

April 28, 2022

### SELF SACRIFICE

We sacrifice the most for the things we most desire. We will easily commit to a thirty year loan to own a home that we want. We will sign up for a six year, eight year, or even longer loan to get a car we want. We will work fifty and sixty hours a week or more in order to get the promotion that we want at work. We can spend thousands of dollars on a trip and hundreds more once we get there just for the family to enjoy their vacation. With each one of these things, it comes with a cost. The cost of self-sacrifice.

There is one thing, however, that is greater than anything that was mentioned above. Jesus actually speaks about it in **Matthew 13:44**, when He says, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." He continues the parable in verse 45 and 46 where He says, "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Notice how in both parables, Jesus tells us that God's kingdom is so valuable that it would be like finding a treasure hidden in a field or a pearl that is extremely valuable, then selling everything we own just to buy that field or pearl and claim that treasure. Ask yourself this, what might it look like for us to pursue God's kingdom with such intensity, or what might we have to give up in order for the kingdom to be the most important thing?

Jesus explains what that kind of self sacrifice might look like in **Luke 9:57-62**. In **Luke 9:57-58** it reads, "As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." It may require giving up our comfort. There are times where we must step out of the comfort of our lives, be that physical, emotional, or even spiritual comfort. Have you given up your comfort zone for the kingdom?

In **Luke 9:59-60** we read, "To another He said, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." We may have to give up wealth and worldly priorities for the kingdom of God. This man most likely wanted to fulfill the duty of

the eldest son and be near the father in order to obtain an inheritance, bury the father, or even stay for one year and then rebury the bones of his father which was a traditional practice of the Jews at the time. Regardless of his motives, one thing was clear. His priorities were on his earthly fathers business more than his Heavenly Father's business. Throughout scripture, and Jesus' teachings it is clear that we are to honor our parents (**Ephesians 6:2**). We must understand that Jesus has to come first. Peter and Andrew both left their father behind to follow Jesus, even after having the best fishing day of their lives. James and John left father and mother behind to follow Jesus as well. Matthew left behind a successful and prosperous career as a tax collector to follow Jesus. Have you laid aside your family and financial priorities for the kingdom? Have you given the worry and stress it may bring to God? Have you put behind you even the urgent things of this world in order to seek God's kingdom?

Then, in **Luke 9:61-62** we read, "Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God." Here, Jesus tells us that we need to quit looking back at things of this world. If we do not follow Jesus with a fully committed heart, it can cost us many spiritual blessings and opportunities for greater ministry. Ask yourself, "Am I looking back, or am I truly committed to Jesus?" Because Jesus wants both your heart and your action. Too often, we assume that Jesus just wants our activity. As long as we do good things, it doesn't matter the attitude or motive behind it. But we forget that He also wants our hearts as well. **Matthew 15:7-9**, Jesus says, "You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." Jesus wants both our heart and commitment that results in action and service to Him. He sacrificed Himself for us. What He asks for in return is self-sacrifice. Is Jesus what you most desire to sacrifice for?

**Andrew Spivey**

**Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.**  
**Proverbs 16:24**

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**  
Sunday Read – 1 King 10  
Wednesday Read – Song of Solomon & 1 Kings 11

### BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **1 Kings 8-9**.

1. What items were in the Most Holy Place?
2. Name two ways God kept His promise to David.
3. What would cause God to let the temple be destroyed and the people be taken into captivity?
4. What did Solomon do three times a year and when did he do this?
5. What did Solomon build at Ezion Geber and what was brought back for Ophir?

### THANK YOU NOTE

Your kindness and sympathy at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

**The Oldham Family**

### A Loving Mother

God knew, in His great wisdom, that He couldn't be everywhere, so He put His little children in a loving mother's care.

**Helen Steiner Rice**

**May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!**  
**Proverbs 23:25**

*But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*  
**1 Peter 3:15**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY**  
**May 1, 2022**  
**9:00 AM**

### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....David Thompson  
Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith  
Closing Prayer.....Rick Gallagher

### WEDNESDAY

**May 4, 2022**  
**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....David Johnson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

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

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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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

Mae Oldham is home and recovering from carpal tunnel surgery. Carol Kidd fell and fractured her right kneecap. Bill Johnson continues chemo and radiation treatments. Mike Tidwell, a former member, is home recovering from triple by-pass surgery. Bob & Wanda Gregory are both having health issues. Rachel Goode friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. 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, continues recovering from hip replacement. 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 305; 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 204, 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.....	104
Morning Worship.....	145
Sunday Evening.....	78
Wednesday Evening.....	64
Contributions.....	\$7,675.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,502.00

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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
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Carl Newby Brent Smith  
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