

May 16, 2024

RIP CURRENTS

This past week was quite chaotic with all of the storms and flooding. It was crazy to see how quickly the creeks were able to rise and people were soon trapped in their houses because of flood waters. I remember hearing the reporters on the news encouraging people to stay off of the roads and to stay out of the water. They kept repeating the fact that it only takes six inches of water to sweep a person off their feet and it only takes one to two feet of water to float a vehicle off of its wheels. As crazy as that seems, I certainly believe it to be true. As a matter of fact, I would argue to say that it only takes one inch of water, in the right conditions to take your feet out from under you.

For example, a few weeks ago when my family was able to go to Taylor's home town of Stuart, Florida. We went to the beach one morning for Palmer to collect shells. Being on the Atlantic ocean, the waves were very large and would sweep up extremely far on the beach. Then Taylor told me to make sure that I kept Palmer back from the water. When I asked why she said that there was a bad rip current. She even showed me how I could tell there was a rip current by the patterns the waves made in the sand. Then as we stood at the edge of the water and felt the waves hit against our ankles, we could stand still and feel our feet begin to sink into the sand as the rip current pulled against the shore line.

Rip currents are actually very dangerous. Even though they only move about two or three feet per second, they are stronger than any Olympic swimmer. They can pull you off your feet and quickly sweep you out into the ocean. Actually, rip currents are the cause of over 100 deaths every year in America alone. Last year, there were over 11 deaths on Florida's gulf coast in just two weeks when a period of strong rip currents hit the beaches. When you compare that to an average of one death per year by shark attack, you begin to realize the hidden killer isn't in the water. The hidden killer is the water.

When I think of the danger of rip currents, or of the sudden flooding we had last week, I am also reminded of the many temptations that we face ourselves. How often do we see temptation and feel as though we will be ok to dabble in sin and then escape from its deadly effects just in time. Even though we have clear warning, we feel as though we will be fine. **James 1:14-15** says, "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives

birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death." We are also told in **Galatians 6:7-8**, "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

We have clear knowledge and warnings of the rip current effect sin has on us, yet time and time again we underestimate the power and draw of sin. And before we know it, we can quickly be drawn in and swept away. Paul warns us about the power of temptation and sin. **Galatians 6:1** says, "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." Paul tells us that even if we are strong enough to confront the sins of our brothers and sisters, we must make sure that we guard ourselves as well against sin. We all have different temptations that can quickly pull us away, but we also have the ability to either avoid those temptations or get out of those temptations as well. Paul goes on to tell us how we can get out of our temptations. Much like how I was able to hold onto Taylor and Palmer to keep them safe in the waves, Paul says in **Galatians 6:2** "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." We can lean on each other in our times of need and in order to get out of our temptations.

Most importantly, we can lean upon God and know that he will provide us a way to avoid and escape the current of sin. **1 Corinthians 10:12-13** says, "Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it." So let us remember to always be alert of the dangers of sin and temptation, let us not be confident in ourselves but confident in Christ and lean upon Him and each other to both avoid and get out of the temptations we have. Remember not to stick your toes into temptation and think that you can get out.

Andrew Spivey

CAME FORWARD

Carol Kidd came forward Sunday evening asking for prayers for strength and guidance from the church. Please keep Carol in your prayers.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Review of United & Early Divided Kingdom.
Wednesday Read – 2 Kings 3



Questions for last week's reading of;

2 Timothy 1-4 .

Questions:

1. Name the women who had taught Timothy.
2. What did Paul mean when he said, "But God's word is not chained."
3. How can a person have a "form of godliness" but not really be godly?
4. From where does all Scripture come, and for what can Scripture be used?
5. What did Paul say about his life, and what reward was waiting for him?

GRADUATE BULLETIN

If you have a student or students that will be graduating from high school, college or technical school at **any time** during **2024** (January-December), please provide the office with a picture, their name, the school they attended, future plans to further their education or work. You may bring a picture with their information and give to the office or email the office at secnashroad@comcast.net with a picture and information. **Please have these turned in by May 26th for this year's graduate bulletin.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be held **June 2 - 5, 2024**. Please mark your calendars for those dates. More information will follow on theme and time schedule. **We already have enough donations for the snacks. Thank you to everyone that gave. What a blessing!**

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on **Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.**

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

May 19, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Ken Veale
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Lord's Supper.....Charlie Seals
Servers.....C. Suddarth, J. Johnson, M.Ellis
Z. Tooley, D. Johnson, C. Nelsen

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Don Wilson

WEDNESDAY

May 22, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Ushers for May.....Robert Buck & Lowell Clark
Communion Care for May.....David Johnson

Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....E/D Stephenson
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Syble Johnson

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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

Melba Hill is at Sumner Regional in CCU. Sara Savells will have hip replacement surgery on May 16th. Sara Hosman is home now and recovering from surgery. Ann Tyler is now at NHC. David Williams is in Sumner Regional, Room 575. Janice Johnson is home now. Faye Hart had back surgery. Faye is now home. Pat Watson, former member, health issues. Virginia Long, sister of Gary Stallcup, has a parathyroid illness and is bedridden. 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 liver cancer and had surgery on May 2nd to remove tumors.



PRAYER LIST

James & Mary 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; Pat Crump; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley. Elaine R0eynolds, 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

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

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	98
Morning Worship.....	182
Sunday Evening.....	64
Wednesday Evening.....	71
Contribution.....	\$8,306.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,027.00

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