

February 8, 2024

USING OUR GIFT'S

The story is told of a man who was pulled over by a police officer for a broken tail light. As the police officer approached the vehicle, he saw an array of knives all over the back seat of the man's car. "Sir," the officer says to the man. "Why do you have all those knives in the back of your car?" The man replied, "Oh, they are for my juggling act." The police officer asked the man if he could show him to which the man agreed. He got out and grabbed his knives and began juggling. While he was doing so, a car with two men drove by. As the car passed, one man said, "Man, these new sobriety tests are hard. I don't know how anyone could pass."

What comes easy to some isn't always so easy for others. Each of us are endowed with unique gifts, talents, and abilities. Whether it be in some form of the arts, sciences, or interpersonal skills, these gifts make us distinct and capable of building a positive impact on the world around us. By recognizing and using our gifts and abilities for the glory of God transforms the way we look at our gifts that God has given us along with the world around us. After all, God's gifts are not given to us simply for ourselves to use, but they are meant to flow through us.

It begins with us identifying our gifts. **1 Corinthians 12:4-6** says, "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." Each person possesses an array of abilities waiting to be discovered and nurtured. Some have a natural flair for creativity, while others are able to think critically or empathize with others. By taking time and reflecting on ourselves, with our attitudes, behaviors, and abilities. We are then able to identify these gifts and recognize them as precious blessings from God.

Next, we should begin to cultivate gratitude for our gifts. **James 1:17** tells us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change." When we begin to acknowledge that our gifts and abilities truly come from God, it begins to cultivate a profound sense of humility and gratitude. The gratitude itself, encourages humility and reminds us that our talents are not simply products of our own efforts, but truly divine blessings. When we begin expressing thankfulness for these gifts, we recognize the source of our abilities and use them more wisely and with purpose.

Using our gifts for God's glory implies the fact that we then understand that each talent has a specific purpose. In order to be purposeful in using our gifts, it involves us making sure that our actions and intentions properly align with God's principles of love, compassion, and service. When we recognize that our abilities are part of a greater plan, we become more conscious of how we use them and we begin to seek opportunities to make a positive difference in the lives of others. **1 Peter 4:10** says, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." **Galatians 5:13** also says, "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."

One of the most profound ways to glorify God with our gifts is by using them to serve others selflessly. Whether it be volunteering our time, giving of our monetary blessings, sharing our knowledge, or creating art that uplifts spirits, the impact of using our gifts for the betterment of others cannot be overstated. Serving others becomes an act of devotion and a way to spread goodness and share God's love to the world. As we use our gifts to serve others and glorify God, it begins to foster a sense of unity among all other diverse talents and perspectives. **Romans 12:6-8** says, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness." Everyone contributes their unique abilities, recognizing that each person's role is essential when it comes to the unity of the body of Christ. This unity strengthens communities and promotes cooperation, understanding, and compassion among individuals from different backgrounds. **Ephesians 2:10** says, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." **Andrew Spivey**

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.
Proverbs 9:10

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Romans 7-8
Wednesday Read– Romans 9-10

Questions for last week's reading of;

Romans 3-6.

1. What does the law do, and what does the law not do?
2. Why are Christians not able to brag about their righteousness?
3. Why can we rejoice even when we are suffering?
4. How is our baptism into Jesus like His death, burial, and resurrection?
5. What will happen to the slaves of sin and the slaves of righteousness?

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **February 20th at 6:00 PM** at Nashville Road.

DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class, taught by Pam Newby, will meet every **Saturday in February from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM** in the Fellowship Room. Dorcas Class is for the young ladies of the congregation. Each class will have a Bible lesson and an activity.

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.

DEACON NEWS

It has been an honor to be a Deacon here at Nashville Road and it has been great working with the church and the Elders, but I am stepping down as a Deacon. Thank You.

Ken Veale

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

February 11, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Kevin Siler
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Lord's Supper.....Don Wilson
Servers.....R. Buck, C. Nelsen, C. Suddarth
B. Sever, R. Gallagher, T. Cummins

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Allyn Hosman

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

WEDNESDAY

February 14, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Brown

Door Greeters – West Door.....B/M Smith
East Door.....L/J Clark
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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

David Williams is at Sumner Regional having tests done. Michael Lemley will have a biopsy on Feb 9th. 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. Paul Gruber neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder 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.

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

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| Bible Study..... | 121 |
| Morning Worship..... | 168 |
| Sunday Evening..... | 96 |
| Wednesday Evening..... | 90 |
| Contribution..... | \$8,949.00 |
| Youth Group Account..... | \$5,645.00 |

Elders

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| 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 |

Deacons

Carl Newby Jonathan Senn Brent Smith
 Eric Stephenson Adam Williamson

PRAYER LIST

Ottis Cothron; 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; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Samantha Hager, friend of June Thompson; 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.

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