

GODS HANDY WORK

Throughout history, mankind has always tried to predict the weather. Even going back as far as 650 B.C. the ancient Babylonians recorded how they tried to predict short term weather based on the appearance of clouds and optical phenomenon such as how haloes formed around the stars and moon at night. In 340 B.C. Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, wrote four complete volumes on theories about weather. In that book, he had some pretty amazing observations but even more significant errors. Regardless, his books on weather made him the authority on the study and theory of weather for over 2000 years. There have even been countless phrases and poems people have remarked about throughout history, in hopes to predict the weather. Quotes like, "red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky in the morning, sailors warning." This phrase even goes back to the time of Christ! (**Matthew 16:2-3**). Books like farmers almanacs were studied in order to predict when to plant crops and what to expect in the upcoming months. Today, we live in a period where science and technology has made it to where we can almost completely predict what can happen. We can watch the news each day to see if a storm is coming or what the temperature might be so we can dress accordingly. Regardless of how poorly people could predict the weather in the past, or how well we can know the change or severity of weather today, one thing that is certain is that weather has always been an agent of God.

In the book of Job, one of his friends, Elihu, actually makes a powerful reference to God and His power to control the weather. **Job 37:3-6** says, "Under the whole heaven He lets it go, and His lightning to the corners of the earth. After it His voice roars; He thunders with His majestic voice, and He does not restrain the lightning when His voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with His voice; He does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow He says, 'Fall on the earth,' likewise to the downpour, His mighty downpour." All through scripture, and even in our own lives, we see God using the weather to suit His own purpose. The cycle of seasons, with rain and sun, allows the earth to continue to produce crops for us to eat. This is something that God promised Noah, and the rest of mankind, after the flood. **Genesis 8:22** tells us, "While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

In the book of Exodus, we even see the destruction of Egypt's crops from a hail storm in order to show Pharaoh the power and judgment over Egypt and their wickedness. (**Exodus 9:13-35**) In Jonah, we read of how God made a storm come upon the sea as Jonah tried to escape in order for His plan for Jonah as a prophet to take place. (**Jonah 1:4**) In Job 38, God speaks in detail to Job about all the complexities that He has control over when it comes to the weather. In **Job 38:25-27** God says, "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt, to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man, to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?" In this passage, God says to Job that He makes it rain even in the desert, where there is nobody, simply to glorify Himself. In **Psalms 148**, we read of how all things created on this earth, including the lighting, hail, snow, mist, and stormy winds fulfill His word and proclaim His excellences! Even one of the greatest testimonies that Jesus truly was, and is, the Son of God was when He was able to calm a storm with His voice. **Matthew 8:27** tells us that the men on the boat marveled and said, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey Him?"

So, the next time you turn on the news and you watch as the radar and satellite shows the pattern of weather approaching. Remember who is truly behind that weather. Look beyond the colors of the images and the meteorologist and realize that you are truly witnessing God's hand at work. Although we may not know all the reason why the weather is the way it is, we can be certain of who is truly in control of it!

Andrew Spivey

I WILL PRAISE THE NAME OF GOD WITH A SONG, AND WILL MAGNIFY HIM WITH THANKSGIVING PSALM 69:30

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Reading-- Acts 18:23-19:20

Wednesday Reading—1 & 2 Corinthians

Questions for last week's reading of;



Luke 19:1-28 & Review of Jesus, Peter & Paul.

1. Give 3 words to describe Zacchaeus.
2. What does Jesus expect us to do with the gifts He has given us?
3. What kind of king did the people expect Jesus to be ?
4. Why was Stephan stoned?
5. Why was Saul going to Damascus?

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **Tuesday November 28th at 6:00 pm.** The class will be studying the book "Lace Up Those Sneakers." Books will be provided.

EXCELS'

Excels' will be having a Christmas gathering on **Saturday Dec 2nd at 5:00 pm.** in the fellowship room. Please bring finger foods, desserts and drinks. For more details please see Marila Smith or Diana Stephenson.

FIRST SUNDAY SINGING

The New Hope Road church of Christ at 2600 New Hope Road in Hendersonville, will host the First Sunday Singing on **Sunday, December 3rd at 2:30 pm.**

COOKIES WITH SANTA

Saturday December 16th at 1:00pm., Santa will be here at Nashville Road to visit, take pictures and have milk and cookies. Make plans to bring your children to see Santa.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Charity Bell**, who won the community service award for Officer of the Year from The City of Millersville, TN where she works.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

November 26, 2023

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
Scripture Reading.....Jon David Senn
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
Servers.....G. Rowlett, M. Coley, T. Butler
C. Suddarth, Z. Tooley, B. Smith

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Don Wilson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

WEDNESDAY

November 29, 2023

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby
Door Greeters – West Door.....E/D Stephenson
East Door.....B/M Smith
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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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

Marilee Frederick is back at Gallatin Rehab, Room 417 under hospice care. **Maxine Cothron** has been diagnosed with vitreous hemorrhage. She has been referred to an eye surgeon. **Tom & Faye Hart**, both having health issues. **James Spivey** has been diagnosed with lung cancer and has begun his radiation treatments. **Tony Perry**, husband of Sherry Perry & son of Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. **Dixie Elam**, wife of Demar Elam, is home recovering from back surgery. 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, continues to not do well.



PRAYER LIST

Sara Hosman; 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 Cliburn; Alexa Miller** sister of Olivia Ellis **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 Center 438 N. Water Ave, Room 417; **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.....	115
Morning Worship.....	163
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$7,045.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,761.00

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