Thompson is in ICU at St Thomas with covid. **Steven Simmons** son of Charles and Fay Simmons continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, will have a hip replacement done on March 21. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, bone cancer. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Jim Sweeney; Sandi Jones; Demar Elam; Ricky Cantrell; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; **Frances Catron; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Wayne Holt; 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; **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 309A; **Joyce Savage**, NHC Place Sumner, room 107; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill; 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.....	86
Morning Worship.....	145
Sunday Evening.....	75
Wednesday Evening.....	62
Contributions.....	\$17,337.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,632.00

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