

HOW ARE YOU DOING IN SECRET?

I am amazed at how much the ability of news has changed when it comes to telling of an event. Not because the news has really done anything, but because we have smart phones. For example, on November 22, 1963, as President Kennedy was traveling through Dallas, Texas when he was assassinated. Of all the people there, and as big a deal as it is for the president to drive by, there are only 4 known home videos of the event. In contrast, on August 4 of this year, there was a massive explosion in Beirut that was completely unexpected. In order to try to figure out what happened, the New York Times reporters reviewed more than 70 videos that happened to capture the blast. What all is going on, on a Tuesday, in Beirut that more than 70 people just happened to be filming in that direction.

You can't deny that it is pretty remarkable how much smart phones have changed reporting. When crisis happens, or when a public figure emerges, someone takes out their phone and starts videoing. Soon it is placed on social media and spread across the world. That conversation that was supposed to be private between two world leaders is now leaked and the world really knows what they think. It seems as if there are no secrets anymore. Even smart home devices, like Amazon Alexa and Google Home, have been known to listen in on conversations. But there is a greater problem than all of this.

In **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** we read, "The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil." Look carefully at what is said, every work and every secret thing will be brought forth on judgment. We see also in **Revelation 20:12** that "the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done."

Think about the possibility of what all happens in the "privacy" of homes across America. A couple gets into an argument and voices are raised. Things are said out of anger and begin to sound abusive and out of line. And it is all easily captured on a phone or smart device. Imagine what a husband or wife could do if they had captured that moment on video? What if that outburst of anger was no longer hidden? What

if that happened to you? I would imagine that if you were in this situation, and you had known that you were being recorded, you probably wouldn't have said the things you said. Imagine how others might view you if that footage got out.

Now think of the times in your past where you have done something similar, whether it was speaking out of anger, or doing something you shouldn't because no one is around. You thought it was all over when you left the room. Maybe you were whispering gossip and hateful words about a fellow brother or sister in Christ and you thought that it stayed between you and that other person. You were wrong. Heaven's phone captured it. But there is good news. Just as with a smart phone, those captured moments can be deleted. **Hebrews 4:12-13** says, "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." The same word of God that we are judged by says we can "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out," (**Acts 3:19**). **1 John 1:7** also says, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

If we are able to repent and walk in the light of Christ, then we can have forgiveness of sins. That begins with being baptized into the death of Christ and rising up as a new child of God. We must also remember that it is not only the secret sins and evils that we do that are recorded, but the secret good things that we do as well. In Matthew 6, Jesus teaches us about giving, praying, and fasting in secret and He continually reminds us that our "Father who sees in secret will reward you." (**Matthew 6:18**) We also see in **Matthew 25:31-46** about judgment day. Jesus tells us that He will separate people "as a shepherd separates sheep from goats". He tells us that by visiting the sick and those in prison, giving the hungry food, the thirsty something to drink, and giving those who are naked clothes to wear, is the same as if we are doing so to Christ (**Matthew 25:40**). Never forget that God knows it all, all the good and all the evil. Heaven is recording. What is it recording in your life?

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read Daniel 1
Wednesday: Read Daniel 2

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #8

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 # 7-Genesis 48-50

1. Who did Jacob say would be the greater of Joseph's sons—Manasseh or Ephraim?
2. What did Jacob tell Joseph God would do for Joseph?
3. What did Jacob mean when he said, "The scepter will not depart from Judah."
4. What did Joseph tell his brothers when they asked forgiveness for how they treated him?
5. How old was Joseph when he died?

SYMPATHY

A memorial service will be held for **Jimmye Fleetwood** at Crestview Funeral Home on Saturday, October 31st from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Jimmye was the wife of Al Fleetwood, former business partner of **Jim Huffman**.

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.
Proverbs 18:24

TIME CHANGES
SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1st
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
1 HOUR



ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

November 1, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

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

11:00 AM SERVICE

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

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY,

November 4, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
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 face persecution;

"Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not" (Romans 12:14; also: 2 Timothy 3:12; 1 Corinthians 4:12-13)

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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 now home. **Gerald Miles** is at Sumner Regional in room 687. **Bob Harris** has been placed on Hospice care. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Faye Britt** continues recovering from surgery and is doing well. **Donna Jennings** latest MRI shows no new growth of tumor. **Jim Sweeney** is home now on home health. **Patty Lowe** a cousin to Linda Cherry has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **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; **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.....	66
Morning Worship 11am.....	60
Sunday Evening.....	53
Wednesday Evening.....	50
Contributions.....	\$6,308.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,489.13

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
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