

October 14, 2021

USE YOUR SKILL

We have quite a busy week coming up, here at Nashville Road. We have the great opportunity to hear wonderful lessons from God’s word, presented by Mike Tidwell and Hugh Fulford on Sunday through Wednesday. Then, we have the opportunity to both fellowship together and reach out and meet people in our community with Trunk or Treat on Thursday night. With all that we have going on, I would like to encourage all of us to try our best to be involved in every part of it. I have heard it said that the definition of stewardship is loving God with our time, talent, and treasure and we have a great opportunity to do that this week. **1 Peter 4:10** says, “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace:” but how often do we use our gifts and abilities to truly serve others?

We tend to put a guideline on the gifts and abilities that God gives us and never use them to their full potential. Many times, we can begin to think that if we can’t speak to crowds, quote entire chapters of scripture from memory, or sing in perfect key and harmony, then obviously we don’t have any “spiritual gifts.” However, that couldn’t be further from the truth. There are gifts that God has blessed you with right now that can be used to grow the kingdom of God, even if you don’t think so. For example, think back to when Israel was in the wilderness. In Exodus 25 through 27, God begins giving the commands of how to build the Tabernacle and all the items in it. Then, God begins giving the commands of the priests’ garments. In **Exodus 28:2-3**, it reads, “And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron’s garments to consecrate him for my priesthood.”

Of the nation of Israel there were people with all different trades and skills. Of these different talents, there were those who were good at carpentry, metalwork, textiles, and...carving names on stones. That almost seems more like it would be a hobby than an actual skill, but God said that He gave them this talent, and they were able to use it for God’s glory. With their skill of engraving, they were able to engrave the names of the sons of Israel on two stones. These two stones would be placed in gold settings and put on the shoulders of the ephod for the high priest to wear. These stones along with the stones of the breastplate were to symbolize the priest’s work of interceding and representing the people of Israel

before God. The ephod was a symbol of the people of Israel and their sins. **Exodus 28:12** explains how Aaron was to bear the names on his shoulders as a memorial before the Lord. They were a part of the ritual the Israelites had to do to communicate to God, both to worship and make atonement for their sins. These were very important to God and to Israel, and God had given people the talent to make them.

When I think of this moment in Exodus and the people with that skill, it reminds me of how many of us view our skills and talents today. I can imagine an Israelite slave in Egypt who is carving cartouche’s and Egyptian names in various pieces of stone and jewelry, wondering if this is all that their life is going to be. Not realizing that this was a talent that God had given them and a talent that God would require in the future. Today, we no longer need a high priest with an ephod to approach God. Fortunately, we have Jesus, the great high priest. **Hebrews 4:15-16** says, “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” However, that doesn’t change the fact that God still blesses us with talents and abilities to be used for Him. Maybe it is simply the skill of being able to listen to people, or the ability to give a genuine complement. Maybe you are artistic and can use your art as a conversation point to talk about God’s love and Jesus’ sacrifice. Maybe it is the ability to make children smile and bring them a joy that inspires them to seek eternal joy in Christ. Those abilities are gifts from God and they are gifts to be treasured and used for His glory. But no matter what that gift, talent, or skill is, unless you work to be involved and use it, it is worthless. "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away." **Matthew 25:29**
Andrew Spivey

SYMPATHY

Our love and prayers to Ken and Brenda Veale on the loss of their brother-in-law Shannon Schuhart. His funeral will be October 23rd @ 4:00 pm. at the Saylor Funeral Home in Chincoteague, VA

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Acts 4
Wednesday Read – Acts 5

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of **Acts 2 and Acts 3.**

1. What special day was it?
2. What filled each apostle and what was over each of their heads?
3. Who preached and what did he tell them to do?
4. How many people became Christians that day?
5. What did the lame man expect Peter and John to give him and what did they do for him?

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear church family, I wanted to tell you how I truly appreciate all your acts of love and kindness in the passing of my sweet son. Nothing soothes a weary soul and heavy heart like the prayers that surround and the support that only those who truly trust in the Lord can bring. I thank Him daily for my safe haven of this place. You are all a shelter & strength in times of trouble. In Christian Love,
Susan Jennings

FALL SERIES

**Nashville Road Church of Christ
1883 Nashville Road
Gallatin, TN**

**Sunday, October 17-Wednesday,
October 20, 2021**

Theme: Step Out of the Crowd.
Speakers: Mike Tidwell and Hugh Fulford.



ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

October 17, 2021

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Jerry Watson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Mike Tidwell
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman
Ushers.....D. Fitts/C. Suddarth

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Sermon.....Mike Tidwell
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Jonathan Senn

WEDNESDAY

October 20, 2021

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lesson.....Mike Tidwell
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

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

Shelby Ross in Hendersonville hospital. **Wanda Seals** is in Skyline Medical Center, Room 505, after a fall. **J.H. & Frances Catron** are at home on hospice care. **Ilene Kinney** has returned to NHC. **Bob & Wanda Gregory** are both having health issues. **Demar Elam** is home recovering from hip surgery. **Vicky Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato, is at Centennial and has improved some. **Art Vernon**, nephew of JoAnn Williamson, is home but not doing well. **Laura Irwin** sister of Julie Cummins is doing some better. **Ty Tyler**, son of Ann Tyler, continues with serious health issues. **Ron Kloes** step son of Sue Kloes, stage 4 lung cancer. **Allen Plunk**, cousin of Donna Jennings, colon cancer that has spread to his liver. **Ronnie Love**, cousin of Pam Newby, bone cancer. **Donny Pedigo**, friend of Tim Cummins, stage 4 cancer. **Jerry Ladd, Sr.** 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

Sandi Jones; Demar Elam; 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; Ben Mayberry**, brother-in-law to Frances, Bernice, Jean, Kenneth & Mary Ann; **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.....	83
Morning Worship.....	120
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	69
Contributions.....	\$5,508.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$8,625.69

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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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