

FOUNDATIONS

A Christmas tradition that I cannot wait to bring back with Palmer, my daughter, is that of building a gingerbread house. That is something Taylor and I used to do for many years with our cousins until they got "too old." As a matter of fact, Taylor and I would each take a cousin and we would compete against each other to see who could make the prettiest gingerbread house. One thing that my team was always known to do was use up all the icing. It certainly made for a pretty house, but I remember having to stick the house together with peanut butter on more than one occasion.

Thinking back to all of those years making beautiful gingerbread houses actually made me think about what Jesus said at the end of the sermon on the mount. In **Matthew 7:24-27** Jesus says, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Something that I noticed in this parable that I had not noticed before was how Jesus spoke about the storms. He didn't say "if storms come." Instead, he says "and the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house." He was saying that, without a doubt, your life will have troublesome times. There is no doubt about it, there will be storms in life, and the question is, will you stand up to the test? How you stand depends on how your house is built.

As beautiful as mine or Taylors gingerbread houses were, they were certainly not built on either a firm foundation or with materials that could withstand the weather. It wouldn't take too much shaking or movement before it would all come crumbling down. Our lives can be like that as well sometimes. There are some who have built their lives on foolish foundations and all it takes is a little shaking for it all to come crashing down. One such I think of is that of money. **Hebrews 13:5** says, "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." God promises here to never leave or forsake us. By saying that, He is also telling us that one day money

will leave and forsake us. Think of how many build their lives around the money and the "financial security" that they have. And Jesus says don't do that. That is just one of many things that people build their spiritual houses on that are poor foundations. Some build it on worldly pleasure, approval of man, or much like foolish man, convenience and lack of obedience. When your spiritual house is built in this way, everything will fall apart, and great will be its fall. The foundation will be sucked out from underneath.

Instead, build your house on the words of Jesus. Hearing and doing what He said so that when the storms of life come, your life doesn't come crashing down like a gingerbread house in a winter storm. This means you must build your heart and mind solidly on Jesus and His Word, grounding yourselves in secure confidence so that no matter what happens, you will weather the storm. Only in Him can we be sure that your foundation is rock-solid. Make the effort to hear and do.

Andrew Spivey

COOKIES WITH SANTA

On Saturday, December 17th, we had Cookies with Santa and a parent's day out event. The older children had crafts to make and cookies to eat. Some made snowflakes which are now hanging in the upstairs classroom hallway. While there were other pictures made with some of the older children, those pictures were not available at time of printing.



Everson Sever, son of Jason & Andrea Sever grandson of Bob & Sherry Sever



Maverick Towe grandson of Donna Jennings

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read: **Jesus early life and ministry**
Wednesday Read: **Matthew 5**

BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of;

Hebrews 7-10.

1. What 2 things did the people listed in Hebrews 11 have in common?
2. How can we fix our eyes on Jesus if we can't see Him with our eyes?
3. How does thinking about Jesus' suffering help us?
4. How can God's discipline be good for us?
5. Why did Hebrews writer talk about Jesus always being the same?

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 5th to participate in the 2023 convention. We will begin meeting on a regular basis after the beginning of the year.

POCKET DIRECTORY

We are preparing for the 2023 pocket directory. If you have a new address, phone number or email, please let the office know ASAP or send an email to secnashroad@gmail.com Thank You.

The Church office will be closed on Friday December 30th & Monday, January 2nd, 2023 for the holidays.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!



ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

December 25, 2022

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Cummins
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY

December 28, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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

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

Vetress Mee has ben moved to Charter Senior Living of Gallatin. **Mary Ann Reinhart** has been diagnosed with cancer. She will begin radiation & chemo. **Andy Boner** had knee surgery on Dec.15th. **Aza Topik**, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals, snowboarding accident in Utah with severe spinal injuries. Has been moved to a rehab facility. **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 7th and is doing well. **April Cothran**, a good friend of Celena Marshall has been diagnosed with stage 4 adenosquamous carcinoma of the pancreas. She is taking chemo treatments. **Bryan Grissom**, cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover, has been diagnosed with cancer.

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.....	92
Morning Worship	136
Sunday Evening.....	71
Wednesday Evening.....	63
Contribution.....	\$5,955.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,111.00

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**; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **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.

Elders

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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

Deacon

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

