

THE COMPASSION OF AN OLD COBBLER

There is an old tale about a cobbler who felt that his faith was beginning to waver one winter morning. So early that morning, before the sun came up, he prayed, "O Lord, please visit me today." As soon as he finished praying, he was convinced that Jesus was going to come to his shop that day. When he opened his shop where he made shoes, he stood by the window looking out and expecting Jesus to arrive at any moment. As he was watching, he saw one of his neighbors, an old workman, leaning against his shovel and shivering in the cold. The cobbler opened his door and called to the workman, "Come in and warm yourself with a bowl of soup and a cup of tea!" So the workman came in, they ate and drank, and the cobbler told the workman of the wonderful news that Jesus was coming to his shop that day. After some time passed, the workman was able to return to his work, warmed by the food and drink, and by the cobbler's kindness.

A little while later, the cobbler saw a woman pass by his window. In her arms, she was holding a baby that was loosely wrapped in a thin blanket. The baby was crying from the cold. So the cobbler yanked the door open and called for the woman to come inside and warm herself and her child. When the woman came inside, the cobbler scrounged around looking for a much thicker blanket. As he brought the new blanket to the woman, he explained to her that Jesus was going to come to his shop that day and he was very excited. After some time the woman left, warmed by the cobbler's gift, and by his kindness.

Scenes like that were repeated several times throughout the day, as the cobbler watched and waited for the Lord to come to his humble shop. But night arrived, and still the cobbler watched. Finally, the day came to an end. The cobbler, disappointed, locked his doors and turned down his lamp. What the cobbler in the story had missed was that Jesus had been to his shop more than once that day, and it illustrates a very important truth. God views a compassionate act toward others as being an act of compassion toward Him. In **Matthew 25:40**, as Jesus is explaining the final judgment, He said "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

Unfortunately, many of us forget the importance of compassion towards others. In the story, the cobbler

was doing good for the Lord without even realizing it, but I am afraid in our lives, we are doing quite the opposite. Jesus didn't end what He had to say about judgment with verse 40. In **Matthew 25:45-46**, He explained what will be said to those who did not show compassion on others. It reads, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." God values compassion, and He values it so much that He commands it of us. **Colossians 3:12-13** says, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."

But not only is it important to remember to be compassionate towards others, we must also remember who we are doing it for. We should have compassion on others, not for our own gain but for the sake of spreading the good news about Christ. Paul explained this in **1 Corinthians 9:22-23**, "To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings." As faithful followers of Christ let us make it our goal to show compassion to the world around us, seek opportunities to serve God, and set our goal to bring as many as we can to Christ.
Andrew Spivey

IT'S NOT ALL SUMMER

At the time of the hottest, most humid part of the summer months, the ancient Greeks and Romans saw the appearance of the "Dog Star" Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major (Large Dog). Thus, they called them the "Dog Days of Summer" and knew that summer's time was limited and soon it would be cooling off.

It is wonderful that we serve a God that has purposed different times, seasons, and occasions in our lives. It's not all summer. It's not all fall or winter. It's not all good, but it's also not all bad. His will is that we seek to know Him better no matter what time in our life. How have you purposed in the dog days to deepen your relationship with Him? He is the one that will never change and will always be good (James 1:17).
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COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read Genesis 41:1-36

Wednesday: Read Genesis 41:37-57

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #3

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.

Questions for Reading of week #2 from Genesis 39& 40

- 1. Did Joseph suffer because he told the truth?**
- 2. Did Joseph accuse God for his hardships?**
- 3. Did Joseph remain faithful to God through all his hardships?**
- 4. What was the butler's dream?**
- 5. What was the baker's dream?**

WORSHIP SERVICE

We have begun Sunday evening worship at 5:00 p.m. We will still continue with the two services on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m.

We need to continue to follow the guidelines for wearing a mask and social distancing. We will also continue sanitizing after each service.

CAME FORWARD

Melanie McCreary came forward Sunday evening and asking for prayers and encouragement from the church. Let's keep Melanie in our prayers and give encouragement.

THANK YOU

I appreciate the calls, cards, and encouragement following my recent surgery. It's great to know that you have the support of a church family during these difficult times. I should be fully released by the doctors soon and look forward to seeing everyone.

Allyn Hosman

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic. Psalm 29:4**

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

September 27, 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.....Brent Smith

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jerry Watson
Closing Prayer.....Chuck Norton

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY,

September 30, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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

Church Office.....615-452-3431

FACING TRIALS;

...you are lonely;

"I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (John 14:18, also: Psalm 9:10, 68:5-6).

...you are depressed.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7; Isaiah 53:4-5; Psalm 28:7)

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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 another MRI has been done and now waiting on results. **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; **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.....	62
Morning Worship 11am.....	73
Sunday Evening.....	50
Wednesday Evening.....	45
Contributions.....	\$8,662.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,172.61

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