

July 29, 2021

### TERMITES

This week has been quite a busy one for Taylor and myself. We have finally taken on the long overdue task of renovating our bathroom. Of course, our house is an old ranch style house that was built back in 1962, and I don't think the bathroom went through many, if any renovations since it was first built. Now we have known since we moved in that the toilet seems slightly crooked and the floor seemed a little lower than it should in certain spots. But it's an old house. These things happen. Besides, I have heard many people say that it is good to find an old house because you know that they have "good bones."

If houses have bones, I think mine has osteoporosis. Once the tile came off the walls and floor, the causes of the sinking toilet and uneven floor became evident, termites. What we found was old termite damage that had never been fixed. The termites had eaten up a floor joist along with one of the wall studs, leaving the whole floor to slowly sink in. If we had not have found it and replaced it, we could have easily been taking a shower one day and the floor just simply fall in.

But there were major clues of that extensive damage. Aside from the slight offsets of a few things, I would have never thought the problem was that bad. The tile still looked good and the walls looked fine. But our house had been eaten from the inside out. It reminds me of what Jesus taught in **Matthew 23:27-28** when He said, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." The problem that the Pharisees had was that they had spiritual termites eating away at the core of their soul. When that happens, things can look all good on the outside, but can have it all falling apart on the inside.

Jesus showed them some of these spiritual termites throughout Matthew 23 as well. In **Matthew 23:25-26**, Jesus said, "Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean." Some of the spiritual termites that the Pharisees had were those of greed and self-indulgence. They were

seeking pleasure for themselves instead of being willing to sacrifice pleasure to help others. We too can be guilty of the same thing. Being a "convenient Christian" will only lead to spiritual termites.

Going back even further, in **Matthew 23:23-24**, it reads "Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!" They were so caught up in keeping with the material things that they had forgotten the deeper, and much more important, spiritual matters. Are we guilty of the same sometimes? We want everything to look good and look proper and then completely neglect the spiritual importance. Jesus said in **John 4:24**, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." This is a passage that many of us might be familiar with, but do we make sure that there is a balance of both? Paul warned in 2 Timothy 3 that in the last days, it would be difficult. He explained how people would become self centered and heartless. How people would be without self-control and would desire pleasure over God. In **2 Timothy 3:5**, Paul says that people will be, "having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power."

These are things that we should consider daily in our Christian walk with God. Do we praise God but then decide not to pray because we don't see a point? Do we try to make the building presentable for new people and returning members and then gossip about those very people? Do we have the mindset of what can God do for me over what can I do for God? Do we have spiritual termites? In order to find out, break off some of that outer wall. Let God's word chisel to your core and make sure that your foundation is solid. "So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. (**Ephesians 2:19-22**)

Andrew Spivey

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Matthew 24:1-28

Wednesday Read – Matthew 24:29-51

#### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of Matthew 23 & Mark 12:41-44; John 12:20-50

1. Why did the Jewish leaders wear tassels and phylacteries?
2. Who did Jesus say was the greatest?
3. To what did Jesus compare the Jewish leaders?
4. Why did Jesus say the poor widow had cast more into the treasury?
5. How did Jesus glorify God?

#### TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

The next TNT is **Tuesday August 10<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.

#### RESTORED

**Chuck Maxey** came forward Sunday asking to be restored to the church. We rejoice with him in his decision to become faithful again. Chuck would also like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and especially the prayers everyone has said on his behalf.

#### THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful plant sent to my mother's funeral and for the many cards and prayers offered during her illness and subsequent passing.  
In Christian Love, **Don Wilson**

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL  
FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN  
MERCY  
Matthew 5:7

### ORDER OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

August 1, 2021

9:00 AM

#### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....	Kenneth Smith
Opening Prayer.....	Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey

#### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....	Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....	Kenneth Smith
Opening Prayer.....	Tim Cummins
Sermon.....	Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....	David Thompson
Closing Prayer.....	Bob Brown
Ushers.....	B. Sever/L. Clark

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....	Andrew Spivey
Song Leader.....	Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....	L. J. Kreynus
Sermon.....	Colby Rowlett
Lord's Supper.....	Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....	Adam Williamson

#### WEDNESDAY

August 4, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....	Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....	Kenneth Smith
Opening Prayer.....	Jerry Watson
Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....	Lee Boone
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....	Sue Kloes

#### 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

Charles & Fay Simmons are both having health issues. Please keep them both in your prayers. Bob & Wanda Gregory are both having health issues and tests done. Bill Johnson continues to do well. Vicky Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is in Skyline in serious condition. 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.



### 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.

### 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.....	115
Morning Worship.....	182
Sunday Evening.....	105
Wednesday Evening.....	81
Contributions.....	\$7,883.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,792.61

### Elders

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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

### Deacons

Carl Newby Brent Smith  
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