

AUTHENTIC FREEDOM

"Freedom" is a powerful word, full of all sorts of meaning to different people. Some people think freedom refers to political liberty, such as we have in the United States under the constitution. Others think freedom means being able to do whatever one wants morally. Some even think freedom means doing whatever one wants, regardless of the rule of law.

However, authentic freedom is based on the word of God and the work of His Son Jesus Christ! In John 8:36, Jesus said, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." One becomes free indeed by knowing the truth (John 8:32; 17:17) and obeying the truth (Matt. 7:21-27). This authentic freedom Christ offers is composed of three facets:

1. Freedom from the burdens of life! In Matthew 11:28, Jesus says the sinner is "heavy laden." Jesus tells us to bring that burden to Him. Hebrews 12:1 says to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us." Jesus can free us from those weights, as well as the burden of false religion and traditions of men (Matt. 23:3-4).

2. Freedom from bondage to sin! The Jews that Jesus was speaking to in John 8 were not only in bondage to the law and to the traditions of men, but they were also in bondage to sin (John 8:44). Christ not only could free them from the law (Col. 2:14), but also from the guilt of sin (Rom. 3:23-26).

3. Freedom from blindness! Jesus could open their eyes to the truth, if they so desired (John 8:32). Once one recognizes the power and importance of God's word, he no longer has to worry about being fooled by the false doctrines of men (Eph. 4:14), if he will continue in the things God teaches in His word. Paul's mission to the Gentiles was to "open their eyes" (Acts 26:18).

So while we celebrate our political and social freedom on July 4th, let us also focus on and remember our spiritual freedom that comes only through Christ Jesus! He frees us from the burdens of life, from bondage to sin, and from blindness! Are you free indeed?

Matt Clifton
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SHARING DAY



The younger youth, grades 5 and under participated in a sharing day on Saturday, May 21st. They visited some of our older members and shut-ins and gave each goodie bags they had assembled prior to visiting. There are several bags still available in the foyer if you would like to take a bag to someone you know.

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers to **Bill & Janice Johnson** on the passing of their brother in law **Roy McConnell** on May 23rd. His funeral was held in Greenbriar TN.

Our love and prayers to **Charles & Fay Simmons** and **Chrissy Pantajo** on the passing of Abby West on May 25th. Abby is the granddaughter of the Simmons and the daughter to Chrissy. No arrangements were available at the time of print.

Please keep both families in your prayers.

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27

Remember those who served before.
Remember those who are no more.
Remember those who serve today.
Remember them as we eat and pray.
Remember them all on this Memorial Day.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Kings 17
Wednesday Read – 1 Kings 18

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of

1 Kings 14-16.

1. Who did Abijah's wife disguise herself to go see and what did that person tell her?
2. What kind of kings were Abijah, Baasha, Nadab, Elah, Zimri, and Omri?
3. What reforms did Asa make?
4. Who did Ahab marry and what did they build?
5. Why did the sons of Hiel the Bethelite die?

Hint: See Joshua 6:26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School is once again making its return! Our teachers and youth are excited to be a part of this opportunity to teach kids about the origins of the Bible. We are recruiting many people to help set up and prepare for a time of study that helps our young people to have a firmer foundation in their faith. We will work to inspire the younger generations, and spark their interest in the history that makes us. Soon, we will be able to see all the fruits of our labor, and hopefully pleasing our Lord with the work that we do.

Garrett Rowlett

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**.

Picnic/Kickoff Saturday June 4th 4:00-6:00 pm.

Sunday June 5th 9:00 am. and 5:00 pm.

Monday –Wednesday June 6-8 @ 7:00 pm.

Have a Safe Memorial Day !

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

May 29, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jerry Watson
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

WEDNESDAY

June 1, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Lynett Young

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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. **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.....	147
Sunday Evening.....	78
Wednesday Evening.....	88
Contributions.....	\$7,314.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,051.00

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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