

July 18, 2024

SPIRITUAL LIFE

The past week and a half was quite a joyful time for my family. Over our trip, we got to drive along and even hike in some of the most beautiful mountains. However, getting to some of those locations were rather challenging. As we drove through West Virginia, I never realized that it could take you over an hour just to go 15 miles. But that is how it is when you are driving around the mountains. After spending so much time driving through the valleys, in between massive mountains, and climbing to beautiful mountain peaks, I began to think of all the mountaintops and valleys we have in our spiritual lives.

You know, our spiritual lives are not always characterized by wonderful mountaintop experiences. One, both spiritual and physical, example of this is from Moses. As wonderful of an experience it must have been for him to be on the top of Mt. Sinai and in the presence of God, Moses eventually had to leave that mountain peak and come back to the reality of dealing with the Israelites worshipping the golden calf and rebelling. (Exodus 32:15-21)

Elijah had a similar problem when he went against the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel. When fire came from heaven and burned up Elijah's sacrifice that was soaked in water, there was no doubt the Lord was God. (1 Kings 18:20-40) However, when he came down from that mountaintop, he was overwhelmed with both the death threats of Jezebel and the sinfulness of Israel. We soon find Elijah asking God to take him because he felt like he was the only faithful person left in all the land. (1 Kings 19:1-10)

Mountaintop experiences truly are amazing, and there are times in our lives when we are able to experience great spiritual victories and we feel as if we are on top of the world, with a breath taking view of our heavenly father. Maybe it was the day when you first obeyed the gospel, witnessed or aided in a friend or family member being baptized into Christ, or maybe it was a mission trip, or a camp that made you feel on fire for God. Maybe it is one of those moments in worship where you feel so inspired and encouraged that you completely forget about all of the distractions and hardships of daily life. Whatever it may be, those mountaintop experiences are certainly a blessing from God and a way to see Him more clearly.

But, much like the physical mountains in the world, life always has deep valleys that we must travel through once we leave the mountaintop. Our spiritual lives, much like a mountain chain, often has more valleys than it does mountain peaks. Situations develop and doubts and fears begin to shake and threaten our faith. But we must not be afraid or feel despair when we are in the valleys of life. Psalm 95:4-6 says, "In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!" We must remember that the same God who created the mountains and valleys, is the same God that we can turn to when we are in our own spiritual valleys.

We all have valleys in life, but if we are in Christ, we have something that others do not. These words are best explained by David in Psalm 23:1-4, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." We are blessed with a shepherd who leads us through the valleys in life and comforts us so we do not have to be afraid. Jesus says in John 16:33, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." We have a savior who has overcome the world and he has provided a way to make out of the valleys in life and back to the mountaintop experience.

Andrew Spivey

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Melba Hill a member here at Nashville Road will have her 96th birthday next week. Lets surprise Melba with a card shower for her birthday. Send cards to; NHC 140 Throne Blvd rm #2010 Gallatin TN 37066

50th ANNIVERSARY

Carl and Pam Newby will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on Saturday August 3rd from 1-3 PM, here at Nashville Road in the fellowship room. No gifts please.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Nahum Zephaniah, 2 Kings 23:31-24:20
Wednesday – Habakkuk, Jeremiah, 2Kings 25



Questions for last week's reading of; Isaiah & Micah & 2 Kings 21:1-23& vs30

Questions:

1. According to Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7, what names will Jesus be called?
2. What does Micah 6:8 say the Lord requires of us?
3. What did Manasseh do when he was king?
4. What did Hilkiyah the high priest find in the temple, and what did Josiah do with it?
5. What does the Bible say in 2 Kings 23:4-23, that Josiah did as king?

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3rd- Carl & Pam Newby's 50th Annv 1-3pm
August 4th-Fellowship Meal after AM service
August 6th- TNT @ 6:00pm
August 6th- Ladies Bible Study @ 6:30pm
August 15th Senior Group @ 5:00 pm
August 17th - Bible Trivia Night @ 6:00pm
August 20th TNT @ 6:00pm
August 20th- Ladies Bible Study @6:30 pm
All events will be held in the fellowship room here at Nashville Road. Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

BULLETINS

We will stop mailing the bulletins beginning in August. You can still get the bulletin on the newsletter by going to the Bulletin link at the top of newsletter. If you are not getting our daily newsletter and would like to begin receiving our newsletter, please call the church office or send us an email requesting to receive the newsletter. If you do not have the internet, we will be able to mail one to you. We will also have bulletins in the lobby at church every Sunday. If you have any questions please call the office at 615-452-3431 or email; secnashroad@gmail.com
Thank you.

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY July 21, 2024 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett
Servers.....M. Ellis, T. Cummins, M. Lyle,
C. Suddarth, A. Williamson, C. Newby

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

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
Closing Prayer.....Allyn Hosman

WEDNESDAY July 24, 2024 7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

Ushers for July.....Eric Stephenson/Zach Tooley
Communion Care for August...Bob & Tarina Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....Z/A Tooley
East Door.....B/M Smith
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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

Faye Britt is recovering at home from knee surgery. Shirley Ralph had a colon resection done on July 11. Donna Jennings had a right hip replacement on Thursday, July 18 at Hendersonville Hospital. Charles & Jackie Williams, Charles is improving, Jackie had shots instead of the ablation. 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. Surgery for the removal of tumors has been postponed.

SHUT-INS

Jean Deaton; James Spivey;
 Melba Hill; NHC 140 Throne Blvd. Gallatin rm 2010
 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.....	123
Morning Worship.....	173
Sunday Evening.....	86
Wednesday Evening.....	62
Contribution.....	\$8,773.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,513.00

PRAYER LIST

Maddie Andrews; James & Mary Spivey; Charlie Cliburn; Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Faye Hart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Maxine Cothron; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Pat Crump; 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.

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