

CUSTOMS

All over the world, our lives are full of habits and customs. We get in habits and have customs based on the order we get ready in the morning. We have habits and customs around holidays. We even have habits and customs based on different sporting events. Some customs can be rather strange too. For example, if you go to a Texas Tech football game, expect to see fans throw tortillas on the field as the game starts. But it isn't just college football that has unique customs. Strange customs and traditions can be found all over the world. For example, in India there is a tradition of taking newborn babies to the tops of temples and tossing them off to be caught in a large blanket. Or, in northern Scotland, there is a pre-wedding tradition called "Blackening" the bride. This involved kidnapping the bride, and sometimes the groom as well, before their wedding and covering them in things such as rotten eggs, fish guts, dog food, molasses, and oil. After this takes place, the kidnapped victims are tied to a lamppost for someone to find them. From normal daily habits to bizarre cultural traditions, there is no doubt that our lives are filled with customs.

This was also the case for many throughout the Bible as well. For example, in **Matthew 27:15**, we read that it was Pilate's custom to release a prisoner during the Passover feast, and he actually tried to use that custom to release Jesus. In **John 19:40**, we read that Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus wrapped Jesus in linen cloths and spices for burial because it was the Jewish custom. We also learn that the Roman custom of allowing the accused the right to a trial before execution is what saved Paul from being killed by the Jewish mob in **Acts 25:16**. But, of all these customs, the customs that we can learn from the most and apply to our daily lives comes from Jesus' habits and customs.

First, notice that it was Jesus' custom and habit to pray. He was a man of constant prayer. There were time when He would even spend hours praying to God. **Luke 6:12** actually tells us, "In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God." In **Mark 6:45-46** we also read, "Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray." Luke also tells us, during Jesus' last week before his betrayal and death, in **Luke 21:37** that "every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet." Even on the night He was to be betrayed, he took his disciples out to Gethsemane to pray "as was His custom". Luke 22:39. Do you have the habit and custom of praying as often as Jesus did?

Another habit to learn from Jesus was His custom to teach. If you study through the gospel accounts and look at the life and ministry of Jesus, you will clearly see that teaching others was a major habit in His life. Even in times when He seemed to be wanting to avoid crowds and seek rest, if there were people, He would teach them. **Mark 6:32-34** says, "And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things." Not only did Jesus teach the crowd, but He also fed them with five loaves of bread and two fish. Whether it was the multitude which followed Him to the mount for His sermon there, or Zacchaeus in the tree, or the woman at the well, or those around the Sea of Galilee, His custom was to teach. **Mark 10:1** says, "And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them." Do you have the habit and custom of teaching as Jesus taught?

Finally, we can also see that it was Jesus' custom to worship regularly. At the age of twelve, we see Jesus at the temple teaching the Jewish leaders of the day, and why was He there? **Luke 2:42** says, "And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom." It was Jesus' parents custom to worship regularly. We also see that, as an adult, He continued this custom. **Luke 4:16** says, "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read." We also see from the gospel accounts of His life shows He was always present at all the feasts. Jesus' custom was to worship regularly. Do you? Unfortunately there are many today who have other habits and customs contrary to this. **Hebrews 10:24-25** says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, *as is the habit of some*, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Unfortunately, there are many have the attitude that weekly worship is optional, but that is simply not the case. Jesus' custom was to pray without ceasing, teach constantly, and worship regularly. What are your customs?

Andrew Spivey

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
Proverbs 1:7

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Ezekiel & Lamentations
Wednesday Read – Ezra 1-3



Questions for last week's reading of;

Nahum, Zephaniah, 2 Kings 23:31-24:20,
Habakkuk, Jeremiah, 2 Kings 25

Questions:

1. What enemies were sent against Judah and why?
2. What was God's answer when Habakkuk asked why Judah's evil was not punished, and what was Habakkuk's response?
3. How was Jeremiah treated when he prophesied God's Message?
4. What did Nebuchadnezzar do to Jerusalem?
5. Why did the people who remained in Jerusalem not stay, and where did they go ?

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

Beginning in August, we will no longer mail out the weekly bulletins. 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. Please call us at **615-452-3431** or email; **secnashroad@gmail.com** Thank You.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

July 28, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
 Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
 Servers.....M. Ellis, B. Sever, M. Lyle,
 R. Gallagher, R. Buck, JD. Senn
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
 Closing Prayer.....Don Wilson

WEDNESDAY

July 31, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

Ushers for July.....Eric Stephenson/Zach Tooley
 Communion Care for August...Bob & Tarina Brown
 Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
 East Door.....C/P Newby
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

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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

Andy Boner is in the hospital with pneumonia. Faye Britt is recovering at home from knee surgery. Shirley Ralph had a colon resection done on July 11. Donna Jennings is home now recovering from hip replacement surgery. Charles & Jackie Williams, Charles is improving, and Jackie is better. 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.



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.

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.....	94
Morning Worship.....	159
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$7,532.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,513.00

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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

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Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	

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