

August 22, 2024

### THE RACE

Last Sunday was the closing ceremony of the 2024 Olympics. The oldest sporting event in history. It is amazing to think that the ancient Greeks started the games all the way back in 776 B.C. and looked forward to these events so much that they began to record their time in Olympiads, a period of 4 years. Each time the Olympics came around, they would compete in sports like wrestling, discus, pentathlons, and races of various lengths. However, the first marathon would not be held in the Olympics until 1896. Although they did not have marathons in the ancient Olympic games, they still had many various marathon like runs, including the original marathon that took place in 490 B.C.

The Bible even gives mention of events like this in comparison to our own spiritual journey. 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." The Hebrew writer also speaks of the spiritual race that is before us. He writes in **Hebrews 12:1-2**, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

We must remember that our life is a race to receive a crown of glory. Far too many Christians see their lives as simply "strolling" through their years on this earth. It is not a stroll, it is a race! Think of all of those involved in the races in Paris or in previous Olympic years, they have spent many years of their lives in intense training, not just taking a walk.

The participants in the Olympics have spent years to be able to run a race which often ends in minutes or even seconds. There is no victory without training. In ancient days, the contestants assembled and took a solemn oath before their gods that they had done no less than ten months training and that they would not resort to any trickery to win. In a similar fashion, our race involves

dedicated training and keeping of rules for the race to our crown. In ancient training, they often strapped weights to their bodies, but the day of the actual race they removed the weights and felt so much lighter during the race. This is why the Hebrew writer made the comparison of the weights and sins in life that we cling to or carry along with us. Are there weights in your life that are hindering you in your race?

In the Olympics, there are also spectators. The entire world is watching these people run. In a similar way, we have spectators watching us. Although the witnesses in Hebrews 12 are referring to those great men and women of faith in Hebrews 11, and their example to us, we are also an example to others. Our friends, family, children, and those we meet every day are watching us. As you run your race, keep in mind the impact you have on those around you who are watching. **Matthew 5:16** says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

But why is how we run this race so important? Because a crown is waiting for us. But it isn't a crown made of ivy, or some kind of ribbon, or even Gold.

**2 Timothy 4:8** tells us it is a crown of righteousness. **1 Peter 5:4** says it is a crown of glory. And **Revelation 2:10** tells us it is a crown of life. Are you running to obtain it? It starts by following Christ. Following His example and obeying His call to be baptized into His death. Then we must win the race that He ran. We cannot just stroll aimlessly through life, and we cannot give up right at the end either. We cannot retire from the race when we are so close to the finish. Keep your eyes on Him through every trial as you complete your race.

Andrew Spivey

### PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Let's welcome **John & Barbara Crawford** who have placed their membership on Sunday. They are parents to Erica Fitts and grandparents to Presley Fitts.

**EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU AND  
PRAISE YOUR NAME FOR EVER  
AND EVER.  
Psalm 145:2**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read 1 Chronicles 1-9, Nehemiah 1-2 Wednesday Read – Nehemiah 3-8



Questions for last week's reading of;

**Esther 7-10 & Ezra 7-10**

Questions:

1. What was Esther's request at the second banquet with the king and Haman?
2. What happened to Haman?
3. How were the Jews saved?
4. In what did Ezra have much knowledge?
5. Why did God not want his people to marry foreigners?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20<sup>th</sup> TNT @ 6:00pm

August 20<sup>th</sup>- Ladies Bible Study @6:30 pm

September 2<sup>nd</sup> **Labor Day church office closed**

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Bible class @6:30pm

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> TNT @ 6:00pm

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Widows/Widowers Luncheon

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30pm

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> TNT @6:00

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Group @5:00pm

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing/PM services**

All events will be held in the fellowship room here at Nashville Road. Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

*\*Every Sunday @ 4:15 Singing class.*

### WIDOWS/WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

The next Widows/Widowers Luncheon will be held on **Sunday, September 15, 2024**. It will be held in the Fellowship Room. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer.

### FALL SERIES

Mark your calendars for every Wednesday in October. This will be our **Fall Series** with **Mike Tidwell** as our guest Speaker. More details to follow soon.

### ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY

August 25, 2024

9:00 AM

### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby  
 Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
 Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
 Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
 Servers.....M. Lyle, Z. Tooley, C. Suddarth,  
 B. Sever, G. Rowlett, D. Thompson

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Matt Ellis  
 Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

### WEDNESDAY August 28, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
 Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans  
 Lesson.....Bob Brown  
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

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

Door Greeters – West Door.....B/T Brown  
 East Door.....C/P Newby  
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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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

**Lisha Spivey** is in Sumner Regional. **Tonya Farren** is back home after a short stay at hospital. **Janice Johnson** is at NHC after having back surgery. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby is home now and doing well. **Ann Tyler** is at NHC. **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.....	105
Morning Worship.....	163
Sunday Evening.....	79
Wednesday Evening.....	72
Contribution.....	\$6,782.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,685.00

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

### Deacons

Carl Newby   Jonathan Senn   Brent Smith  
 Eric Stephenson   Adam Williamson

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