

February 15, 2024

### PERSONAL CONVERSATIONS

It is easy for us to overlook the important role that personal conversation has in the conversion of the world. We look in **Acts 2**, on the day of Pentecost, when 3,000 people were baptized in Christ after one sermon and it makes us desire those days to come back. Many times we even wonder what it is that we are doing wrong that is not bringing forth that same response, but we are forgetting that was not the normal thing taking place as the church grew. We must never overlook how often lives were changed when Jesus and the apostles had one-on-one conversations with others. The world will always be saved by the preaching of the gospel, but most of that teaching involves private studies with others.

Take Jesus' examples. He met and changed the lives of so many people, but think of that fact of how often He personally talked with others. It is quite possible that He changed more lives by having personal contact with others than even in His public teaching. In **John 3**, we are introduced to a man named Nicodemus. Now, Nicodemus had obviously heard of Jesus before and that is why he came to visit Jesus at night. However, the change that Jesus desired of Nicodemus came about because of their personal conversation. When Jesus said in **John 3:5** "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." Nicodemus was being taught about a new birth that involved water and the Holy Spirit. It is easy for us to forget that the first person to hear of the importance of baptism was a man who came to Jesus at night and in secret. Not only did Nicodemus hear of baptism but he also was the first to hear one of the most powerful, life changing, statements ever made. That God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son. (**John 3:16**) Personal contacts are so important.

After all, the change in the life of Zacchaeus didn't come when Jesus spoke to him in the top of a sycamore tree. Instead, it came when Jesus went to his house and talked to him. There are so many who were changed by sitting around the kitchen table with Jesus. It was personal conversations like these that changed Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Matthew along with countless others, from Pharisees to lepers. But it wasn't simply the kitchen table that these personal conversations took place. In **Luke 17:11-19**, we read of ten lepers who met Jesus. They were cleansed, but only one returned to thank Jesus. That one man was a Samaritan. As he glorified God, Jesus talked to him about his faith and its

place in salvation. We often overlook that it is usually in private teaching that one learns the true meaning of faith.

Jesus had individual conversations with Andrew and Peter (**John 1:41**); with Philip and Nathanael (**John 1:43, 45**); with John the Baptist about baptizing Jesus (**Matt. 3:14-15**); with the Samaritan woman at the well (**John 4:7**); with the woman taken in adultery (**John 8:4-11**); with the crippled man healed beside the pool, and Jesus later sought him out to teach him (**John 5:13-14**); and so many more!

After Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, His apostles carried out these personal conversations as well. It was Philip who studied with the Ethiopian Eunuch in **Acts 8:26-40**. It was Ananias who met Saul, in **Acts 9**, and by restoring his sight and explaining why the Lord appeared to him and how Saul would be a witness to many of Christ, baptized Saul in Christ and began Saul's journey as an apostle. Peter met with Cornelius, in **Acts 10**, and converted him along with his household. These are just some of the personal conversations that led to conversions. We see Lydia and her household converted (**Acts 16:15**); we see the Philippian jailer and his household converted (**Acts 16:33-34**); we see Crispus and his household converted (**Acts 18:8**). So many were saved through personal conversations.

What do we need to learn from this? It is very simple, private conversations often change the lives of others. I encourage you, this week and upcoming weeks, to pray that God will use you to privately talk to those around you and hopefully, through His Word, change their lives. Is there any week better than this week to begin doing this? Now, you might be wondering, how was it that Jesus was able to prepare His apostles for such a task as personal evangelism? He told them to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (**Matthew 28:19-20**) Not only did Jesus tell them what to do and what to teach, He also told them that he would be with them through it all. That same promise is given to us as well. What will you do for Jesus today? Imagine the conversations and relationships you will gain through the sharing of the Gospel.

**Andrew Spivey**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Romans 11 & 12  
Wednesday Read– Romans 13 & 14



Questions for last week's reading of;  
**Romans 7-10.**

Questions:

1. Describe the war between good and evil that goes on inside of you every day.
2. Who prays for Christians when they don't know what to say?
3. Restate Romans 8:28.
4. What cannot separate us from the love of God?
5. How can people learn about Jesus if they are in a place where Christ has not been taught?

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **February 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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**

### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you Nashville Road for your God inspired hearts in helping the family to cope with the loss of my brother Carl. I am grateful for the wreath, cards, prayers, and calls. With you and Christ, I am never alone in my sorrow. Love you all,

**Charlie & Wanda Seals**

I just want to take this time to thank you for your prayers, kind words, flowers, memorial service and luncheon. Everyone was really impressed with all you did to make this time as easy as possible.

In Christian Love, **Mrs. Jim (Jackie) Huffman**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

February 18, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson  
Servers.....J. Johnson, D. Thompson, J. Sever  
C. Suddarth, G. Rowlett, M. Coley

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

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

### WEDNESDAY

February 21, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby  
East Door.....E/D Stephenson  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Linda Cherry

### 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 home now and doing some better. Michael Lemley had a biopsy on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. Tom & Faye Hart, both having health issues. James Spivey has finished his radiation treatments for lung 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.



### PRAYER LIST

Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; JoAnn Williamson; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; 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.

### 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.....	101
Morning Worship.....	161
Sunday Evening.....	70
Wednesday Evening.....	72
Contribution.....	\$6,033.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,859.00

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
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### Deacons

Carl Newby    Jonathan Senn    Brent Smith  
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