

May 13, 2021

RESTORED

Growing up watching my grandfather in his wood shop has shown me some pretty amazing things. Not only have I seen beautiful pieces of furniture formed from even simple scraps of wood, I have also seen old pieces of furniture restored to its former glory. There is something about seeing an antique chair with broken arms and wobbly scared legs return to its original beauty that simply brings joy to all who see it. Some pieces may even simply need some tender love and care to return it to its pristine condition. On the other hand, there are some pieces that simply need to be repurposed. For example, who still uses their ten foot long oak Victrola radio and record player or a marble wash basin? Items, like these, that do not stand the test of time are instead repurposed into unique kitchen islands or vintage bathroom sinks. In the end, it comes down to being useful when making the decision to restore or repurpose.

Unfortunately, there are many today who feel that New Testament Christianity needs to be repurposed. They feel that it is behind the times and old fashioned and it does not fit with the “decor” of modern society. To that I ask, is it just as useful today? Of course it is. The words of Christ are forever relevant and they make known to us an unchanging purpose to those who follow His word. Jesus taught about how everlasting His teaching and words were in **Matthew 24:35**, when He said “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Jesus further proved that true when He gave the great commission in **Matthew 28:18-20**, when He said “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

There are millions in this world today who are in the darkness of the world and, much like that old chair in the corner of a barn, need to be restored. The only way they can ever get out of that darkness is through the light that Christ offers, the same light He offered in the first century. In this day and age there are many who say that since we are different people, living in a different culture, then we must require a different purpose or pattern. However, the Lord’s purpose is clearly stated in the scriptures. Jesus said in **Luke**

19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” That purpose meets the needs of what all of mankind needs most today, salvation from our sins. After all, **Ecclesiastes 1:9** tells us there is nothing new under the sun, and as far as mankind is concerned we are all still sinners in need of a savior (**Romans 3:23**).

For those who feel the New Testament Church is outdated and needs to be repurposed, it really comes down to a “decorating” issue. They have decorated their lives with so much of themselves that they don’t have room for Jesus. Instead of making Jesus the centerpiece, they have pushed Him in a corner. This has caused a lack of focus on teaching and preaching the gospel and has deceived many into thinking that we can do the work of Christ without obeying His word. Instead of being restored and placing Christ in the center of all things, they have repurposed the church according to their own desires.

The New Testament Church and the pattern given to us in the New Testament is just as useful now as it was then. Our mission hasn’t changed and it is only accomplished by preaching the gospel (**Mark 16:15-16**). We do not bring people to Christ by making them loyal to us. Instead we direct their loyalty to Him, because God is faithful even when man is fallible. We do not help people build their faith by making sure they are simply entertained, but by equipping them to be true disciples of Christ. There are many in the world today who teach a counterfeit gospel. Instead of teaching the whole council of God, they teach in accordance to their own desires (**2 Timothy 4:2-3**). It is up to us to make sure that we are not guilty of the same problem. Instead we should study to show ourselves approved (**2 Timothy 2:15**). We should actively do what scripture teaches, if not, then we are in the wrong (**James 4:17**). And we must be ready to seek the opportunities to preach the true gospel of Christ anytime we can because it is only through Christ that we can truly be restored. **1 Peter 5:10** says, “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.” When we are baptized into Christ, we are restored and we can overcome the darkness of this world. “For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.” (**1 John 5:4**)

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Joshua 3

Wednesday Read – Joshua 4

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of Joshua 1&2.

1. Who hid the men spying out Jericho ?
2. What did God tell Joshua about taking the promised land?
3. Who talked with Joshua before the Israelites took Jericho?

GRADUATION BULLETIN

We will have our annual Graduation Bulletin this year. If you have someone in high school or college that will graduate at any time during 2021, please submit their name, school they attended, some accomplishments they may have achieved while in school and future plans (college they may attend or work plans) along with a picture of the graduate. If you are submitting a grandchild, please also include the parents name. Please email this information to; secnashroad@comcast.net, or send by postal mail to the office at 1883 Nashville Pike, Gallatin by **May 23rd** to be included in this year's Graduation Bulletin.

NEW MEMBER

Fran Dodson has decided to place her membership and work under the direction of the elders here at Nashville Road. Fran lives at 214 Glennister Ct, Gallatin, TN and will be in Zone 2.



THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards sent my way. I am feeling a little better now. I am improving a little each day. In Christian Love,

Tammy Johnson
(daughter of JoAnn Williamson)

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the prayers and kindness shown to our family during the death of our sister, **Wilene**. We also appreciate all the food sent from the members of Zone 3. In Christian Love, **Frances, Bernice, Jean, Mary Ann & Kenneth** (The Smith Family)

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

May 16, 2021

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
 Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Ushers.....L. Clark/C. Suddarth

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

WEDNESDAY

May 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
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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

Tim Strickland is home recovering from surgery. No Visitors Please. **Sylvia Williams** is home and doing some better. **Tammy Johnson**, daughter of JoAnn Williamson is now home and continues recovering from surgery. **Faye Hart** is home now and continues with therapy. **Jan Fulford** has slightly improved. **Mae Oldham** is home and doing well. **Bubba Faust**, son-in-law of Jim & Linda Cherry, will be seeing a cardiologist on May 20th. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler in Centennial for tests. **Ron Kloes** step son of Sue Kloes has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. **Allen Plunk**, cousin of Donna Jennings, colon cancer that has spread to his liver. **Ricky Cantrell** has been diagnosed with melanoma. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, has been diagnosed with bone 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, continues cancer treatments. **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**; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey; **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; **Marliee Frederick**, Gallatin Rehab, Room 305A; **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.....	131
Sunday Evening.....	66
Wednesday Evening.....	60
Contributions.....	\$8,496.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,322.96

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
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Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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