

Peace Maker or Peace Faker?

What is the first thing that you think of when you hear the word content? For me, my mind tends to go two places. One is sitting on the beach watching the ocean. Hearing those waves, and feeling that sea breeze bring me back to my childhood. I can sit there and imagine my brother and I playing in the waves and diving to collect shells. Another is being out in the woods early in the morning. I love early spring turkey season for this reason. It is one of the most amazing things to hear the sounds of nature waking from sleep all around you and to hear the forest come to life. As you might notice, both of these are beautiful and special to me, but are they examples of me being content?

In **Philippians 4:11-12**, Paul says, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need." In this passage, we can begin to notice that content is not a state of being but something we must practice and actively work towards. The reason I think of the beach and the forest when I think of myself being content is because in those places it is easy for me to be at peace. However, this world is not a place where we can easily find peace and contentment anywhere. This is why God calls for us to be peacemakers.

Contentment can only come if you make yourself peaceful even in the worst of times. The reward for being a peacemaker is wonderful as well. **Matthew 5:9** tells us that those who make peace in their lives will be blessed and will be called children of God. With a reward of being known as a child of God, you can imagine that it can be quite challenging to become a peacemaker. Peacemakers play an active role in making peace not only with themselves but with others. In order to be a peacemaker, we must be forgiving, kind, and gentle even with those who are ungrateful and shameful. When we begin to consider others greater than ourselves, we will begin to find it easier to forgive and treat others with kindness.

Unfortunately, many times we end up becoming peace fakers instead of peacemakers. We want to act like we are content and everything is great when in truth we are spiritually struggling. We act like we want peace with others, but we are not willing to humble ourselves and be merciful to others. **Luke 6:27-31**

says, "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Sometimes the greatest enemy that is robbing us of being content is ourselves. This can cause us to not reflect the love of Christ on others because we do not see the love of Christ in ourselves.

In order to be at peace and to be content in all struggles of life, it requires a willingness to show mercy to others. Think of it like gang violence. Retaliating against someone who wronged you will only create more violence. The reason for this is because as soon as one gang retaliates, the other now believes it has the right to retaliate. The only way for violence to end is for someone to decide they will not retaliate.

As brothers and sisters in Christ we need to actively work to encourage one another and build each other up (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**). We need to talk to one another about our struggles and pray for each other to have contentment in the turmoil of life (**James 5:16**). Finally we need to learn how to encourage one another, both inside and outside of Christ, to love and good works (**Hebrews 10:24**). By beginning with these few simple acts around us we can gain one step closer to becoming a true peace maker and learning to truly make ourselves content in every situation.

Andrew Spivey

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Unscramble the common and not-so-common biblical names for God.

1. hhmsgot (2 words) **Genesis 14:18-20**
2. gdjue **Genesis 18:25**
3. ysnictanfoda (3 words) **Daniel 7:9**
4. hdorewt (2 words) **John 1:1**
5. dgeentrlao (2 words) **Genesis 21:33**
6. ndngeadhtngnebieni (4 words) **Revelation 1:8**
7. hhvoaje no verse but easy
8. jbtoniofacpor (3 words) **Jeremiah 10:16**
9. relpefhoasio (3 words) **Jeremiah 14:8**
10. fogtimjcbaohynoe (4 words) **Genesis 49:24**

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read Genesis 35:23-26; 37:1-11

Wednesday: Read Genesis 37: 12-26

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY 

Since we are not having children's Bible classes at this time, we will be putting the scriptures for their lessons in the bulletin each week. There will be two scriptures each week, one for Sunday and one for Wednesday, for your family to study together. Then the next week we will include questions for review about the previous week scriptures.

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 4,000! Chapters read to date: 3,167*

THANK YOU

To Our Nashville Road Family; We want to thank everyone for their out pouring compassion and love shown to the family of James "Chris" Tyler. We thank you for all the food, flowers, cards, phone calls that we have received. We truly love and appreciate our church family. Your generosity was beyond anything we have experienced. In Christian love,

The Tyler and Bell families

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Derrick, Erica and Presley Fitts** on the passing of Derrick's mother, **Debbie Fitts** on Monday August 31st. Funeral was held on September 1st in Centerville TN.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
Psalms 86:11-12

WORSHIP SERVICES

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.

Wednesday Bible Study are held in the auditorium for all ages begins 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

September 13, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
 Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
 Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

WEDNESDAY,

September 16, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
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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

Bob Harris has been placed on Hospice care. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Diane Spitz** is recovering from a knee replacement. **Jo Ann Williamson** had a fall and broke her arm. She is home and doing well. **June Thompson** is home recovering from double knee replacement surgery. **Faye Britt** continues recovering from surgery and is doing well. **Allyn Hosman** is home and doing well. **Donna Jennings** has finished her radiation and chemo treatments. More tests in Sept. to determine any other treatments needed. **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. She has finished her first round of chemo but is home recovering from pneumonia. **Danny Lowe**, cousin of Linda Cherry has been diagnosed with cancer. **Beth Smith**, wife of Kenneth Smith and sister-in-law to Bernice, Frances, Jean & Mary Ann, has been placed on Hospice Care. **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 Diana 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.....	68
Morning Worship 11am.	47
Wednesday Evening.....	42
Contributions.....	\$5,135.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,899.92

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