

### A DETERMINED PATH

There once was a weary traveler who had a difficult decision to make. Through his travel in the wintery snow, he had come upon the bank of a river. The problem was that there was no bridge to cross. The stream was covered with ice, but the man feared that the ice may not be strong enough to support his weight. He looked around the bank for a while, but couldn't find anything to form some sort of bridge. He walked up and down the bank but couldn't find any place where the river seemed narrower than it did from the original path. Therefore, after debating with himself what to do, he decided to get on his hands and knees and crawl across the ice. He slowly began his journey, inching his way across, listening closely for any noises that might alert there is danger. He heard nothing until he made it to the middle of the river. However, the noise wasn't that of cracking ice or rushing water underneath. It was the sound of... whistling. As the whistling began to get louder, he turned around to see a sleigh filled with coal and hauled by a team of 4 horses barreling towards the icy river. As if it were nothing, the man drove his sleigh out over the ice and made it to the other side, but not without smiling and tipping his hat to the traveler on all fours, crawling across the river.

I am sure that we have all been in the same position as the traveler at some point. After all, many of the challenges that we face in our lives are usually not worth the amount of worry that we put into it. **Philippians 4:6-7** says, "do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Faith in God is simply the most effective way to not worry. Jesus taught the same thing in **Matthew 6:25-34**, when He explained that instead of worrying, all we need to do is "seek first the kingdom of God". However, is that really the source of the problem of our worry?

Many times when we have worries and anxieties in our lives, we tend to look into these passages, but that works about the same as stopping hunger by just reading a menu. The real problem that causes worry in our lives is being indecisive. Many of the times that we worry is because we are sitting at a riverbank of indecision, instead of being determined and sure in our thoughts and actions. **Psalms 37:5** says, "Commit your way to the

LORD; trust in Him, and He will act." Also **Proverbs 16:3** says, "Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established." Scripture shows over and over that those who are resolute and determined triumph. Scripture also shows that for those who live in indecision will suffer in many ways.

Think of the 12 spies of Israel in **Numbers 13-14**. Because of the indecision of 10 of them, they did not get to enter the promised land. However, for the few that were determined in their faith, they were blessed with being able to enter the land. One of those was Joshua, and his determination reflected his firm resolve time and time again. When Joshua addressed the nation in **Joshua 24:15**, he charged them with being just as determined saying, "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Are we determined to make right decisions and act upon them or are we constantly unsure, and straddling the fence on whether or not to do what God commands us to do? (**Revelation 3:16**) When it comes to participating in worship, studying the Bible, or obeying the gospel and becoming baptized, are we determined to do what was right? The Philippian jailer was determined to obey the gospel when he was taught by Paul and Silas and "he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God." (**Acts 16:34**) The Ethiopian eunuch was determined to be baptized into Christ and obey the gospel as well when taught by Philip, and he "went on his way rejoicing." (**Acts 8:39**) Will you be as determined in your decisions to actively follow God's plan? I assure you, you will be glad you did. **Andrew Spivey**



### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Luke 22:24-30  
 Wednesday Read – John 13:1-38; Mark 14:22-25

#### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **Matthew 25 & Matthew 26:1-5,14-16; Mark 14:12-17**.

1. Why were the five foolish virgins considered foolish?
2. What did the five talent man, the two talent man and the one talent man do with their talents?
3. What happened to the people who served others and the people who did not serve others at judgment day?
4. How much did the chief priests offer Judas to deliver Jesus to them?
5. Where did Jesus' disciples prepare for the Passover feast?

#### NEW ADDRESS

**Bernice Hall** has moved and her new address is 1056 Vinings Blvd., Gallatin TN 37066. Please be sure to add this address to your church directory.

#### SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to the family of **Terry Porter** who passed away Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>. His son, **Ronnie Porter**, is the son-in-law to JoAnn Williamson. Graveside only services were held. Sympathy cards may be sent to **Ronnie & Kim Porter**, 101 Hearthstone Court, Portland, TN 37148

A come & go **BABY SHOWER** to honor **Andrew & Taylor Spivey** will be held Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the home of Austin & Jesse Pernell, 1109 Inneswood Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066. Andrew & Taylor are registered at <https://www.babylist.com> and [Target](#)

*Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*  
 Matthew 5:9

### ORDER OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

August 15, 2021  
 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.....Lee Boone  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown  
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins  
 Ushers.....B. Sever/L. Clark

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale  
 Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

### WEDNESDAY

August 18, 2021  
 7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith  
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Linda Cherry

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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

**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. **Ann Beska**, neighbor of Mattie Carter & Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious 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. **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

**Eric Stephenson; Ricky Cantrell; 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.....	107
Morning Worship.....	153
Sunday Evening.....	94
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contributions.....	\$6,665.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,553.64

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