

March 21, 2024

SERVING THE LORD

Have you ever noticed that your computer is the worst one ever made? Or that your cell phone or internet provider is the most unreliable company ever? Or maybe it's that your car must be a lemon, because it won't start one morning. It is funny how quickly we go to the extremes of exaggeration when things don't work the way we want them to. The truth is, none of those statements are exactly true. They just happen to be what we say when we show up to work one day and our computer, that had worked every day for 10 years straight, won't turn on. It is what we say when we find ourselves in the middle of nowhere and can't find cell service or when we go to the garage and the battery on our car is dead because we left the interior light on. Oddly enough, this mindset gets me thinking of how a lot of people who give as well.

We have some amazing givers in the body of Christ. There are those who come and ask things like "Can I take the trash out?", "Can I clean up that mess for you?", or "Can I wipe that counter down for you?" We also have those that see a need and are right to it. They are not afraid to grab a vacuum or pick up trash in the floor. They will run through the foyer to open a door for a member or visitor. There are those who prepare meals for church and youth events like Gospel Meetings, Friends and Family day, TNT, or Lads 2 Leaders. There are even those who will take off work to help at summer and winter camp, go on a mission trips, or take the youth on a trip or retreat. There are also those who may not seem to be doing much to the public eye, but are doing loads of work in continuing the growth and spread of God's kingdom by giving of their financial blessings and spending time in prayer. These people are about as reliable and automatic as the sun rising each morning.

Now you may be asking, what does this have to do with a broken computer or broke down car? Well, think about this for a second, did you wake up this morning and rush outside to make sure that the sun was rising in the east? Probably not. As a matter of fact, aside from making a quick glance out the window you probably didn't even give much thought to it at all. We tend to think of the sun as something that just comes natural every morning. But it is far from it. God asked Job in **Job 38:12**, "Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place"? Although you might not have thought much about the sun rising this morning, you sure did benefit

from it. That is just one of many blessings that God gives us each day. And just as God gives regularly there are many in Christ who imitate that behavior.

There are so many who give so much to make sure both the church building and the church body is in good shape. These are people that we might never notice until something goes wrong in that area of work. Much like the computer that worked every day for 10 years, or the car that has went 200,000 miles without an issue. It is easy to forget how much we rely on and expect others to sacrifice so much.

I am so thankful that our congregation at Nashville Road is so full of amazing givers. From those willing to do hard, physical tasks to those who are willing to go out of their way to encourage a brother or sister in Christ to those who are willing to give of their money and time to help further the work of God's Kingdom. It has nothing to do with how much they put into the basket on Sunday, but everything to do with how much joy they put into serving the Lord every day of their lives.

To them, serving the Lord and His church is not a task but a pleasure to be enjoyed. Seeing so many of you who are working constantly in the background remind me of what Paul said to the elders in Ephesus in **Acts 20:35**. "In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." For those of you who continue to work and give so much of your time, effort, abilities, and money. Thank you! You are such a blessing to God's family.
Andrew Spivey

Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word. Teach me good judgment and knowledge; for I have believed thy commandments.

Psalm 119:65-66

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Acts 27
Wednesday Read – Acts 28



Questions for last week's reading of: **Acts 25 & Acts 26.**

Questions:

1. Why did Paul want to go to Caesar?
2. Why did Festus have Paul come and speak to a group of people?
3. Why did King Agrippa want to hear Paul speak?
4. What was Paul's real purpose for speaking before King Agrippa?
5. What did King Agrippa say kept Paul from being set free?

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The next Ladies Bible class will be on **April 2nd at 6:30 pm** at Nashville Road. *Notice new time.*

SENIOR GROUP

The Senior Group will meet on **Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 pm.** Please bring finger foods and drinks.

GUEST SPEAKERS

On Sunday March 31st, **Philip Norwood** from Whiteville, North Carolina, will be with us for Sunday morning class & worship. Then on Sunday, April 7th **S.M. Vinay** from India, will be with us for class and morning worship. Please take the opportunity to be here for worship and to hear these two missionaries.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

The next Widows/Widowers Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, April 21, 2024.** Excel's will be hosting the luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be out the end of March.

CAME FORWARD

Sonia Bell came forward Wednesday evening asking for the prayers from the church with her life struggles. Please keep Sonia in your prayers.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Servers.....C. Nelsen, M. Coley, Z. Tooley
C. Newby, J. Sever, T. Strickland

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry

5:00 PM SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY

March 27, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Charlie Seals

Ushers for March.....T. Cummins/A. Williamson
Door Greeters – West Door.....E/D Stephenson
East Door.....Z/A Tooley
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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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

James Spivey got a good report from the cancer Dr. **Faye Hart** will have back surgery on Thursday, April 4th at St. Thomas Mid-Town. **JoAnn Williamson** fell and broke her wrist. She will be moved to a rehab facility soon. **Ottis Cothron** will have open abdominal surgery on Tuesday, April 9th. **Allyn Hosman** had knee replacement. 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, has been released from the hospital. **Paul Gruber** neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He is now undergoing a new drug therapy for the next few months. **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; **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; **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.....	112
Morning Worship.....	172
Sunday Evening.....	81
Wednesday Evening.....	72
Contribution.....	\$7,066.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,320.00

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