

October 26, 2023

### HAVE WE FORGOTTEN GOD

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn." There is no question that God places a high value on knowledge and especially when it comes to knowledge of His word. **Proverbs 2:6** says, "For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding;" We also read in **2 Peter 3:18**, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." The prophet Isaiah also recorded God's words in **Hosea 4:6**, which says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children."

It almost seems, in this day and age, that the law seems to only apply to everyone else. Especially when it comes to the laws of God. God's laws about marriage, purity, honesty, loyalty, kindness, and commitment are no longer kept or even considered. Even in the body of Christ there are many who have sadly forgotten God's laws and simply choose to do as they desire, with no thought of the consequences. Even more are unwilling to even learn what the will of God is. Jeremiah recorded God's words in **Jeremiah 2:32**, "Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? Yet my people have forgotten Me days without number." Think about that for a second. Could you imagine going to a wedding and the wedding having to be postponed because the bride forgot to go pick out a dress. God is telling us how foolish that would seem if that would take place, and yet, His own people were forgetting Him.

When we begin to spend more time with the world in pursuit of all the worldly attractions, we will forget about our commitment to God, Christ and the church. This is exactly what happened to Israel and Judah and why Hosea and Jeremiah wrote about their forgetfulness. The quickest way to lose our families to the world and the quickest way to lose our own souls to Satan is to neglect the

spiritual needs of both. Satan is always luring us toward his way of thinking. He dangles temptation in front of us, just like he did in the Garden. Once he has our attention and our affections, we will soon begin to lose our focus on God. It is then that we begin to forget.

It is so easy for us to look at our society today and wonder if America has forgotten God's laws. We see what is happening in our society and begin to question if people even care anymore about what God has to say, about anything for that matter. However, instead of simply looking at the world around us, the better question to ask, (for those of us who are in the body of Christ is) "Have WE forgotten the law of God?" and "Do WE actually care anymore?"

**1 Chronicles 16:11** says, "Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!" **Proverbs 8:17** also tells us, "I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me diligently find Me." Then Paul says in **Acts 17:26-27**, "And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us," Let us make sure that we are continually seeking God first and that we are continually willing to learn from Him and grow in His knowledge.

Andrew Spivey

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PSALM 119:147-148 ESV**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Luke 16:1-18 Wednesday Read – Luke 16:19- 17:10

Questions for last week's reading of;

**Luke 14:15- Luke 15.**

1. What excuses did people make instead of coming to the feast?
2. What did Jesus say about following Him?
3. What is the lesson Jesus was teaching in the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son?
4. Who do the father, the older son, and the younger son represent in the parable of the lost son?
5. How do people today waste the things God has given them?

### LADIES BIBLE STUDY

A New Ladies Bible Study for all ages will begin on **Tuesday, November 14 at 6:00 pm**. The class will meet every other Tuesday, the same schedule as TNT. Teachers for the Bible study will be **Pam Newby & Taylor Spivey**.

### EXCEL'S

Excel's are having a Friends-giving on Saturday November 11 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship room. For more information please see **Marila Smith or Diana Stephenson**.

### SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Bob & Wanda Gregory** on the passing of Bob's brother, **John Gregory**. Funeral was held in Oklahoma.

### SUNNY SIDE UP

**A sunrise is God's way of telling us...  
to lighten up, brighten up, and start each  
day anew, to heighten up, enlighten up,  
and take the sunny view.  
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Campbellsville KY**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 29, 2023  
9:00 AM  
BIBLE STUDY**

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

Song.....Ben Hutson  
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever  
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland  
Servers.....M. Coley, C. Suddarth, C. Nelsen  
M. Ellis, M. Lyle, A. Williamson  
Sermon.....Hugh Fulford  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

**WEDNESDAY  
November 1, 2023  
7:00 PM**

Welcome.....Jim Cherry  
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett  
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins  
East Door.....E/D Stephenson  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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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

**Maxine Cothron** has been diagnosed with vitreous hemorrhage. She has been referred to an eye surgeon. **Tom & Faye Hart**, both having health issues. **Mary Ann Reinhart** is at Sumner Regional, Tower B in rehab. No visitors at this time. **Ann Tyler** is now at NHC for PT. **James Spivey** has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He will begin radiation treatments soon. **Tony Perry**, husband of Sherry Perry & son of Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. **Dixie Elam**, wife of Demar Elam, had a fall. She has had surgery and is now home. Please keep them in your prayers. **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley, had surgery for breast cancer. **Bethany Shoulders** granddaughter of Evelyn Harris has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She is home now and will continue with treatments. **Mike Martin**, friend of the Jennings & Cato families, is in Vanderbilt after another seizure. He is not doing well.



### PRAYER LIST

**Anita Cato**; **Shauna Lockett**; **Jean Knowles**; **Zach Tooley**; **Mary Ann Reinhart**; **Vetrus Mee**, Charter Senior Living of Gallatin; **Shelby Ross**; **Sandi Jones**; **Lena Baggett**; **Maxine Cothron**; **Frances Catron**; **Jean Deaton**; **Charlie Ciburn**; **Bryan Grissom** cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy** parents of Diana Stephenson; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale; **Janice Haskins**, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill; **Aza Topik**, grandson of Charlie & Wanda Seals; **Betty Ann Muncie**, sister of Stella Messer.

### SHUT-INS

**Marilee Frederick**, Gallatin Rehab, Room 220; **Jane Hughes**, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Melba Hill**.

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

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	85
Morning Worship.....	150
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	75
Contribution.....	\$5,873.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,257.00

### Elders

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### Deacons

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



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