

**ARE YOU WASHED?**

In 2 Kings 5, we learn of a commander in the Syrian army by the name of Naaman. We learn that through God, Syria had been blessed with several victories because of Naaman. However, Naaman had a problem. Although he was a mighty man of valor, he was also a leper. (2 Kings 5:1) One day, an Israelite servant said to Naaman’s wife that she wished that he would go to see the prophet and be healed. Naaman took this news to the king who sent Naaman on his way with the equivalent of 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of clothing, and 10 changes of clothes along with a letter of recommendation. (2 Kings 5:2-6)

Naaman goes to the king of Israel with all of his gifts and his letter, seeking a cure. The king is distressed for a moment thinking that this was the king of Syria’s way of picking a fight by sending a man with leprosy to him, but when Elisha hears about it, he has the king send Naaman to his house. (2 Kings 5:7-8) And here is where it gets interesting. I can imagine what Naaman is feeling at this moment. I imagine that Naaman has already tried just about everything to remove this disease from himself. He is desperate to be cured, and is now being told by the king of Israel to go visit Elisha. He goes there with all of his horses and chariots and...Elisha doesn’t come out. He doesn’t invite Naaman in or anything. Instead, he sends out a messenger to Naaman and simply says, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” (2 Kings 5:10)

What would you feel in that moment? You’ve just heard that there is the possibility to be saved from a terminal and painful illness. Wouldn’t you be a little bit excited? Wouldn’t you be hopeful? Wouldn’t you run off immediately to wash in the river? Well, Naaman wasn’t. He actually got angry and began to walk away. He obviously wanted to be cured, but he also wanted things to be done the way he expected them to be done. 2 Kings 5:11-12 says, “But Naaman was angry and went away, saying, “Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call upon the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper. Are not

Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage.” It is as if he has heard this from other people before. He has had people tell him “All you need to do is wash and it will go away.” He even knows of some better places with some cleaner water than that of the Jordan. So he begins to leave angrily. I mean, Elisha wouldn’t even come out to see him! He wouldn’t even come out and wave his hand over him and make the leprosy vanish.

At this point, Naaman’s servant says something quite profound. In 2 Kings 5:13, “his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean’?”...If the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it?

What if God had asked us to do “some great thing” in order to receive his love and forgiveness, would we do it? What if God said that in order to get to heaven we each had to be able to lift 600 lbs. Do you think we would start a gym and a weight lifting plan? If God said that to be forgiven we would have to swim across the English Channel, wouldn’t we start practicing our backstroke? But God doesn’t ask some incredible feat from us. What He wants is something that anyone, anywhere, at anytime can do. No physical ability required. No minimum cash payment. No prerequisite IQ. God wants us to love Him and submit to His will. We may want to have things our way so that we can still have control over our lives. What we are needing to be cured of cannot be fixed by our own efforts. Christ has already done ‘some great thing’ for us. We need only to be washed in the water and live for Him. (John 3:5) **Andrew Spivey**

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.**

**In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:5-7 (ESV)**

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**

Sunday Read – Hebrews 7-8  
Wednesday Read – Hebrews 9-10

**BIBLE STUDY**

Questions for last week’s reading of;

**Hebrews 3-4 & Hebrews 5-6 .**

- 1. What does the writer of Hebrews call other believers?
- 2. Who is "God's house"?
- 3. What is the Sabbath-rest for the people of God?
- 4. How could Jesus be a priest if he was not a Levite?
- 5. Why were Jesus' prayers heard?
- 6. What is spiritual milk and spiritual meat?

**LADS TO LEADERS**

Lads to Leaders convention is at the Opryland Hotel on **April 6 - 9, 2023**. If you or your student are interested in participating in the Lads to Leaders program, please see Garrett Rowlett, Andrew Spivey or Tim Strickland before **February 5<sup>th</sup>** to participate in the 2023 convention. **We will begin meeting on a regular basis after the beginning of the year.**

**PARENT'S DAY OUT/ COOKIES WITH SANTA**

Mark your calendar for Parent's Day Out and Cookies with Santa on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from **1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.** This will allow the parents a time to shop child-free for a few hours.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Please keep **Bob Brown** in your prayers for a successful mission trip. He should return home on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SYMPATHY**

Our Love and Sympathy to **Doris Sweeney** on the passing of her son, **Craig**, Wednesday afternoon. Arrangements were unknown at the time of printing.

**ORDER OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

**December 11, 2022**

**9:00 AM**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)**

Song.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

**10:00 AM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman  
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

**5:00 PM SERVICE**

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
Sermon.....Garrett Rowlett  
Lord's Supper.....Bob Sever  
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

**WEDNESDAY**

**December 14, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis  
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sue Kloes

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

### SICK LIST

Mary Ann Reinhart has been diagnosed with cancer. She will begin radiation & chemo. Andy Boner will have knee surgery on Dec.15<sup>th</sup>. Aza Topik, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals, snowboarding accident in Utah with severe spinal injuries. James McCloskey, having tests done. Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christi Coleman, will have heart surgery soon. Mike Martin, friend of the Jennings & Cato families has been moved to the Select Specialty Hospital at St Thomas West. Rob Spivey, son of Keith & Lisha Spivey, is recovering from a broken leg. Paul Norman, nephew of Carolyn Vester and cousin to Valarie Senn & Wanda Sherrill, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Ty Tyler, son of Ann Tyler, is home now. Becky Mears, friend of Bob & Tarina Brown had a bone marrow transplant and is doing well. Rachel Goode, friend of Carl & Pam Newby is recovering at home from surgery she had on November 7<sup>th</sup> and is doing well. April Cothran, a good friend of Celena Marshall has been diagnosed with stage 4 adenocarcinoma of the pancreas. She is taking chemo treatments. Bryan Grissom, cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover, has been diagnosed with cancer. Vyck Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato has recovered from hip surgery but continues with health issues. She is in Hendersonville Hospital for additional tests.

### SHUT-INS

Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 220; Joyce Savage, NHC Place Sumner, room 322; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Melba Hill; Dorothy Sullivan, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	97
Morning Worship.....	130
Sunday Evening.....	71
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$6,990.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,882.00

### 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

### Deacons

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Ken Veale	Adam Williamson

### PRAYER LIST

Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 305; Frances Catron; Jean Deaton; Charlie Cliburn; Larry Bailey son of Tina Bailey; Ricky Cantrell; Wade & Wanda Kennedy parents of Diana Stephenson; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; 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; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.



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