

PRIORITIES

Christmas is behind us and the new year is right around the corner. And one of the biggest things that comes with New Year's Day are...discounts. New Years Day is actually considered one of the best days of the year to get excellent discounts. This is when retailers try to get rid of all of their leftover pre-holiday stock. But all throughout the various holiday seasons there are sales all over the place. Ads are offering different percentages off on prices of just about any merchandise you can imagine and sometimes as much as 50% off or more.

Overall, I don't know of anyone who doesn't like to get a discount at any time throughout the year. We like to know that we are getting a deal. But, in our society of always looking for the best deal, we unfortunately sometimes end up treating our spiritual life like a retailer would a product they are trying to move off a shelf. Sometimes it is as if we are trying to get our service to God "off our shelf" as quickly as possible. In turn we end up giving Him a discounted amount of time and effort. Take a moment and think about these "discounts."

- Do I miss 10%-20% of worship services?
- Do I only bring my children to Sunday school 60% of the time?
- Do I give 10% of my income when I could give more?
- Do I only read the Bible 15% of the time?
- Do I offer only 30% of my talents to work in the church?
- Do I only check on the sick 5% of the time?
- Do I sing with 25% of the spirit and understanding?
- Do I listen to 10% of the bible lessons presented?
- Do I pray only believing 50% will be heard by God?

When Jesus first called His disciples in **Matthew 4:19-22**, they left everything behind to follow Jesus. They left their nets, their boats, they even left their own father to follow Jesus. Knowing in our minds that God is number 1, but really acting as though He is our leftover product that needs to be moved off the shelf, is really only leaving us with this false facade that our priorities are correct. We need to start putting God as number 1 and truly receive the blessings of trusting God with our lives. Paul said in **Philippians 3:7-8**, "But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ." Malachi chapter 1 even shows how Israel was turning their spiritual lives into a discount religion as well. They were giving God discounts in their love (**Malachi 1:1-5**), discounts in their respect (**Malachi 1:6-8**), discounts in their time (**Malachi 1:9-11**) and discounts of their effort (**Malachi 1:12-14**).

The reason we often end up giving the same discounts as Israel had given is because we are trying to hold onto more of ourselves. If we only give God 20% of our time then that leaves 80% to us, if we only give God 25% of our efforts, that leaves 75% of our efforts to our hobbies and leisure. But we must not forget what Jesus taught when he was telling us about Judgment day. In **Luke 17:31-33** it reads, "On that day, let the one who is on the housetop, with his goods in the house, not come down to take them away, and likewise let the one who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will keep it." We must be willing to sacrifice everything to serve the Lord and avoid offering a discount Christianity.

Andrew Spivey

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2023**

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Matthew 6
Wednesday Read – Matthew 7

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of;

Jesus early life & ministry & Matthew 5.

1. When Jesus was baptized, what did the dove over His head represent?
2. What was Jesus' response to the question, "Why does He eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
3. List the Beatitudes from Matthew 5.
4. Why did Jesus compare His disciples to light and salt?
5. What did Jesus say you should do if someone struck you on the right cheek?

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 Lord is close to the
brokenhearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18**

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

January 1, 2023

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY

January 4, 2023

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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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 has begun 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. In rehab now. Mike Martin, friend of the Jennings & Cato families has been moved to the Select Specialty Hospital at St Thomas West. He is improving some. 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 adenocarcinoma of the pancreas. She is taking chemo treatments. Bryan Grissom, cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover, has been diagnosed with cancer.



PRAYER LIST

Vetrus Mee, Charter Senior Living of Gallatin; 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.

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.....	62
Morning Worship.....	126
Sunday Evening.....	45
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$5,500.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,311.00

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



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