

SNOW DAYS

As you already know, we have had quite a bit of snow the past few days. Regardless of how you feel about the weather, I certainly hope everyone was safe and warm while we have been snowed in. It was the first time in quite a few years I can remember us getting more than a light dusting, and it was so much fun getting to go outside and play in the snow with Palmer, at least until our noses got too cold. Seeing the snow fall was also such a beautiful sight and it is also a great reminder of God’s great creation. As a matter of fact, **Job 37:6-7** says, “For to the snow he says, ‘Fall on the earth,’ likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour. He seals up the hand of every man, that all men whom he made may know it.” This is so true about snow. When it falls, we all can’t help but to stop what we are doing and watch it. To see how it starts off being so small and slow floating down to the earth then slowly accumulating to coat the landscape in beautiful white sheets. Snow truly does show us God’s great creative power.

Not only does snow show how powerful our God is, it is a great representation of the power of His love. **Isaiah 1:18** says, “Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” Although we are sinners, Christ died for us in order for our sins to be washed away and for us to be made white as snow(**Romans 5:8**). In **Psalm 51:7** it reads, “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.” This passage teaches that snow illustrates forgiveness and the covering up all that is dirty and ugly. Think about it, yards and fields with dry, brown, short grass is not very pretty to look at. Trees with all the leaves gone can look pretty sad as well, but once a blanket of snow covers them it becomes beautiful. Even trash piles become pretty white mounds when snow covers them.

If we read in **Psalm 51:1-4** we find out why David said this. David was not able to cover his

sins on his own. He tried to cover up his sins but instead of them going away, they only got worse. They continued to eat at his conscience. **Psalm 32:3-4** says, “For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.”

David failed miserably at trying to cover up and hide his sins, but he knew who he could turn to who could help him. **Psalm 32:5** says, “I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.” It was only God who could truly forgive and cover the sins of David.

What about you right now? Are there things in your life that you have tried to cover up on your own? Maybe you have been trying to save yourself by your own works or deeds? There is only one way for those sins to be covered. **Ephesians 4:5** says, “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” The only way our sins can ever be truly covered is through baptism in Christ. In **1 Peter 3:21-22**, Peter compares baptism to the global flood and how Noah was saved on the ark. He then says, “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.”

So, as you see the snow falling from the heavens and covering the earth, remember the power and love our Father in Heaven has for us and his continual cleansing for all who are faithful to Him. “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (**1 John 1:7**)

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Galatians chapters 1-2

Wednesday Read – Galatians chapters 3-4

Questions for last week's reading of;

2 Corinthians chapters 10-13

1. Why is it not surprising that evil people were claiming to be apostles of Christ?
2. Name 5 different hardships that Paul endured.
3. What do the hardships tell you about Paul's commitment to spread the gospel?
4. Why was Paul given a "thorn in the flesh"?
5. What test will show if a person is in the faith?

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **January 23rd at 6:00 PM** at Nashville Road.

YOUTH FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

The youth group will be having several activities coming up soon. Challenge Youth Conference, at the end of February and Lads to Leaders Convention at the end of March. 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.

REPURPOSING OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you have any used Christmas cards and would like them to be donated for remaking the cards into new cards which are then sent to area veterans, please put them in the basket in the foyer or see **Melanie McCreary**.

VISITORS DESK

We are needing several ladies to work at the Visitors Desk on Sunday morning, Sunday evening & Wednesday evening. A great way to get to meet more members from our church and meet our visitors. If you would be interested please let the office know. Thank you.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

January 21, 2024

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.....Jim Cherry
 Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
 Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
 Servers.....R. Buck, C. Suddarth, M. Coley,
 Z. Tooley, C. Nelsen, T. Butler

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

5:00 PM SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

January 24, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Charlie Seals

Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
 East Door.....E/D Stephenson

Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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

Kenneth & Bobbie Stephens are both home with covid. **Peggy Buck** with health issues. **Maxine Cothron** eye is doing much better now. **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. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with stage 4 liver cancer. **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; 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 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.....	108
Morning Worship.....	156
Sunday Evening.....	75
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$5,127.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,909.00

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