

WORKING FOR NEW WORLD TREASURE

The Silk Road was one of the greatest trade routes in history. It connected Europe with India and Asia for safe travel and trade. However, with the fall of Constantinople and the rise of the Ottoman Turks in 1453, the route to Asia was closed to Christian traders. Because of this, the European nations had to discover a new way to import and export goods for trade. So, the nations began using ships to make the travel. It was a long and arduous journey and very dangerous. Because of this, Christopher Columbus and his brother Bartholomew decided to find a better way to sail to Japan, China, and India.

In 1482, Christopher went to King John II of Portugal to ask for money and ships for the journey. The king met with his advisors and later rejected Columbus’s plan. It was their considered opinion that Columbus's estimation of distance was far too low and therefore not worth it. In 1485 the brothers tried to enlist the support of King Henry VII of England, but it was rejected as well. Then in 1492, King Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain had enough faith in Columbus’s proposal that they provided him with ships and financed his journey. On October 12, 1492, Columbus landed in America and sparked the Age of Discovery and the beginning of the European exploration and colonization of the Americas.

This is a story that many of us are probably familiar with, but there is something that many of us overlook. Only Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain had faith in Columbus and his mission. The King of Portugal didn’t, and neither did King Henry VIII. But how do we know that? By their works. If the kings of England and Portugal would have believed in Columbus then they would have acted quite differently. If they had faith in Columbus then they would have backed it up with providing ships, money, and titles as Spain did. This is not very different to our own faith in Christ. In **James 2:14**, the question is posed “What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him?” In **verse 17** the answer is given. It reads “So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

When it comes to salvation, it cannot be obtained by good works, or even by making good choices. **Ephesians 2:8** says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,” We are saved by grace through our

faith in God, and the faith that we have in Him should produce action. Our faith in what God has done for us is what causes us to accept Jesus as our Savior and to be baptized into His death (Romans 6:3-5). More than that, our faith in Christ should produce the proper works in our lives. Just as Ferdinand and Isabella’s faith in Columbus caused them to produce the ships and finances to make it possible, our faith should be a faith of action.

The faith that the King and Queen of Spain had in Columbus, in the end, led to a new world. It wasn’t exactly what they were expecting, but it brought a lot to Spain. From 1500 to 1650, Spain imported 181 tons of gold and 16,000 tons of silver. That would equal to about \$11 billion today. By putting their faith in Columbus, it brought forth riches beyond their wildest dreams. The same is true for Christ. If we have an active and growing faith in Him, then we too are promised a new world in Heaven. Jesus even compared salvation and Heaven to a precious treasure. In **Matthew 13:44** Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Our treasure in heaven is worth more than anything that we can obtain on this earth. The question is, how much faith do you have to work for it? “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.” (**1 Timothy 6:17-19**) **Andrew Spivey**

WHO HAS THE TIME?

Most of us live time-conscious lives. We stick to tight schedules, glance at our clocks frequently, and hurry around to meet our appointments and deadlines. Time is certainly important, but the real value of time comes with the realization that our time here on earth is a countdown to eternity. Since life is short (James 4:13-14), what should we be doing with our time? Jesus says to put the kingdom of God first in your priorities (Matt 6:33). That means influencing and teaching the lost (Matt. 28:18-20). He wants them taught before time runs out (Titus 2:11-14; 2Thess 1:7-10). What are you doing with your time?
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COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday: Read – Luke 2:21-38; Matt. 2:1-12

Wednesday: Read –Matthew 2:13-23; Luke 2:39-52

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #13 

Questions for the Reading of week #12-Matthew 1:1-17 & Luke 3:23-38; Luke 1:1-38.

1. What did Zacharias' and Elizabeth's neighbors want to name their son?
2. What happened to Zacharias when he wrote down John's name?
3. Why did Joseph and Mary go to Bethlehem to pay taxes?
4. What two names are given to Jesus in Matt. 1:21 and Matt. 1:23? What do they mean?
5. Who came to see Jesus in the manger?

REMINDER

If there is a time that services will be cancelled, due to the virus or weather conditions this winter, you should receive a call from the Calling Post service to alert you to the closure. Please make a note of the phone number so you will know that the call is an announcement from the church. Calling Post's number is (405) 308-4474 and is from Oklahoma. Also, a newsletter may be sent if there is enough time to get it out and you may check the Facebook page at; <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist>

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy for the family of **Robert Williamson** who passed away on Tuesday November 24th. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 28th in Gallatin.

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of **Ewell Hollis**, friend of Anita Turner, who passed on Saturday, November 28th. Please keep the family in your prayers.

BAPTIZED

Lane Lessman a frequent visitor and a friend of Abbie Marshall was baptized on November 20th. May we rejoice in his decision to follow Christ.

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

WORSHIP SERVICES

All services at Nashville Road have been suspended until further notice.

The Elders

Because of the surge in the recent COVID-19 cases in the community and members, the elders at Nashville Road have decided to cancel in-person services until further notice. However, you will still be able to watch our services streaming live on the Nashville Road Church of Christ Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/nashvilleroadchurchofchrist> at 11:00 A.M. each Sunday. If you or anyone you know have needs during these troublesome times, be sure to notify us at 615-452-3431.

Members of Nashville Road, we have individual communion available. Please call the office or Tim Strickland, 615-336-6039.

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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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

Martin & Pauletta Hood have been diagnosed with Covid. **David & Sylvia Williams** have Covid and Sylvia has been in the hospital and is now home. **Helen Milliken** is home now and doing better. **Gerald Miles** is now at the Waters, Room 214. **Bob Harris** has been placed on Hospice care. Bob & Evelyn have both tested positive for Covid. **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. **Terry Thompson**, brother of David Thompson, is in ICU with Covid. **Steven Burgess**, step-son of Pauletta Hood, is recovering from injuries from a car accident. **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; Delores Cushler friend of Betty Buttery; **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

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| Bible Study..... | N/A |
| Morning Worship 9am..... | N/A |
| Morning Worship 11am. | N/A |
| Sunday Evening..... | N/A |
| Wednesday Evening..... | N/A |
| Contributions..... | \$2,385.00 |
| Youth Group Account..... | \$8,724.13 |

Elders

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