

### MOLE HOLES

I already knew that I had a mole problem. I first noticed a few mounds of pushed up dirt back in spring. But it wasn't until recently that I have noticed how severe the problem really is. As spring and summer came along this past year, I had certainly noticed a few soft spots in my yard, but the grass covered most of the moles path so I didn't notice. By the time fall came along, the leaves covered my yard completely, and because it was cold, I had no need to walk around in my yard. However, now that winter has arrived, my leaves have been raked up, and my yard is more bare, I can see the extent of my mole problems. When I look in my front yard, I can see the vast subway system that the moles have made and all I can think is, "How did it get like this?"

That is the trick that the mole plays though. He doesn't come in overnight and completely destroy your entire yard. He works slowly and methodically. Instead of going in one straight shot towards his goal, he moves in increments and is almost unnoticeable until it is too late. When I look at the work that the mole has done in my yard, and I think of all the work I am going to have to do in order to get it back to how it was, I am reminded of other pests that use the same tactics in our lives. Sin and Satan. He places small temptations and desires in front of us. Nothing too big at first, just enough to catch our attention.

It could be the desire to look at or watch something we know we shouldn't or to justify our words or attitude. It could begin by missing a church service or "taking a break" from our daily Bible reading. Whatever the temptation may be, it begins to work on us gradually and methodically. We begin to get so used to these "small sins" in our lives that we become numb to them. Paul warns Timothy in **1 Timothy 4:1-2**, "Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared." That is what these sins and temptations do over time. They begin to sear our conscience to the point that sin no longer bothers us. But we must not be deceived. **James 1:14-15** says, "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."

Although it may seem like it is no big deal, sin brings forth death. Slowly, but surely, it will bring to kill you and eat away at you, and if it is not taken care of, it can completely destroy you. That is why we must constantly be on guard of Satan's schemes. **1 Peter 5:8** says, "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." We must resist him and drive him out of our lives. **Ephesians 6:10-11** tells us how to do that also. It says, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." One of the best ways that Satan tries to trick us is with complacency.

Next time you see the "mole hole" that Satan has put in your life, don't give into the false notion that it is not a big deal. Instead, deal with it immediately. **James 4:7** says, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." Let us also remember that "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." (**1 Corinthians 10:13**)

### THANK YOU NOTES

Dear family, Thank you for your outpouring of kindness after the storm! We needed you and you showed up. Thank you for your prayers as well. We love you and appreciate you.

**Tim, Rita, & Maddie Strickland**

I want to thank everyone that has sent me such beautiful cards and notes. I really appreciate hearing from everyone. It brightens my day. I miss everyone there. In Christian Love,

**Evelyn Harris**

### INCLEMENT WEATHER ALERTS

As we draw nearer to winter time and the possibility of inclement weather, we have attempted to update our Calling Post service with everyone's phone number. This service originates from Georgia and will be a message regarding service times or cancellation of services. Please add the number to your contacts once you have received a call so that you do not miss any future calls.

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – 1 Corinthians 15-16  
Wednesday Read – Acts 19:21 – 20:2

### BIBLE STUDY

Questions for last week's reading of;

**1 Corinthians 11 -14.**

1. What was wrong with the way the Corinthian Christians were taking the Lord's Supper?
2. How is the church like a human body?
3. What does the rest of the body do if one part rejoices or suffers?
4. How is love different from faith and hope?
5. What is the main purpose of the things Christians do when they meet together?

### LADS TO LEADERS

Lads to Leaders convention is at the Opryland Hotel on **March 29<sup>th</sup> – 31st**. 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 January 29<sup>th</sup>, to participate in the 2024 convention. We will begin meeting on a regular basis after the beginning of the year.

### POCKET DIRECTORY

We are preparing for the 2024 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](mailto:secnashroad@gmail.com) Thank You.

**The Church office will be closed on  
Monday December 25, 2023 and Monday  
January 1, 2024  
for the holidays.**

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY  
HOLIDAY SEASON!**



### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

December 24, 2023

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson  
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Scripture Reading.....Jon David Senn  
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson  
Opening Prayer.....Don Wilson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn  
Servers.....M. Coley, J. Johnson, C. Nelsen  
R. Buck, C. Suddarth, M. Lyle  
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Song Leader.....Tim Strickland  
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Matt Ellis  
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry

### WEDNESDAY

December 27, 2022

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Bob Brown  
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson  
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson  
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/M Smith  
East Door.....J/L Cherry  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

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

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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

**Jerry Watson**, is in ICU in Cookeville. **Michael & Cathy Lemley**, health issues. **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.



### 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**; **Bryan Grissom** cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; **Vycki Puckett**, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; **Ty Tyler** son of Ann Tyler; **Wade Kennedy** father 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.....	103
Morning Worship .....	157
Sunday Evening.....	82
Wednesday Evening.....	85
Contribution.....	\$10,083.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,144.00

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

