

October 3, 2024

STAND STRONG ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

It has certainly been sad to watch the news the past several days as we see the devastation left in the wake of Hurricane Helene, particularly when we see all the damage from the floods across the Appalachian Mountains. To see how quickly the rain and water could destroy entire communities is truly a humbling realization of the power of storms. As I have seen the news from all around, I also think of how fortunate some are as well. It seems that every year, as hurricane season comes, there are always videos of shorelines that are completely wiped out, except for one single house. There was a news reel I saw from Eastpoint, Florida that showed multiple houses being washed away, as one single house stood firm. What made that one house survive while all the others were destroyed? Well, a closer look at the picture showed that the house was built on a pile of large rocks, instead of on the sand.

Jesus says, in **Matthew 7:24-27**, “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

It is easy to see the lesson we can learn from Jesus’ parable. Those houses represent our spiritual lives and each one of us are actively building our spiritual houses. The question we must ask ourselves is, are we purposely preparing or carelessly constructing? Notice that both men in the parable heard the message. They knew the information, but the difference was what they did with that information. One heeded the warning and prepared properly, while the other did not. It is very similar to what we see often when hurricanes hit beaches along the coast. You can quickly tell which houses were properly prepared for the storms and which ones were not prepared enough.

It is a fact of life that there will be storms, not only physical storms but storms like illness, loss of loved ones, financial struggles. There are things that can take our health and well-being, our peace of mind, our possessions. But how we respond to those tragedies reveal the quality of our spiritual building. Paul says in **Romans 8:35-39**, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall

tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Such an encouraging passage to remind us of the love of God but look a little closer at what Paul said. Notice that he said, “IN all these things we are more than conquerors”. So often, we think that, by being a Christian, God is simply going to smooth out the road and we will have no more challenges, hardships, or setbacks. But that is not what God promises us. However, what He does promise is much better. He promises that even IN all these things, we can be more than conquerors.

That means when the storms come and destroy all our earthly possessions, we don’t have to be devastated like someone who has no hope. Or when the doctor comes and tells me bad news, I don’t have to fall apart like someone who has no hope. We can be more than a conquer in all circumstances because of Jesus and His love for us. We can stand strong. But, to stand strong, you need the right foundation. **Ephesians 2:19-22** says, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” Make sure that your foundation is built on Christ and His word.

Andrew Spivey

***He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.
Psalm 40:2***

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Genesis 46
Wednesday Read – Genesis 47

Questions for last week's reading of; **Genesis 44-45**

Questions:

- 1. What was in Benjamin’s sack?
- 2. What was going to be Benjamin’s punishment for taking the cup?
- 3. Who wanted to take Benjamin’s place?
- 4. What was the brothers’ reaction when Joseph told them who he was?
- 5. Why did Joseph say he was sent to Egypt?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday**

Oct. 9th - Fall Series/ Mike Tidwell

Oct.11-13-Family Retreat in KY

Oct.15th – TNT @ 6:0pm.

Oct.15th – Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30pm

Oct. 16th – Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct. 17th – Senior Group meets @ 5:00pm.

Oct. 23rd – Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct 26th – Fall Fest 10am -2pm Everyone invited

Oct. 27th – Sunday A.M. Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct. 29th – TNT @ 6pm

Oct. 29th – Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30 pm.

TNT will be held in the fellowship room. Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

On Wednesday evenings, Nursery -6th grade will have class. High School will be in the auditorium

THANK YOU NOTE

The Widows & Widowers would like to thank all the hosts that have participated in the luncheons during the last 2 years. We appreciate the kindness and love shown to us during a time which can cause loneliness. It allows us a time of much needed fellowship with each other as well.

Nashville Road Widows & Widowers

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
October 6, 2024
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Kevin Siler
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Lord's Supper.....John Crawford
Servers..... R. Buck, C. Suddarth, G. Messer
C. Nelsen, J. Johnson, B. Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer..... Allyn Hosman

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY
October 9, 2024
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader..... Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson..... Mike Tidwell
Closing Prayer..... David Johnson
Ushers for October.....E. Stephenson/Z. Tooley
Communion Care for October.....J/L Cherry
Door Greeters – West Door.....J/L Cherry
East Door..... E/D Stephenson
Visitor's Desk Volunteer..... Julie Cummins

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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

Tarina Brown is at Vanderbilt Hospital. Anita Cato is home now and doing better. Janice Johnson is home now and will continue with therapy. Doug Tooley, minister at Rivergate church of Christ, is now home and doing better. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby is home and has begun chemo treatments. Virginia Long, sister of Gary Stallcup, has improved. 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 cancer and has had surgery for the tumors. He will begin chemo soon.



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; Charles & Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; 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; 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.....	101
Morning Worship.....	167
Sunday Evening.....	80
Wednesday Evening.....	84
Contribution.....	\$7,870.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,780.00

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