

November 19, 2020

WHAT'S IN A GLOVE

When you think about it, a glove is a wonderful thing. Just think about what all a glove can do. It can turn a doorknob or roll down a car window. It can wave good-bye to a friend or applaud a great football play. It can pat someone on the back or even smack someone in the face. It can point. It can give a "thumbs up" sign. There is really no limit to what a glove can do. Right now, you are probably thinking that a glove cannot do all of that, it is the hand inside the glove that does all those things, and you're right. A glove can only perform a test if there is a hand inside it. Otherwise, it is just going to lie there motionless. Why is that? Because the ability that the glove possesses comes from what fills the glove. And that is the same with you.

You may be trying to be more self-controlled in your life. You may want to try to control your anger, appetite, desires, or maybe your fears. But no matter how much you want self-control in those areas of your life, you cannot make it happen. Sure, you may be able to improve for a little while, but in the end no matter how hard you try, you will not develop true self-control on your own. Because self-control, like other virtues, comes from God.

The ability to truly have self-control in your life depends on whatever, or whoever, you fill your life with. **Romans 8:5-8** says, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." In the end, those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Now why is that? Better yet, why can we not have self-control on our own? Because it is not a physical thing of this world. Think about this for a second, if you desire self-control in your life, what do you think of? The physical things that you want to control. In **Galatians 5:22-23** says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, not flesh. Many Christians, especially new

converts, will read about the fruit of the Spirit and try to polish up their lives so that more of the fruit comes forth. They work and work in their own strength to develop those characteristics, but it never gets them very far. They might achieve a little more love, goodness, and patience, but there comes a point where they begin to fall short. Even worse, many then get to where they feel they cannot bear it anymore and give up.

The fruit of the Spirit is the fruit of *God's work* in our lives when we are obedient to the word of God, not the fruit of our own strength. Much like that glove, it is what we have inside us that gives us the ability. If we want to gain self-control, along with those other virtues, we must make sure that it is the Spirit that is within us and not our own fleshly desires. How do we do that? **Psalm 119:11** tells us, "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." The book of Psalms continues to drive this home as well. **Psalm 37:31** says, "The law of his God is in his heart; his steps do not slip." We even see examples of self-control if we keep the word of God in our heart. **Psalm 4:3-4** says, "But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent."

So if you are a Christian, the power to be self-controlled should already be living in you. You don't have to grunt and groan or grit your teeth. Instead, you need to surrender all and give it to God. Just as a glove surrenders to the hand that wears it, we must surrender to our Creator. **2 Corinthians 4:6-7** "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us." If you want self-control, then selflessly give it to the One in control.

Andrew Spivey

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on **November 26th** and **27th** for the Thanksgiving holidays.



COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read – Matthew 1:1-17 & Luke 3:23-38
Wednesday: Read – Luke 1:1-38

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #11

Questions for the Reading of week # 10-
Daniel 5-6

1. What words did the hand write on the wall and what did the words mean?
2. When did the prophecy of the words happen?
3. What law did King Darius make?
4. What happened to the men who tricked King Darius into making the law about prayers?
5. Why do you think Daniel kept praying even though he knew it was against the law?

GUEST SPEAKER

The Elders continue seeking someone to become the Youth and Family Minister. On Sunday November 22nd, we will have **Blake Gibson** as our guest speaker. Blake will graduate from Freed-Hardeman University in December 2020, in Biblical Studies with an emphasis on Family & Youth ministry. Blake will speak at both the 9:00 am and the 11:00 am services. Please make plans to attend one of the services and meet Blake.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Wayne & Jenny Clifford let it be known that they wish to place their membership and work under the direction of the elders here at Nashville Road. Wayne & Jenny live at 1701 Saundersville Road, Hendersonville, TN 37075

GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE

Holly Bell will graduate from Belmont University on Saturday November 21, with a Bachelor of Science in Film. Congratulations Holly.

GUIDE ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND
TEACH ME, GOD MY SAVIOR, AND
MY HOPE IS IN YOU ALL DAY LONG.

Psalm 25:5

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins
 Sermon.....Blake Gibson
 Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
 Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
 Sermon.....Blake Gibson
 Lord's Supper.....David Thompson
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Welcome.....Tim Strickland
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Lee Boone
 Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Johnson
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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

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.

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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

SICK LIST

Robert Williamson is home and now on Hospice. **Gerald Miles** is now at the Waters, Room 214. **Bob Harris** has been placed on Hospice care. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Jim Sweeney** is home now on home health. **Beth Smith**, wife of Kenneth Smith and sister-in-law to Bernice, Frances, Jean & Mary Ann, has been placed on Hospice Care. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has finished her second round of chemo. **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.....	60
Morning Worship 11am.	53
Sunday Evening.....	53
Wednesday Evening.....	53
Contributions.....	\$6,935.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,359.13

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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