

### POWER OF SUBMISSION

In 2000, psychologists Sheena Iyengar and Mark Lepper published a study on variety. On one day, shoppers at an upscale food market saw a display table with 24 varieties of gourmet jam. Those who actually tried the samples even received a coupon for \$1 off any jam. However, on another day, shoppers saw a similar table, except that only six varieties of the jam were on display. After gathering the results, the research showed that the large display attracted more interest than the small one. But when the time came to purchase, people who saw the large display were one-tenth as likely to buy as people who saw the small display. We live in an age of limitless options, and it is found through various aspects of our society. There are rarely any social customs that regulate our behavior, there are few cultural expectations to guide our paths, and there is little in our communities that will not be tolerated by one group or another. As a matter of fact, aside from breaking the law, you can pretty much act, say, dress, or do whatever you would like.

When the world see's this on paper, it is considered a freedom that all the world should strive to be like, but when it is actually lived and practiced, it becomes both exhausting and debilitating. Where too many choices abound, none are made in the end. Eventually, every person will fail if they try to design and regulate all of life's details on their own. We were not designed to be able to do so. If you try to be the supreme ruler over everything, your kingdom will turn to dust. In the end, the only way to truly get through this life is to submit. But this is something we don't like to hear. When we think of submission, we think of having dependency issues or being weak. We look at the word submission and think of it as nothing more than surrendering. But in the act of submitting authority to someone greater, we can gain authority as well. **James 4:6-7** says, "But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." By giving God the authority of our lives, we can gain authority over the devil and sin.

By giving more, more is also given as well. James actually goes on in **James 4:10** and says, "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you." The greatest example of this is found in Christ. Paul wrote in **Philippians 2:5-11**, "Have this mind among yourselves,

which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Through Jesus, becoming the perfect servant, completely submitting and humbling Himself before God and others, is how He became the perfect sacrifice and now has all authority. If you notice back at **Philippians 2:5**, we should have this same mindset.

We can see examples of how strength is given by submission as well. When someone submits to a certain diet and exercise program, they push themselves harder and are more determined than if they just randomly wandered around in the gym. Because of their determination, the results are evident. If someone submits to a certain kind of craft or trade, they work more creatively within than just trying to bounce around and figure something out. The same is true when it comes to submitting to God. When you submit to Him and His commandments, you gain a path. A path that, with its narrowness, saves you from pitfalls, struggles, shame, and guilt. **Proverbs 3:5-6** says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths."

When we delegate our responsibility to decide and hand it over to God, we then free up and release our power to act. "Know, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (**Romans 8:37-39**)

Andrew Spivey

**Blessed are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Matthew 5:6**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Matthew 23  
Wednesday Read – Mark 12:41-44; John 12:20-50

#### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of Matthew 21:28-22:14 & Matthew 22:15-46

1. In the parable of the father and his two sons, who did his father's will?
2. In the parable of the landowner's vineyard, what did his husbandmen do to his servants and son?
3. In the parable of the wedding feast, how did the king's guests treat the servants?
4. How did the Pharisees and Sadducees try to trick Jesus?
5. What are the two greatest commandments?

#### TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

The next TNT is **Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. TNT is for anyone that is 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship.

#### SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Group will meet on **Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Room at 6:00 p.m. Please bring finger foods, drinks and desserts. The Senior Group invites anyone to come and enjoy the fellowship.

#### BAPTISMS

**Edmond Armstrong** was baptized Sunday afternoon. Edward lives at The Waters of Gallatin, Room 300. **Beverly Stone** was baptized Monday afternoon. Beverly lives at Windlands East, 200 E. Webster, Madison, TN 37115, Room 706. We rejoice with them in their decision to put on Christ in baptism.

#### PLACED MEMBERSHIP

**Bob & Tarina Brown** have decided to place their membership and work under the direction of the elders here at Nashville Road. Be sure to meet and welcome the Browns.



#### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to everyone for your prayers and the beautiful cards you sent me while I was in the hospital. I Love You All and missed you.

Faye & Tom Hart

### ORDER OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

July 25, 2021

9:00 AM

#### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Garrett Rowlett  
 Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith  
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

#### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
 Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone  
 Ushers.....R. Buck/C. Suddarth

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson  
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

### WEDNESDAY

July 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson  
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
 Opening Prayer.....David Thompson  
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale  
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

#### 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

**Jack Cato** is home and doing better. **Charles & Fay Simmons** are both having health issues. Please keep them both in your prayers. **Bill Johnson** continues to do well. **Vicky Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is in Skyline in serious condition. **Sue Cummins**, mother of Tim Cummins, is now staying with Tim & Julie. **Laura Irwin** sister of Julie Cummins continues with health issues. **Doug & Kathy Hawkins**, brother & sister-in-law of Julie Cummins, diagnosed with covid. Doug is in the hospital. **Ann Beska**, neighbor of Mattie Carter & Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler continues with health issues. **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.

### SHUT-INS

**Ilene Kinney; Marilee Frederick**, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; **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.....	108
Morning Worship.....	146
Sunday Evening.....	77
Wednesday Evening.....	87
Contributions.....	\$7,102.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,737.56

### PRAYER LIST

**Linda Wesbrooks; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles**, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; **Jim Sweeney; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; 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.

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