

April 4, 2024

GRATITUDE

One afternoon, two friends met each other on the street. One of them looked quite disgruntled, almost to the point of tears it seemed. His friend asked him, "What has happened to you to make you so upset?" The man responded, "Let me tell you. Three weeks ago, my uncle died and he left me forty thousand dollars." "That's a lot of money", the friend responded. "But that's not all. Two weeks ago, a cousin that I never even knew died, and left me with eighty-five thousand dollars." The friend replied, "It sounds to me that you have been very blessed." The frustrated friend responded, "You don't understand! Last week my great aunt passed away and I inherited a quarter million dollars from her." At this point, the man's friend was quite confused. "Then why do you look so aggravated and upset?" he asked. "This week...I got nothing!"

Sometimes, we can get to the point in our lives where we begin to expect to get certain blessings that God never promised to us, and when we do not receive them, it becomes easy to get bitter and complain. We all know that complaining is not a good thing, but have you ever thought of how bad complaining really is? Paul says in **Ephesians 4:29**, "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." When reading this verse, it is easy to look at the obvious and see that we shouldn't use foul language or rude, degrading talk. But have you ever thought that corrupting talk includes complaining? Growing up, I never thought of complaining as being something "corrupting," but as we look further into scripture, we can easily see that murmuring, grumbling, and complaining can pollute our lives and those around us.

First of all, complaining is sinful. It also causes many people all kinds of problems in their lives and robs the joy of anyone listening. Scripture gives us plenty of examples of the dangers of complaining as well. For example, in 1 Corinthians 10, Paul begins teaching the readers that the events that took place in the Old Testament are examples for us in what we should not do. He talks about how the Israelites at Mt. Sinai built a golden calf and practiced idolatry. He mentions how twenty- three thousand people died in one day because they indulged in sexual immorality. Then, in **1 Corinthians 10:10-11**, Paul says, "nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an

example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." Obviously, idolatry and sexually immorality are sinful, but complaining? In **James 5:9**, it says "Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door."

It is obvious that God doesn't take lightly to complaining, yet how quick are we to become impatient and begin to complain? We complain when we are stuck in traffic or in line at a grocery store. We are quick to point out the faults of friends or family members. We even complain about our job when we should be grateful to have one. We complain when the blessings that God has been giving us become expectations that we demand. We complain when other people don't do what we would have done. We live in a society full of critics and complainers. So how do we make sure that we do not get brought in by this negative and toxic attitude? The best antidote for complaining is thankfulness. Those who are truly thankful do not complain. They are too busy being grateful for all the good things that they have so there is no time to notice the things they could complain about. **1 Thessalonians 5:18** says, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Instead of being bitter and complaining, we should be rejoicing for all that God has blessed us with. You and I need to make it a daily goal to live a life of thanksgiving. Let's be as positive and grateful as possible.

Try going to bed at night and ponder everything you have to be thankful for. Let it be the very first thing you do in the morning as well. Thank God for the little things or things you might normally take for granted. Things as simple as a parking place, getting up for work, having a quick meal, your family or friends. When times get difficult and we start to complain or grumble about our situation, don't get discouraged and throw in the towel either. Keep at it each and every day until you have developed new habits and are living with an attitude of gratitude. On top of that, be generous with your gratitude. **Colossians 3:17** says, "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Make the resolution today to give thanks in all that you do. **Psalm 100:1-5**

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Colossians 3 & 4
Wednesday Read – Ephesians 1 & 2



Questions for last week's reading of;

Philemon & Colossians chapters 1&2.

Questions:

1. How did Paul describe Philemon?
2. Why didn't Paul keep Philemon with him?
3. How did Paul feel toward Onesimus?
4. In Colossians 1:13-20, how did Paul describe Christ?
5. What did Paul say about being in sin and being in Christ?

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, 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.

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 is in the foyer.

THANK YOU

Dear Nashville Road family, Thank you for all the calls, cards, prayers, and the beautiful flowers that were given during the loss of my sister. Thank you again, With much love, **Jim & Linda Cherry**

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to the following families;

Eva Petty and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, **James Barnes.** A Memorial service will be held on April 14th at Bush's Chapel church of Christ.

The family of **Vetrus Mee** who passed away on March 30th. Funeral was held on April 4th in Gallatin.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

April 7, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
Auditorium Lesson.....S.M. Vinay

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
Servers.....M. Coley, B. Sever, T. Cummins
G. Rowlett, D. Johnson, F. Evans

Sermon.....S.M. Vinay
Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Matt Ellis
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler

WEDNESDAY

April 10, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Ushers for April.....Eric Stephenson & Zach Tooley
Communion Care for April.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/S Sever
East Door.....L/J Clark
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Linda Cherry

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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 in Sumner Regional, Room 582. **Myra Rasnick** is home now and doing well. **Janice Johnson** is in NHC Sumner Place. **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 is now at NHC in Hendersonville. **Ottis Cothron** will have open abdominal surgery on Tuesday, April 9th. **David Williams** is in the hospital for test. **Tom & Faye Hart**, both having health issues. **Pat Watson**, former member, health issues. **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**; **Shelby Ross**; **Sandi Jones**; **Lena Baggett**; **Maxine Cothron**; **Frances Catron**; **Charlie Cliburn**; **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; **Yucki 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.....	110
Morning Worship.....	195
Sunday Evening.....	67
Wednesday Evening.....	83
Contribution.....	\$8,325.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,820.00

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