

Your Deepest Desire

Imagine that you stumbled upon a magic lamp. You began to polish it and out popped your own personal genie who promises to provide you with anything in the world you desire right now. What would you ask for? I would imagine money would be a big one on anyone's mind. You could pay off your house or even buy a bigger one. You could help your family and friends with financial problems. The list could continue on and on when it comes to wishing for wealth. Maybe you might wish for good health. That would be great wouldn't it? All of your health problems could just vanish away. No more doctor visits or medications. No more strict diets. Maybe wishing for good health would be very beneficial. Maybe you would wish for happiness. With all the struggles going on in this day and age, happiness may seem easier to wish for than trying to find. There was actually a worldwide poll of young adults a few years back that revealed happiness was the number one goal in life.

Now I am sure that you are thinking that it is all great to pretend but this would never happen. This only exists in Disney movies. But what if I were to tell you that there was a man who had such a choice offered to him. Now, he didn't find a magic lamp and he didn't have some fictitious genie pop out to grant him a wish. Instead, his wish came from God. This event starts in a place called Gibeon. A young man who was the son of a great king had recently lost his father and was now in charge of the kingdom. So he went to Gibeon. **2 Chronicles 1:6-7** says, "And Solomon went up there to the bronze altar before the Lord, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

Imagine that for a moment. Solomon has gone forth and given this offering and God appears and says, "Ask me for anything and I will give it to you". So what did Solomon do? **2 Chronicles 1:10-12** says, "Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?" God answered Solomon, "Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked for possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked for long life, but have asked for wisdom and

knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like."

Because Solomon desired wisdom from God over anything else in the world, wisdom and much more was given to him. And throughout Solomon's life, of all the things that he was given by God, do you know what he found as the most important? Solomon says in **Proverbs 16:16** "How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver." If Godly wisdom is that important, shouldn't we be seeking it more often? Shouldn't we desire it more than anything else in the world? In our society today, we can easily seek wisdom from the wrong people. We seek wisdom from family and friends. We seek it from political leaders and college professors. But how often are we seeking it from God? After all, **1 Corinthians 3:19** says, "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God."

If we want to truly find health, wealth, and happiness, then the only way we will ever find such is with God's wisdom. If you don't believe me, just look at what His wisdom promises us. If it is health you are seeking, how does eternal life sound? **Romans 6:23** says "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." if it is wealth you want, how about a treasure that is always protected? **Matthew 6:19-21** says, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Finally if you are looking for happiness, how about a true joy that last for all eternity? **Revelation 21:4** says, "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away"

So how do we gain all this? Through the wisdom of God, and what does His wisdom tell us? **1 Peter 3:21** says, "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ". Also **Revelation 2:10b** says "Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Have you followed

the wisdom of God? Are you currently following it now? If not, all you need to do is ask. (**James 1:5**)

Andrew Spivey

BIBLE CHALLENGE

We want to encourage everyone to continue to do their daily Bible reading and send in how many chapters you read to the office for us to record for our daily updates. *Considering how fast we have exceeded our previous goals, let us make the next goal be 3,000! Chapters read to date: 3,000*

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Bob & Evelyn Harris** on the passing of Bob's brother, **James Harris** on August 17th. Arrangements are pending.

WAS IT "PSALM" ?

1. Their throat is an ____ with their tongue they speak deceit. **Psalm 5:9**
2. Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is _____. **Psalm 8:1**
3. ... My God is my rock in whom _____ . **Psalm 18:2**
4. Remember not the sins of _____. **Psalm 25:6**
5. The voice of the Lord is ____; the voice of the Lord is _____. **Psalm 29:4**
6. ____ and see that the Lord is good. **Psalm 34:8**
7. Sing to the Lord a _____, for he has done marvelous _____. **Psalm 98:19**
8. They repay me evil for ____ and hatred for my _____. **Psalm 109:5**
9. I lift up my eyes to the ____ where does my ____ come from? **Psalm 121:1**
10. Your word, O Lord, is ____; it stands firm in the _____. **Psalm 119:89**

Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

I Chronicles 29:13

WORSHIP SERVICES

We have begun holding Sunday morning worship service. We have two Sunday morning services. If your last name begins with A-L, we ask that you come to the 9:00 am. service. For those whose last name begins with M-Z, we ask that you come to the 11:00 am service.

We have begun Wednesday Bible Study in the auditorium for all ages at 7:00 pm.

No classes will be held anywhere else in the building.

We will still need to follow the new guidelines for social distancing and the wearing of masks.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

August 23, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby
 Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Tim Strickland
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Eric Stephenson
 Closing Prayer.....Chuck Norton

WEDNESDAY,

August 26, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Tim Strickland
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

SICK LIST

Alex & Wanda Sherrill are home with the covid-19. Prayers requested. Faye Britt will have surgery again in September. Carol Kidd began a new medication for a medical condition. Gerald Miles is now at the Waters in Gallatin for rehab. Allyn Hosman is home and doing well. Donna Jennings has begun her radiation and chemo treatments. Jim Sweeney is home now on home health. Robert Williamson continues treatments for lung cancer. Cora Mayes-Barron, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Danny Lowe, cousin of Linda Cherry has been diagnosed with cancer. Jimmie Fleetwood friend of Jim Huffman is having health issues and asking for prayers. Annalee Burchett, six yr old granddaughter of Jerry Burchett (the minister at Hartsville church of Christ), has been diagnosed with leukemia. Austin Davidson, brother of Montana Elliott, has been diagnosed with mycosis fungoides. Beth Smith, sister-in-law to Bernice, Frances, Jean & Mary Ann, is now taking immunotherapy. Craig Sweeney, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. John Arnold, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



PRAYER LIST

Bob Harris; J.H. & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Jean Deaton; Ron & Anna Radish; Donna Holmes, daughter of Eva Petty; Melvin Stephenson, father of Eric Stephenson; Wade & Wanda Kennedy, parents of Diona Stephenson; Bob Wall, friend of Betty Johnson; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Will Flowers, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. Dana Loveless, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; Zachery Simmons, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; Elias Benjamin Simmons, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; Jane Huffard, friend of Carl & Pam Newby; Lester Sparks, father of Rachel Mayes; Debbie Sparks, sister of Rachel Mayes; Lawrence Redding, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale;

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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. We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Bill & Jane Dunn; 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; Jean Thurman, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9am.....	70
Morning Worship 11am.	57
Wednesday Evening.....	56
Contributions.....	\$6,668.98
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,379.92

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