

April 1, 2021

ARE YOU HEARING?

Have you ever heard something that makes sense to you much later? I can remember growing up and watching both my dad and granddad build many things. A common phrase that I remember was “measure twice, cut once”. Of course that phrase has stuck with me many years because I had heard it so many times, but it wasn’t until I had cut 10 boards 2 inches too short that the phrase truly made sense in my life. It is important to hear and understand what we are hearing in order to truly be able to learn. That is why the Bible puts so much emphasis on hearing. The word “hear” is actually used over 500 times in scripture. Jesus actually taught this “measure twice and cut once” mentality when He told a parable about hearing. In **Matthew 7:24-27**, Jesus explains that everyone who hears His words and obeys them is like a wise man and everyone who hears His words and doesn’t is like a foolish man. Scripture further tells us that “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”(**Romans 10:17**) So if hearing is that important then we need to make sure that we listen when God’s word is speaking to us in order to build our faith and direct our paths.

Unfortunately, there are two types of hearing in this world. The first one is passive hearing, and sadly it is the one most used. I am sure we have all dealt with people passively hearing and are guilty of doing the same. Many parents of teenagers are well aware of this form of hearing as well when they have to tell their child 5 times to clean their room. Yes, they heard you but they just didn’t truly listen. Jesus dealt with this form of hearing as well. When Jesus was teaching His disciples that He was the bread of life, **John 6:60** says, “When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” After this, verse 66 tells us that many of His disciples then turned away and no longer followed Him. This passive hearing causes many to walk away from God and we must make sure that we are not guilty of doing the same.

The second form of hearing is active listening. One of the best examples of this can be found in the life of Mary. When Mary was first visited by Gabriel, **Luke 1:28-29** says, “And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.” She listened to the message that the angel told her, of how she, although a virgin, would conceive a son and that He would be the Son of God. There is no way that she could understand this. It had never happened before, but she simply said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.”(**Luke 1:38**)

We find her in this same bewilderment after she gave birth to Jesus and shepherds showed up. They began telling those in the house what happened to them, how an angel of the Lord appeared and told them the good news that a Savior

was born. **Luke 2:18-19** says, “And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” She was actively hearing these things and storing them up. This continued in her life as she raised Jesus as well. When Jesus was 12, they took the annual family trip to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. As they were heading back home, they realized after a day that Jesus was missing. They hurry back looking for Him, and three days later they find Him in the temple. He was listening to the teachers and everyone was amazed at His understanding and answers. Mary rushed to Him and told Jesus about how much suffering He had caused both her and Joseph. **Luke 2:49-51** tells us, “And He (Jesus) said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Mary didn’t understand what all she was hearing, but she made sure to store them and remember them. In like manner, our relationship with God depends on us listening intently and storing His words in our hearts, even though we may not fully understand. As Jesus continued in His ministry, He spoke much about hearing and the importance of paying attention to it as well. **Mark 4:24** says, “And He said to them, “Pay attention to what you hear: with the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and still more will be added to you.” He also taught us how we should hear. In **Luke 8:18**, Jesus says, “Take care then how you hear, for to the one who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”

When God speaks, His words should not simply go in one ear and out the other. It needs to sink in, even if we don’t fully understand at the time. The Apostles even dealt with this. In **Luke 9:44-45**, Jesus says, “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.” They didn’t understand that Jesus was foretelling about His death on the cross, but they made sure to remember it for when they would understand.

In life, there are situations that we may not understand at the time, much like Mary and the Apostles. But we can find comfort in knowing that our God is not a God of confusion (**1 Corinthians 14:33**), and He will give us understanding as we continue to study and store His word in our hearts.

We must do more than simply read the words of the Bible. We must do more than just hear words in Bible classes. We must do more than sit and listen to a sermon. Great spiritual growth will never happen until we let the word of God sink in and we truly ponder them in our hearts. (**Proverbs 2:6-10**) **Andrew Spivey**

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 11; 12:1-20
Wednesday Read – Exodus 12:22-51

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **Exodus 9 & 10**.

1. Name the next five plagues.
2. Why did God not destroy the Egyptians with one plague ?
3. Before God sent hail on Egypt, what did Pharaoh's servants who feared God do?
4. What was it like for the Israelites during these plagues?
5. What did Pharaoh tell Moses after the plague of darkness and what was Moses' reply?

BIBLE CLASS GUIDELINES

All classes, nursery through high school, will meet upstairs in the classrooms assigned for each class division beginning March 28th. There will be one adult class in the auditorium.

Please follow the guidelines below for attending classes upstairs.

- Masks will be required to and from classes.
- Masks and social distancing in class will be at the teacher's discretion.
- Parents will accompany younger children to and from classes. Parents, please remember to also wear masks to and from classes.

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of **Grace Bracey** who passed on Monday, March 29th. Visitation will be Monday, April 5th from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. at Hendersonville Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2:00 p.m.

Our Love and sympathy to the family of **Jane Dunn** who passed away on March 28th. A graveside service was held on Friday, April 2, 2021 at the Thomas B. Craighead section of Historic Spring Hill Cemetery.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....	Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....	Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....	Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....	Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....	Bob Sever
Sermon.....	Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....	Lee Boone
Closing Prayer.....	Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....	Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....	Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....	Tim Strickland
Sermon.....	Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....	Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....	Jim Huffman

WEDNESDAY

April 7, 2021

7:00 PM

No children's classes

Welcome.....	Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....	Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....	Jerry Watson
Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....	Jonathan Senn

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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 home now and doing better. **Mae Oldham** is home and doing well. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler is home doing some better. **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.

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **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.....	92
Morning Worship.....	125
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	60
Contributions.....	\$8,013.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,102.01

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; **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.

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