

October 15, 2020

The Day to Anticipate

It is starting to be my favorite time of the year. I have always loved fall and winter. As a child, I loved Halloween, not just because you get to dress up and get candy, but because I knew the next holiday was Thanksgiving. I also loved Thanksgiving, not simply because I got to eat all the turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes I wanted, but because I knew the next holiday was Christmas. I still love all of these holidays and this time of the year, but as a child, before I looked at calendars I can remember waking up each day of fall asking if it was time to celebrate.

You know, it was always disappointing when you find out that it isn't the holiday yet as a child. The days would seem to drag so slow and a month might as well been a decade. Now days, I feel as though I just took down the Christmas tree and it is already almost Halloween. I guess that is part of being a child though. The anticipation builds you up a little more each day until it is time.

When I think about this, I am astonished at how closely it relates to us being a child of God. As children of God we are supposed to be looking for the day of Christ's return, but we can grow weary of waiting. Just as I would continually ask my mother if "today was the day", we tend to do the same, and just as my parents would encourage me to be patient, God does the same to us. **James 5:7** says, "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." It is easy for us to become tired of waiting or even dull of hearing about it, but it is a day that we must always be anticipating. Even during the first century, there were some who were growing tired of waiting and even being mocked and scoffed at because of it. **2 Peter 3:4** says, "They will say, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Often, we are quick to come to that mindset. Just as we do with holidays as grownups, we begin to no longer anticipate the day as we once did. We become content with the world how it is around us and forget the urgency that is needed when it comes to saving

those who are lost. When Jesus said, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." In Matthew 18:3, I wonder if part of that was keeping the mindset of anticipation. After all, we know the reason that this earth is still continuing. **2 Peter 3:9** says, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." How can anyone come to repentance without us first showing them the importance of living for Christ. How could anyone come to Christ without us sharing with them the good news about His loving sacrifice.

Is today the day? We simply don't know, but it is a question we should be asking ourselves more and more. **Romans 13:11-12** says, "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." We may not know what day Judgment day will come, but we do know that we are a day closer than we were before. Are you ready? Are you waiting for it with anticipation or fear? I wouldn't wait till tomorrow to try and find out. **Andrew Spivey**

TRUST
IN THE LORD
FOREVER FOR THE
LORD IS
EVERLASTING
STRENGTH.
ISAIAH 26:4

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read **Genesis 46**
Wednesday: Read **Genesis 47**

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #6

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 the Reading of week #5 -Genesis 44 & 45

1. What was in Benjamin's sack?
2. What was Benjamin's punishment for taking the cup?
3. Who wanted to take Benjamin's place?
4. What was the brother's reaction when Joseph told them who he was?
5. Why did Joseph say he was sent to Egypt?

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual **Trunk or Treat** has been moved to **Tuesday, October 27th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** The children will be able to go from trunk to trunk for the treats. No food will be provided this year. If you would like to donate candy, please bring to the church office. Please let the office know if you would like to decorate your car and hand out candy during Trunk or Treat.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pat Crump has moved to a new apartment in the same complex. Her new apartment number is now # 20.

Matt & Olivia Ellis have moved to 1040B Pinehurst Drive, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

CELEBRATE

James Harris a former minister here at Nashville Road, will be 92 years young on October 24th. If you would like to send him a birthday card, it would be deeply appreciated. His address is 222 Mallory Station Rd. Franklin TN 37067.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

October 18, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

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

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Jonathan Senn

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY,

October 21, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
Church Office.....615-452-3431

FACING TRIALS;

...you are weak;

"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength"

(Isaiah 40:29; also Psalm 18:32;

Ephesians 6:10)

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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

Robert Williamson is at Sumner Regional recovering from a stroke. **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. **Faye Britt** continues recovering from surgery and is doing well. **Allyn Hosman** is home and doing well. **Donna Jennings** latest MRI shows no new growth of tumor. **Jim Sweeney** is home now on home health. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has finished her second round of chemo. **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

Jan Fulford; Bob Harris; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Jean Deaton; Ron & Anna Radish; Donna Holmes, daughter of Eva Petty; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. **Dana Loveless**, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; **Danny Lowe** cousin of 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; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey;

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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.....	61
Morning Worship 11am.....	55
Sunday Evening.....	50
Wednesday Evening.....	56
Contributions.....	\$5,375.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,424.34

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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