# SPRING CLEANING

The weather is slowly warming up and we are beginning to see a hint of spring in the air. With spring soon approaching, Taylor and I jumped the gun and started early on doing some spring cleaning. As we have been cleaning out our closets and drawers, it got me thinking, how often do we truly clean out our house? Of course we clean the house every week, and with Palmer it feels as though we have to do a deep cleaning every day in at least one room or another. But, what about cleaning up the atmosphere of our homes? How often do we clean our work ethic, or our example before others? How often do we clean up our attitude towards our family or spouse? Just as our physical homes need cleaning so do our spiritual homes.

For example, just as our homes easily have clutter build up in drawers and closets, clutter can build up in our lives as well, and if it isn't taken care of, it will soon overtake all of the room. Jesus taught a parable in Luke 8 about a sower who went out to sow seed. As he sowed the seed, it fell along all types of ground. One of those types of soil was where there were weeds and thorns. In **Luke 8:14** Jesus explained, "And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature." We must make sure that we clean out all the worldly clutter from our lives, otherwise it can hinder our growth.

Not only do we need to clean the clutter out of our lives, but we also need to make sure that we keep our mirrors clean. **James 1:22-25** says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." When we look into the word of God, we should be able to see a clear reflection of what we should be like. If what we see in His word is not how we are living, then it might be time to do some cleaning.

We need to also make sure that we have good air quality in our spiritual lives. Philippians 4:4-7 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." One of the best ways to make sure that our air quality is good and remains good is that we keep an eye on the filter. Philippians 4:8 goes on to tell us, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Although there are many places in which we could get some "spring cleaning" done in our spiritual lives, none of that cleaning matters if the foundation isn't good. Matthew 7:24-27 says, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Let us make sure the foundation of our spiritual home is firmly set on Christ, because only on Him can we truly **Andrew Spivey** weather the storms of life.

# PRAYER REQUEST

**Abbie Marshall** will be in Guatemala for a medical mission trip from March 8 - 17. Please pray for safe travels and a successful trip for the team.

# COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Acts 20:30-23:35 Wednesday Read – Acts 24

Questions for last week's reading of; Acts 21 & Acts 22: 1-29

#### Questions:

1. When the people begged Paul to not go to Jerusalem, what did Paul say?

2. Who stirred up the Jews against Paul?

3. What did Paul call the people he persecuted?

4. To what group of people did God tell Paul to go?

5. What kept Paul from being beaten?

#### WEDDING SHOWER

All Ladies are invited to a Wedding Shower on March  $17^{\text{th}}$  from 2:00 – 3:30 PM in the Fellowship room in honor of **Daniel Yates & Brittany Cathey** who will be married on April  $17^{\text{th}}$ .

#### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Nashville Road. Notice new time.

## **SENIOR GROUP**

**The Senior Group** will be meeting again starting on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm.** Bring finger foods and ready to play games.

## EGG HUNT

Our annual Egg Hunt is set for **Saturday, March** 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm. If you would like to help out and donate candy for the hunt, that would be great. Please bring in the candy by March 17<sup>th</sup>. You can bring candy to the office or leave in the fellowship room. Thank you in advance.

# CHANGE OF ADDRESS

James & Mae Oldham & Karen Luster have a new address. They now live at; 129 Weller Lane, Gallatin TN. 37066. Be sure to put their new address in your pocket directory.

# ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY March 10, 2024 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	Ken Veale
Song Leader	Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer	Eric Stephenson
Lord's Supper	Tim Strickland
ServersM. Lyle,	M. Coley, C. Nelsen
J. Sever, D. Thor	mpson, R. Gallagher

Sermon	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer	Kevin Siler

# **5:00 PM SERVICE**

Welcome	Bob Brown
Song Leader	Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer	Tony Butler
Sermon	Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper	David Johnson
Closing Prayer	Brent Smith

# WEDNESDAY March 13, 2024 7:00 PM

Welcome	Bob Brown
Song Leader	Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer	Bob Sever
Lesson	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer	Jim Cherry
Ushers for MarchT. Cu Door Greeters – West Door East Door Visitor's Desk Volunteer	B/M Smith L/J Clark

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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

Allyn Hosman had knee replacement last week. He is home now and has started his therapy. David Williams is home now and doing some better. Michael Lemley received good news from the biopsy on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>. No cancer was found. Tom & Faye Hart, both having health issues. Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry is in the hospital. Paul Gruber neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and has been approved for a new drug treatment that he will start soon. 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 some tests done and received a good report.



#### PRAYER LIST

James Spivey; 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; Elaine Revnolds, friend of Christie Coleman: Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; 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.

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	
Morning Worship	
Sunday Evening	
Wednesday Evening	
Contribution	\$14,503.00
Youth Group Account	\$3,920.00

Elders	
Tony Butler	
Jim Cherry	615-479-2149
David Johnson	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill	615-289-9935
David Thompson	615-598-6621

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