

May 19, 2022

HOW IS YOUR CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE?

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly, the light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, finger printed, photographed, and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, showing rude hand gestures to the guy in front of you, and cursing at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk, naturally... I assumed you had stolen the car."

Have you ever met someone before who claims to be a Christian, but their attitude is nothing like that of Christ? Or maybe you have been in a similar situation as the woman in the story? A situation that causes someone to respond with, "You're a Christian?" or "I didn't know Christians did or said that".

Many times in our lives, we do not think about how others may see us. When I was younger, I was told by a parent how much her son looked up to me in Lads to Leaders and at Church Camp. At first, that made me feel very good, but that feeling changed soon after. The reason for this is because I began to think of how unchristian I may have acted in front of him without me realizing it. **1 Corinthians 11:1** says, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ." This is a verse that we all need to make as a goal in our lives. Unfortunately, we tend to think "do as I say and not as I do" to be a verse in the Bible, but that is the furthest thing from a Christian mindset.

Jesus gave the apostles, and us, a perfect example of this in **John 13:14-15**, when He washed the apostles

feet. The passage reads, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you."

The Hebrew author also reminds us of this in **Hebrews 13:1-2**, which says, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." The writer isn't telling us about angels we are going to be entertaining, but brings up an important point by reminding us of those who have shown hospitality to even angels and were unaware. Imagine if Abraham would have turned away the three "men" standing in front of him in **Genesis 18**. He would not have received the news of Sarah having a baby or the promise of land and a large family. Imagine if Lot would have ignored the two angels that entered Sodom in **Genesis 19**. What if he never brought them into his house. Would he have been saved?

So many times in our lives we find ourselves getting angry, scared, or frustrated at something and we tend to react before thinking of how others are seeing us. Other times we are quick to want to keep what is ours and not go through the inconvenience of helping someone in need, taking time to provide guidance, or putting others above our own lives. Are we really showing Christ in our lives, or are we showing how little we reflect Christ? **Matthew 5:14** says that we are the light of the world. As followers of Christ, we need to remember to let that light shine beautifully at all times and not to let the world influence us. We need to remember to always be imitators of Christ, because we never know who may be watching. Christianity is not just a bumper sticker, it is a lifestyle.
Andrew Spivey

We must be committed to God.

**Jesus said that we are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind.
(Matthew 22:3-7).**

God must be our first love above all else.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 14

Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 15 & 16

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **1 Kings 12 & 13.**

1. What was the advice of the older men and the younger men to Rehoboam and whose advice did he take?
2. What was the result of Rehoboam's decision ?
3. What did Jeroboam do to keep the people from worshiping in Jerusalem?
4. What did the man of God prophesy about the altar?
5. What happened to the man of God after he went home to eat with the old prophet?

GRADUATION BULLETIN

Please submit pictures and information regarding your 2022 graduates. Please include their name, school they are graduating from and their plans for the future. Please have all information and pictures turned into the office by **June 1st**. You may email pictures and information to secnashroad@comcast.net.

MOVING

Charles & Fay Simmons will be moving this week to Kentucky. **Carl & Mary Rushing** will also be moving to Florida soon. We hate to see them leave Nashville Road, but want to wish each one safe travels on their move.

VBS 2022

Mark your calendar for **June 5-8, 2022** for VBS here at Nashville Road. Make plans to bring your friends and neighbors to VBS. We do need help with the snacks for VBS and if you would like to make a donation please get with **Pat Watson**.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

May 22, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
 Closing Prayer.....Allyn Hosman

WEDNESDAY

May 25, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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** continues recovering from a fractured kneecap. **Bill Johnson** has finished treatments and will be seeing his doctor soon. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Mike Tidwell**, is doing much better. **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, hopes to qualify for a new treatment available on 5/18. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; **Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Charlie Cliburn; Ricky Cantrell; Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Ricky Cross**, friend of Betty Buttrey; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **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.....	96
Morning Worship.....	140
Sunday Evening.....	82
Wednesday Evening.....	70
Contributions.....	\$7,330.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,011.00

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
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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