

**ACCEPTED**

It is quite a big deal to be accepted. Take education for example. From a young age we are encouraged by teachers, parents, and other influences to work and study hard. Maybe we work to get good grades and to be accepted into the National Honor Society, or Beta Club. By the time high school comes around, we do what we can to have the proper GPA, ACT, and SAT scores to be accepted into the top college of our choice. Then, as college seniors, prepare resumes and send them out in hopes to be accepted into the field of our study. Why do all of this work? Because we want to be accepted and for the benefits we receive. From simple recognition of our accomplishments to having a higher education and opportunity to start a successful career, it all comes down to being accepted.

One of the most amazing teachings of the Bible comes down to how Christians are accepted by the Father. Although it is such a big deal, this thought can be easily forgotten in our spiritual lives. From the moment one puts their faith in God, turns from their former life, and is baptized into Christ, God declares them righteous and begins to treat them in such a way. Since He sees that person as righteous, or justified, they are accepted by the Father. This comes with many benefits as well, but before seeing the benefits, let us realize what it is like without.

Before being baptized into Christ, you are not acceptable. **Romans 3:23** says, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." **Romans 3:10** also says, as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one." Even in **Ephesians 2:5**, it tells of being "dead in our trespasses." In other words you are a sinner, unrighteous, and spiritually dead when you are not in Christ. However, once you are declared righteous and accepted by the Father, that changes, and **Romans 5** shows us the benefits of this change.

**Romans 5:1** says, "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Once you are added to the church, we are now at peace with God. Our relationship with Him is no longer in conflict but is now calm and we get along. **Romans 5:2** goes on to say, "Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God." By being accepted by God, we now receive access to and favor from God, and this gives us a new

hope. By having the Father available at all times to listen, and looking for opportunities to do something special for us, we share in all that God is doing. We are part of His plan and know that it will end well for God and ourselves.

**Romans 5:3-4** says, " Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope." One of the most powerful benefits of being accepted by God is that there is now purpose in our lives. All of the difficulties, hardships, and sufferings that happen in life begin to make sense. We can understand that everything is controlled by God and He is looking out for us and wants the best for us. We no longer have to fear or wonder why we are going through hardships, because our new hope and knowing we are accepted by God gives us the assurance needed to grow from such trials.

Finally, **Romans 5:5** says, "and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." We see here that we have no shame with God when we are accepted by Him. Even when we make mistakes or have failures in life, God doesn't shame us when we do. Why?, because we are loved by God. He embraces us and delights in us and fills our hearts with joy, peace, and assurance.

As you can see, there are a lot of benefits to being accepted by God. The greatest benefit of all is the ability to have a new life, an eternal life. **Romans 6:3-5** says, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." Just one of these benefits alone should be enough to satisfy, but these are all given to those who are accepted by God. The question you must ask yourself is, are you receiving these benefits?

**Andrew Spivey**

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." I Peter 5:8*

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**

Sunday Read – 2 Samuel 23-24  
Wednesday Read – Chronicles 22-29

**BIBLE STUDY**



Questions for last week's reading of **2 Samuel 20-22.**

1. Who did David send to assemble Judah?
2. Why did Joab kill Amasa?
3. How did a woman save her city?
4. Why was there a famine for 3 years and what was the solution?
5. Summarize David's song of deliverance from 2 Samuel 22.

**SYMPATHY**

We recently learned of the passing of **William (Bill) Dunn**, on January 31, 2022. Our love and prayers are with the Dunn family.

Our Love and Sympathy to **Doris Sweeney** on the passing of **Jim Sweeney** on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. A private, family only service will be held at Woodlawn in Nashville.

Our Love and Sympathy to **Mary Spivey** on the passing of her brother, **James Nunley** on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Funeral services will be held in West Virginia.

**We will glorify the King of kings, We will glorify the Lamb;  
We will glorify the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I Am.  
Hallelujah to the King of kings,  
Hallelujah to the Lamb;  
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,  
Who is the great I Am.  
Praise for the Lord #738**

**ORDER OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**March 27, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)**

Song.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

**10:00 AM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone

**5:00 PM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....David Thompson  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

**WEDNESDAY**

**March 30, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sue Kloes

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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. **Wanda Seals** will continue therapy for her back. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Ronald Milliken** husband of Helen Milliken, continues cancer treatments. **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, had a hip replacement done on March 21<sup>st</sup>. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, bone cancer. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



### PRAYER LIST

**Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Ricky Cantrell; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; **Frances Catron; 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.....	83
Morning Worship.....	136
Sunday Evening.....	66
Wednesday Evening.....	73
Contributions.....	\$7,694.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,632.00

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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith  
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