

NO ONE CAME

Suppose you planned a big party and invited the whole community. You invited all of your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy an afternoon of food and fun. On the week of the party, you began to prepare by cleaning the house and the yard. You rented tables and chairs, you even put up a big tent so your guests would be comfortable in the shade. You cleaned the grill and got the ice in the coolers, then headed off to the store to pick up the food and supplies. On the day of the party, you got up early and began to get ready for your guests to arrive. You've got meat on the grill and made all the side dishes and desserts. You've set up the sound system for music and placed the yard games out. You've worked hard and now everything is ready and your guests should begin arriving at any minute. But then, you start getting text messages and voicemails from your guests who begin making excuses to why they won't be coming to your party. As time for the event to begin comes and goes, no guests arrive with the exception of a couple of elderly neighbors who sit quietly sipping on sweet tea. "No one came," you say to yourself as you think about all of the time, preparation and cost that went into the party that wasn't. How would you feel?

Each and every week our Bible class teachers and preachers work diligently preparing lessons, visuals, class material, and devotionals for you and your family's spiritual benefit, and there is nothing more disappointing than preparing to teach a class that is empty. Think of how discouraging that would be. Before you know it, that classroom will no longer be used, that event will never take place again, or that chance of evangelism will soon be gone. In **Luke 14**, Jesus told a similar story of a man who prepared a great feast, however when it came time for the feast to begin, the guests began to make excuses why they couldn't come.

In **Luke 14:16-24**, we read "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of

the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.'

The invited guests used their personal possessions, business dealings, and family obligations as excuses as to why they could not come to the feast that was prepared just for them. The master of the house became angry and invited others to come and enjoy the great supper. But he also stated that those who were initially invited would never sit at his table again. The freedom and opportunity to come together for worship, Bible study, and fellowship with the Lord's church is such a blessing and should never be taken for granted. When we make a deliberant decision to place other things before the Lord's service, we commit modern day idolatry, refusing to take advantage of God's blessings, even though we may think we have a "good excuse", when in truth, there is no such thing as a good excuse.

Next time that you think that one event is not that important or that you will not be missed at the next service or Bible class, think about that person who spent considerable time preparing that lesson or getting that opportunity put together just for you! Because, if you are not involved, those opportunities may soon end. **1 Peter 4:9-10** says, "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace". If we refuse to show up or be involved, we are not only missing out on opportunities ourselves but we are also keeping our fellow brothers and sisters from truly being able to use their gifts and abilities that God has given them.

Andrew Spivey

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone.

Ephesians. 2:19-20

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – I Peter 5

Wednesday Read – II Peter 1-2

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of

1 Peter 3& 4.

1. How should wives and husbands treat each other?
2. How should we act if we want "to love life and see good days?"
3. What symbol does Noah's ark represent?
4. How does God want us to use our gifts?
5. How should we love each other and what happens when we love as God wants us to love?

TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

Youth, Grades 6 and up are encouraged to attend TNT on **Tuesday, August 2nd** beginning at **7:00 PM**. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium for anyone who would like to help TNT by providing snacks or a light meal. Please sign your name by the date you are willing to provide food.

CLEARVIEW MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, August 13th 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
"Making a Difference" at the Clearview Church of Christ, Cottontown, TN.

NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF PREACHING AND BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Fall 2022 session of Nashville School of Preaching will begin August 22, 2022 and conclude November 17, 2022.

For more information please go to:
crievehall.org/grow/nashville-school-of-preaching

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:4-5

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

July 31, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby

WEDNESDAY

August 3, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Lee Boone
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pat Watson

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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

Allyn Hosman is recovering from hip replacement surgery at home and doing well. **Bill Johnson** continues with health issues. **Rachel Goode**, friend of Carl & Pam Newby has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ronald Milliken**, husband of Helen Milliken, received good news, his cancer has shrunk and now will only have a shot every 3 months for 2 years. **Steven Simmons**, son of Charles and Fay Simmons, continues to recover from back surgery. **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato has recovered from hip surgery but continues with health issues. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Craig Sweeney**, son of Doris Sweeney, hopes to qualify for a new treatment. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Eva Petty; **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; **Paul Bouchard**, uncle of Amy Williamson, **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 322; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill**; **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.....	100
Morning Worship.....	154
Sunday Evening.....	87
Wednesday Evening.....	67
Contribution.....	\$7,896.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$2,991.00

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