

### THE STORMS OF LIFE

There are certainly events that take place in our lives, that although they might be devastating or saddening, spark a thought that brings forth the spiritual truths that we have actually always known. It isn't that we have ever truly forgotten those truths, it might just be that we forget to truly appreciate them until something happens in life that brings them back up. With this recent tornado that hit Hendersonville and Gallatin, it has sparked a few of those thoughts.

First of all, it reminds me that God truly is omnipotent. He has unlimited power. Even seeing the devastating energy of a tornado and the wreckage that it left behind isn't even comparable to the power that God has. **Nahum 1:3** says this, "The Lord is slow to anger and great in power and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet." Seeing what a storm can do truly puts in perspective the true power of God. **Psalms 147:5** says, "Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure."

This leads to another reminder about God that was seen in this recent storm. God is truly omniscient. **1 Corinthians 3:19** says, "For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness." As the storm came through and I was watching the news, it was crazy to see how quickly things escalated. When I first began watching, the meteorologists were focused on what seemed to be a tornado moving in Kentucky. Suddenly the storm seemed to build up in Tennessee. It moved from Dickson, it looked like it might hit Nashville. Then, next thing I hear from the TV is that it is heading through Madison and towards Hendersonville. Although we were able to see what was happening from radar and satellite, all the news could do was make predictions as to what was going to happen. But God knew, and God alone is the all knowing One. His understanding is truly beyond measure. **Isaiah 40:28** says, "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable."

This brings up yet another fact about God that we can see from the storm. God is truly omnipresent. **Hebrews 13:5** tells us, "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." One thing that is

certain when this storm took place is that God was present. He was there when we prayed for safety and He was there as the storm came through. Even through the devastation, God was there. And He is with us now as well. And not only is God here for us, but He also has compassion towards us. Jesus said in **Matthew 10:29-31** "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

One of the greatest examples of God's compassion and care was seen this past Sunday morning. After the storm and destruction on Saturday, as I was driving to the church building on Sunday morning, I saw a wonderful sight. It is a sight that I see most mornings driving to the office. It is a hawk that hangs out on a power line near Volunteer State. Most days I see him there, sitting and watching the fields. And even after the storms and the tornado, that Sunday morning, there was the hawk. In his usual place. "Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Jesus also said in **Matthew 6:26**, "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" Just as God took care of the hawk, the birds and other animals during that storm, God takes care of us. When Paul addressed the Aeropagus in Athens, he said in **Acts 17:25**, "nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything." Even in the midst of a terrifying storm, we do not have to fear because our God is all knowing, all powerful, always present, and always cares. Even in times of devastation, let us remember to count our blessings and see what all God has truly done in our lives. **Andrew Spivey**

*I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee. I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.*  
*Psalms 138:1-2*

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – 1 Corinthians 11-12 Wednesday Read – 1 Corinthians 13-14



Questions for last week's reading of;

#### 1 Corinthians 7-10.

1. How might an unmarried Christian be able to serve God in a way that a married Christian might not be able to serve?
2. When we sin against a brother in Christ and wound his weak conscience against whom else do we sin?
3. How is living the Christian life like running a race ?
4. What do you need to do when you are tempted to sin?
5. In whatever you do, who should get the glory?

#### SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Pauletta Hood** on the passing of her mother **Marilee Frederick on December 3rd**. There will be a memorial on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. here at Nashville Road.

#### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** at Nashville Road.

#### CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE

CYC is just around the corner. CYC is set for **February 23-25, 2024**. If you would like to go please sign up by **December 24th, 2023**. There are signup sheets in foyer. If you have any questions please see **Ben Hutson** or **Garrett Rowlett**.

#### YOUTH FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The youth group will be having several activities coming up soon. Breakfast with Santa, CYC and Lads to Leaders. These activities are funded through the Youth Fund. If you would like to help the youth enjoy these activities, please consider making a donation to the Youth Fund. Envelopes are available on the back of the pews to place your donation in and then put in the collection baskets or boxes.

### ORDER OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

**December 17, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

#### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

#### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals  
Scripture Reading.....Adam Williamson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown  
Servers.....R. Buck, D. Thompson, D. Johnson  
B. Smith, T. Butler, R. Gallagher

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

#### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Don Wilson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

#### WEDNESDAY

**December 20, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....Charlie Seals  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis  
Door Greeters – West Door.....L/J Clark  
East Door.....Z/A Tooley  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sue Kloes

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With the Holiday season here,  
 please remember our  
 shut-in's, widows & widowers  
 and our elderly, and those who  
 do not have family close by.  
 Remember them with a card,  
 phone call or even a visit.



## 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. **Sara Hosman** surgery went well and is home recovering. **Tom & Faye Hart**, both having health issues. **James Spivey** has finished his radiation treatments for lung cancer. **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, has been moved to Alive Hospice on Patterson in Nashville.



### PRAYER LIST

**Sara Hosman; JoAnn Williamson; 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

**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.....	97
Morning Worship.....	147
Sunday Evening.....	66
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$5,654.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,111.00

### Elders

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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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