

November 12, 2020

### A Dangerous Appetite

Have you ever eaten so much you thought you were going to explode? I am sure most of us have. I can remember, as a child, thinking that an all you can eat buffet was a challenge. I can't tell you how many nights of regret I have had from trying to eat all the mashed potatoes in the buffet line. But did you know that for some animals that is a real danger?

For example, horses love oats. If a horse eats his fill of oats then all those dry oats start to make him thirsty. Then, with its stomach full of dry oats, the horse will start drinking water. The water causes the oats inside his stomach to expand, just like a bowl of oatmeal, and before long the horse "founders". Basically, all of those carbohydrates the horse ate from those oats causes an overload of undigested sugars and the horse becomes too sick to walk. He may even die if he doesn't get help.

Pretty gruesome, huh? Horses are not the only animals who can do this though. Most all domestic animals have the ability to eat themselves to death. I am sure we have all seen that cat that is shaped like a meatball or the dog that looks like a pot bellied pig because their owner continues to free feed them. It seems that, particularly in domestic animals, they are so used to the dependence of humans rationing their food that when they get their opportunity, they will eat till they drop. It goes without saying that an appetite that's out of control is a dangerous thing.

Obviously, you'd never eat a whole barrel of oats and then drink yourself sick. Sure you might have overeaten at a buffet or during a Thanksgiving dinner, but you wouldn't eat so much that you would just die from it. But you probably do have appetites that can lead to death if you don't control them.

Like your desire for approval and your desire to be loved. That appetite can be quite dangerous. Sure it doesn't start out so bad, but it can get out of hand pretty quick. That desire to fit in or be accepted can soon have you doing things and saying things that you normally wouldn't do or say. Not only that, you begin to avoid doing things that are important to you and you begin to reject potential opportunities because you fear failing your new found friends or because you are afraid that it will cause them to not accept you anymore. You begin to let your desires get the best of you and you begin to lose who you truly are. **1 John 2:16-17** says, "For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its

desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."

God desires us to learn self-control because our appetites and desires can hurt and even destroy us without it. Many people steal things because they can't control their desires. Many get hooked on alcohol and drugs because they can't control their desires. A lot of people get into trouble sexually because they can't control their desires. **1 Peter 1:13-15** says, "Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct." This passage begins by telling us to set our minds for action and exercising self-control. Without it, we can become a victim of our own appetite. **Proverbs 25:28** says, "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." If we do not work on keeping ourselves obedient to God's word and maintaining self-control then we are left open for all kinds of attack.

This is something that everyone of us can fall into, no one is safe. Paul even said in **1 Corinthians 9:27**, "But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified." So how do we keep from becoming disqualified? Well, if we think we can do so alone then we have no chance. However, we have a Heavenly Father who can help us. Just as a domestic animal needs a master to control its appetite, we have a Master who can help us control our appetites of the flesh. **1 Corinthians 10:13** tells us, "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." We also see in **Titus 2:11-12**, it says, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age." That grace was given to us through Jesus. Through Him, we can receive salvation from our worldly appetites and through His teaching and example we can be properly trained to not seek those desires. So listen to what God says. Be self-controlled," and practice saying no to your appetites and desires. Learn to control them instead of letting them control you.

Andrew Spivey

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read - Daniel 5

Wednesday: Read - Daniel 6

### FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #10

Questions for the Reading of week # 9- Daniel 3-4

1. What did King Nebuchadnezzar make for the leaders to worship?

2. What did Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego tell King Nebuchadnezzar about worshipping the idol?

3. Who was in the furnace with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

4. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 4?

5. What happened to King Nebuchadnezzar and why?

We have two Sunday morning services. The first service begins at 9:00 am and the other at 11:00 am. You may now choose which service you would like to attend. We still need to follow the guidelines for social distancing.

### PRAYERS

Rachel Ward a frequent visitor, asked for the prayers from the church with her daily struggles. Please make a point to meet Rachel and keep her in your prayers.

### PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Kenneth & Beth Smith and Jean West (Beth's mother) have decided to place their membership and work under the direction of the elders here at Nashville Road. Kenneth, Beth & Jean live at 138 Cambridge Dr., Unit A-1, Gallatin. Kenneth is also the brother of Bernice Hall, Frances Catron, Jean Law and Mary Ann Reinhart. Beth remains on hospice care at home.

DO EVERYTHING FOR  
THE GLORY OF GOD  
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

November 15, 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.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson  
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Charlie Seals  
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith  
Closing Prayer.....Jonathan Senn

WEDNESDAY,

November 18, 7:00 P.M.

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

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935  
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FACING TRIALS;

...you face death;

"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21; also: 1 Corinthians 15:55).

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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 now at the Waters, Room 214. **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. **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; **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; **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.....	72
Morning Worship 11am. ....	51
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	56
Contributions.....	\$6,325.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,889.13

### 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
Jerry Watson.....	615-461-8137

### Deacons

Carl Newby Brent Smith  
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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