

March 14, 2024

CONSISTENT OR INCONSISTENT

Think back to your childhood for a moment. Was there ever a time when you were sitting in a classroom listening to the teacher when they were suddenly called away? What would happen next? I don't know about you but I know what I did. I was always the first to talk, make a funny noise, or throw something at one of my friends. This would then turn the entire class into an uproar and when the teacher came back the class was out of control. Now, I was never a trouble maker. I might have been one of the class clowns, but I never gave the teachers any trouble. I was actually always very close to my teachers, but my behavior when they left the room was not consistent with my behavior when they were in the class.

Sadly, that struggle never seems to go away. Of course, we eventually learn how to behave when a teacher leaves the room, but we still live a life full of inconsistencies. Parents struggle being consistent on discipline. Workers struggle being consistent when the boss is not around. We are not consistent on how we handle situations in life. These inconsistencies are extremely troublesome as a Christian.

When we are baptized in Christ, we assume that all of our human self is washed away and that life will be easier. However, those inconsistencies never leave. We end up behaving differently when we are at church than we do when we are out in the world. We begin to criticize others for their anger, racism, nasty posts, hateful or foul speech, but we turn around and do the same thing. We condemn lying and lie the first chance we can to get out of something. Just because we are a Christian does not mean we are consistent. This is something Peter, Cephas, struggled with as well. **Galatians 2:11-14** shows that Peter was being inconsistent and was behaving in quite a racist way. The passage reads, "But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew

back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

Notice what verse 11 said. It said that Peter stood condemned. Do we stand condemned as well? **Romans 2:1-3** reads, "Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?" I am afraid that many times in our lives, we hold others to a standard of perfection, but give ourselves a pass for falling short in the same place others do. But as we just saw in this verse, we have no excuse for being inconsistent. If it is wrong for others to do then it is wrong for us as well. The only way to be consistent in life is to follow the word of God and allow that word to lead your path. **1 Corinthians 15:58** says, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." Let us make sure that our work is consistent with our Word. If not, it is God's name that takes the blame (**Romans 2:24**).

Andrew Spivey

*Trust in the lord with all your heart
and lean not on your own
understanding;
in all your way acknowledge him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:5-6*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Acts 25
Wednesday Read – Acts 26



Questions for last week's reading of;
Acts 23 & Acts 24.

Questions:

1. What was the Jews' plan about Paul?
2. How was the plan stopped?
3. Why did the Jewish leaders hate Paul?
4. What was Felix hoping to receive from Paul?
5. How do you think Paul's friends may have taken care of his needs?

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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

SENIOR GROUP

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

EGG HUNT

Our annual Egg Hunt is set for **Saturday, March 23rd 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 17th. You can bring candy to the office or leave in the fellowship room. Thank you.

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Jim & Linda Cherry** on the passing of Jim's sister, **Janice Haskins.** Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12th in Joelton.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Jessica Kobic came forward this past Sunday to ask for prayers for her and her kids while they are dealing with life struggles and as they move to Bowling Green, KY.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 17, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Scripture Reading.....Mike Lyle
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn
Servers.....R. Buck, C. Suddarth, B. Sever
E. Stephenson, D. Thompson, T. Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby

WEDNESDAY

March 20, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Don Wilson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Brown

Ushers for March.....T. Cummins/A. Williamson
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/T Brown
East Door.....J/L Cherry
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

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. **Tom & Faye Hart**, both having health issues. **Pat Watson**, former member, health issues. **Sandy Faver**, sister of Melanie McCreary, stroke, in hospital in FL waiting to be placed in rehab facility. **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.



PRAYER LIST

James Spivey; Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; 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; Charlie Cliburn; Michael Lemley; Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley. **Elaine Reynolds**, 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; **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; **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

Melba Hill; Jean Deaton;
Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615.

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	97
Morning Worship.....	158
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	62
Contribution.....	\$6,455.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,092.00

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