

March 18, 2021

LET THE PEACE OF GOD RULE

Colossians 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*

Peace is much sought after by most of the civilized world. Prayers for world peace continue every day from many forums and venues. Peace is the subject of many songs including one containing this idea, "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me." Even though the results hoped, are far from achievement, Camp David has been the site of many conferences aimed at establishing a lasting peace within the Arab nations and Israel. More than likely their dogmatic differences will continue into the future, even though a peaceful solution is very desirable throughout the world. Although prevented by a few warmongering, power grabbing, men driven by worldly lust for superiority and riches, peace is still the desire of a vast majority of the world's population. Most people wish to live their lives free from war and civil strife; to be free from public disturbance and disorder; to live in safe and secure conditions, where there is law and order.

Between nations, cultures, and ethnic groups, as well as between neighbors and all family members, what a wonderful world it would be to have freedom from all disagreements and quarrels, and to live in perfect harmony and accord. This description of peace is what we generally think about, search for, and pray for. However, this type of peace will never be absolute because of the covetous and lustful nature of mankind. In his epistle, James tells us that **wars and fighting** are the direct result of lust (**Jas. 4:1-2**). Both biblical and secular history confirms that, since the day Cain slew his brother Abel, there has never been universal peace among all people. With this track record, it is probably safe to say that world peace, among mankind will never be achieved. The apostle Paul recognized that universal peace would never come about. In his epistle to the church at Rome when he wrote, ***If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men (Rom. 12:18)***. The structure of this inspired statement tells us that there will always be times when it will be impossible to have complete peace between some people, and between some nations, of the world.

However, there is another peace that is absolute! There is a state in which mankind can live where peace is assured; where there is no war or conflict;

where there is quietness and calmness; where tranquility exists, and where serenity is promised. What a glorious state in which to live. All people of the world should immigrate into this state, where peace is found, and make it their permanent dwelling place. Where is this idealistic state? It is in your mind; your state of mind; your mental state. It is here that you can **let the peace of God rule**. Although peace can never exist between all people of the world, it can, and does, exist between God and His faithful children.

In this one verse of God's word, we know we can live in peace. It is to this peace that God calls us - to the peace of mind that comes with the hope of eternal salvation. God's plan of salvation was, from the beginning of time, predestined for His obedient children. To all that hear His call, obey His will, and become His children, He assures this hope of salvation (**See Rom. 8:28-30**). Paul, in his writing to the Thessalonians Christians, admonishes them to **walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto His kingdom and glory (1 Thess. 2:12)**. His call goes out today because God is **not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet. 3:9b)**.

We are called to be **in one body**, the body of Christ. It is the unity of God's children, within this body, in which we find **the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3)**. Peace can only be found where there is unity. Where there is no oneness or singleness of purpose between men and women of the world, agreement and harmony will not exist, and peace will not prevail.

However, there is unity in His body, the church of Christ. Here we find **one** God and Father of all, **one** Spirit, **one** hope, **one** faith, and **one** baptism (**See Eph. 4:4-6**). Being filled with **one** Holy Spirit (**Acts 2:4**), Peter and the other apostles preached **one** sermon (**Vs. 14 & 38**), professed **one** hope of salvation (**Vs. 21 & 47**), which, through **one** faith, 3000 hearers gladly accepted (**Vs. 41**), received the remission of their sins through **one** baptism (**Vs 41**), and were added to **one** church, by **one** God, our Father in heaven. Once in the body of Christ, unity existed and peace prevailed. Speaking of those that obeyed the apostles call to eternal salvation on The Day of Pentecost, Luke tells us that they continued **daily with one accord...with gladness and singleness of heart (See Acts 2)**. Hear God's call. Be baptized into the body of Christ, and here let the peace of God rule within your heart, **and be ye thankful.** *Rays of Light*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 6-7
Wednesday Read – Exodus 8

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of Exodus 4 & 5.
1. What three excuses did Moses give for not wanting to lead the Israelites?
2. Who did God say could speak for Moses?
3. When Moses and Aaron first spoke to the Israelites and performed miracles, what did the Israelites do?
4. Why did Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh that he should let the Israelites go and what was Pharaoh's response?
5. After Pharaoh met with Moses and Aaron, what did he command the taskmasters to do?

THANK YOU NOTE

Just to let everyone know the progress with my sweet hubby, Barry Carter. He had his follow-up appointment yesterday with the doctor and he has been given the all clear. He no longer has any restrictions except for food (no greens). Barry will be going back to work Sunday night and we are so relieved, thank you ALL for your love and support we truly appreciate each and every one of you, our family & friends here at Nashville Road and most of all Thank You God! In Christian Love,

Barry & Tracy Carter

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of **James Almond Buchanan (Buck)** who passed away on Thursday March 11th. No Memorial service will be held. Please keep the family in your prayers.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Beginning on **Sunday March 28th** we will have Bible study at 9:00 a.m. and then one worship service at 10:00 a.m. for all members and visitors. We will also begin having children's Sunday Bible classes. More details on the guidelines for the children's classes will follow as soon as possible.

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY

March 21, 2021

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jerry Watson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Charlie Seals
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jerry Watson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Bob Sever
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

WEDNESDAY

March 24, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

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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 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. **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.....	57
Morning Worship 11a.m.	61
Sunday Evening.....	48
Wednesday Evening.....	38
Contributions.....	\$7,027.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,927.01

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