

GOLDSLOCKS CHRISTIANITY

A popular fairy tale that has been passed down for many generations is one of a certain blonde haired girl, named Goldilocks, who happens to enter into the house of a family of bears who are dutifully described as Papa Bear, Mama Bear, and Baby Bear. Of course, Goldilocks is hungry and sees bowls of porridge on the table. However, the first is “too hot,” the second is “too cold” but the third is “just right.” Of course, after having such a filling meal Goldilocks needs to take a nap, but she comes across the same dilemma. The first bed is “too hard”, the second is “too soft”, but the third is “just right”. Now, this fairy tale is to teach children to respect other people’s property, but I also find that the “too hard”, “too soft”, and “just right” mentality of Goldilocks gives us an interesting comparison of the religious mindset of many today.

Even those of the Lord’s church today will evaluate preaching as too hard, too soft, or just right. But the real question that must be asked is, who is it “just right” to? Paul says in **Galatians 1:10** “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.” Unfortunately, there have been too many who have fallen into this snare and preaching that seeks to please men is not what is pleasing to God. This was the same problem that Judah had in the time of Isaiah. In **Isaiah 30:9-11** we read, “For they are a rebellious people, lying children, children unwilling to hear the instruction of the Lord; who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right; speak to us smooth things, prophesy illusions, leave the way, turn aside from the path, let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.” Because of their rejection of God’s word, it brought forth disaster. **Isaiah 30:12-14** says, “Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, “Because you despise this word and trust in oppression and perverseness and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach in a high wall, bulging out and about to collapse, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant; and its breaking is like that of a potter’s vessel that is smashed so ruthlessly that among its fragments not a shard is found with which to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.”

Instead of seeking truth, there are many who simply want to be told what they want to hear, they are looking for the “just right” message of comfort and convenience.

Paul describes these to Timothy as well in **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, “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.” However, even in the middle of such hardened people, Paul encourages Timothy to “preach the word” (v.2). The fact is, turning our ears away from the truth doesn’t change the truth, and it brings forth painful consequences to the teacher and to the listener. But not only do many seek the “just right” way in their teaching, but they have a “just right” mindset even for following Jesus.

When Jesus said in **Luke 9:23**, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” He was telling us that when it comes to following Him, it has a cost. It is an all or nothing. Because if you are “lukewarm” you will be rejected (**Revelation 2:16**). However, there are still many who wish for a padded cross or one that can be easily taken off and put on. Jesus gave His life for those who are eager to do what is good. **Titus 2:14** says He “gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.” We are called to stand on His promises not sit on His premises. We are to be steadfast and immovable by standing on what is right regardless of threats or persecutions. We are to keep God in the forefront of our thinking and store His word in our hearts. You cannot truly follow Jesus by having a Goldilocks Christianity. **Andrew Spivey**

EGG HUNT

Nashville Road’s annual egg hunt will be **Saturday, April 9th beginning at 1:00 p.m.** Please bring your children and the grand children (with a basket or bag) to Nashville Road ready for some fun. If you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt, please bring by the office or leave in the fellowship room by April 5th.

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 1
Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 2

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week’s reading of **2 Samuel 23-24 & Chronicles 22-29.**

1. Why did David command Joab to number the people of Israel and why was it sinful?
2. What were the 3 punishments offered to David for numbering the people and which did he choose?
3. Why did God not allow David to build the temple?
4. Who gave to build the temple before he asked others to give?
5. How did the people give to build the temple?

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to the following families;

Myrlen & Faye Britt on the passing of Myrlen sister **Elsa Todd** on March 23rd. Funeral service were held in Nashville.

Pam Newby on the passing of her cousin, **Ronnie Love**, on March 26th. Funeral arrangements were not available at time of print.

David & June Thompson & Carl & Mary Rushing and the many friends and family on the passing of **Debbie Brickles**. Funeral service were held in Springfield TN.

The family of **Cathy Henderson** who passed away on March 30th. Funeral arrangements were not available at time of print.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Charity Bell** who graduated from Hendersonville Police Academy on Friday, April 1, 2022.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

April 3, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord’s Supper.....David Thompson
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord’s Supper.....Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY

April 6, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry

Visitor’s Desk Volunteer....JoAnn Williamson

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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 continues chemo and radiation treatments. **Terry Jennings** is taking chemo 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. **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 21st. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **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**; **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.....	102
Morning Worship.....	158
Sunday Evening.....	65
Wednesday Evening.....	53
Contributions.....	\$10,732.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,732.00

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
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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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