

August 8, 2024

DISCIPLINE

It is about time for all of our children to be gearing up for school. When I think of this time of the year, I am always reminded of **Proverbs 22:6**, “Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” I find this passage interesting during this time of year because I still find myself practicing many of the same habits and routines today that my parents established when I was back in school. Things like preparing clothes for the next day, the order of getting ready, doing my final checks and making sure I have everything before I walk out the door. It is fascinating how true that passage is, in more ways than we realize.

With that passage in mind, and many families having to shift from relaxed “summer” routines to get in a “back to school” routine, it is also a good time to possibly make some other changes as well. Maybe some changes that have been put off in the past, but it is not too late to begin practicing them this school year. Of course, starting new habits are never an easy thing to do, but they are much easier when you bring them in during a time of transition. For example, as many children and parents are altering sleep patterns and daily routines, why don’t you take the time to start up some healthy spiritual habits as well. You could start the habit of praying with your family before school or having family Bible reading time after getting home. There are many different things you could add into your daily routine that could help your family grow closer to God.

It is also interesting when you begin to compare how changes in routine relate to how God teaches all of us as well. For example, in order to teach children how to develop new routines and responsibilities, you must make sure that you are very clear in what is expected. As a family unit, everyone plays a role in how the family operates. Children should know what is expected of them. Their chores should be mapped out. The “when you get home” list of things that need to be accomplished should be communicated. Even expectations in how we conduct ourselves has to be clearly stated. Using inclusive words like “we” and “us” make it more about how we as the family should act and not just another lecture about their behavior.

Just as we look at how parents and grandparents can teach their families, when we look at how God has guided His people, we see many of the same details in

how He communicates with us. For example, before Israel was about to enter the Promised Land, Moses delivered the message of Deuteronomy to the nation. He then tells them in **Deuteronomy 30:15-18** “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.”

God reminds Joshua of this as he prepares to take Israel across the Jordan river as well. The message that God continually tells His people is not to forget Him and to seek Him in their lives. He is very clear about this as well. If you look in Deuteronomy 6, in verse 1-3, God is very clear about the reasons to be obedient. In verses 4-6, He explains the individual responsibility’s each person has for spiritual maturity. In both verses 7-9, and 20-25, God tells us of the importance of teaching obedience and spiritual maturity to the family. And then, in verses 10-19, God tells us not to forget Him. These lessons ring just as true as they did in the time of Moses.

In Christ, we are also promised a land of rest. But we must be dedicated if we want to receive it. Paul says in **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.” So, take this time as the school year starts to instill in yourself, your children, your family, and even your friends, the habits that will see you all safely to the other side of the Jordan.

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Esther 1-3
Wednesday Read – Esther 4-6



Questions for last week's reading of;

Ezra 4-6, Haggai & Zechariah

Questions:

1. When the Jews' enemies offered to help build the temple what did they really want to do?
2. How did the Jews know to worship God?
3. In the book of Haggai, why were the Jews reprimanded?
4. Why did the people listen to Haggai?
5. What was Zechariah trying to get the Jews to understand?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Please keep the following students in your prayers, as they begin a new adventure entering college. **Elissa Dixon** niece of Layna Rowlett will be attending Western KY. **Valerie Suddarth** daughter of Chris & Cristy Suddarth, will be attending Lipscomb and **Madelyn Paul** daughter of Pam Paul, will also attend Lipscomb. Also returning to Freed Hardeman is **Jon David Senn** as a senior and **Jordan Senn** as a junior and **Abbie Marshall** will be returning to Lipscomb as a Junior. Please keep them all in your prayers for guidance, away from home and safe travels.

The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD and have not wickedly departed from my God.

Psalm 18:21-22

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

August 11, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Scripture Reading.....Jon David Senn
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
 Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
 Servers.....C. Newby, T. Cummins, Z. Tooley
 M. Lyle, C. Suddarth, A. Williamson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
 Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
 Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY

August 14, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
 Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
 Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

Ushers for August.....Robert Buck & Lowell Clark
Communion Care for August....Bob & Tarina Brown

Door Greeters – West Door.....B/S Sever
 East Door.....J/L Cherry
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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

Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby had surgery on Thursday. **Ann Tyler** is now at NHC. **Wanda Seals** will have a procedure done on Aug. 6. **Evelyn Harris** is now at NHC Gallatin. **Andy Boner** is home now and doing better. **Faye Britt** is recovering at home from knee surgery. **Shirley Ralph** is home now and doing better. **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 through the end of August. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with liver cancer .

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.....	96
Morning Worship.....	169
Sunday Evening.....	73
Wednesday Evening.....	79
Contribution.....	\$9,290.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,613.00

Elders

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

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