

THE HEART OF A MOUSE

A mouse was playing under the bushes when a cat spotted it, and chased it all the way to the fields. The mouse was scared to death that it called out for its fairy godmother and asked that it be transformed to a cat. So, the mouse became a cat. One day, the same cat was bobbing in the prairie when a dog spotted it, and chased it all the way to the woods. The cat was scared to death that it called out for its fairy godmother and requested that it be transformed to a dog. So, the cat became a dog. One sunny day, the dog was searching for food in the woods when a tiger spotted it, and chased it all the way to the river. The dog was scared to death that it called out for its fairy godmother and begged that it be transformed to a tiger. So, the dog became a tiger. One morning at sunrise, the tiger was prowling in the hills when a couple of native hunters spotted it, and chased it all the way to the jungle. Natives make use of tiger skin and fur as their clothing. The tiger was so scared to death that it called out for its fairy godmother and demanded that it be transformed to a native hunter. The fairy godmother firmly replied, "I have transformed you from a mouse to a cat, from a cat to a dog, from a dog to a tiger, and now you want to be transformed from a tiger to a native hunter. I can make you whatever you wish to become, but if your heart remains to be a heart of a mouse, you will always live in fear".

This story tells a lot in relation to the heart of man. Much too often, we think that we can solve everything by simply changing the outside. As long as it looks good, then it doesn't matter about anything else. It's like living in a mansion with no power and inflatable furniture. But at least you have the mansion.

There are many who can do that in their spiritual life as well. In the time of Christ, there was one particular group who did this often. The Pharisees and Jesus called them out clearly and often. In **Matthew 23:25-28** Jesus says, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within

are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So, you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Sure, they looked holy and clean on the outside and to others, but inside they were spiritually dead. With such a harsh statement coming from Jesus, it is obvious how He felt about the hypocrisy that they were living under, only caring about appearances and only taking care of what people could see. But how often do we find ourselves in similar situations? If we go to church on Sunday and act holy and spiritual, but the rest of week act like the Devil, then we are as much of a hypocrite as the scribes and Pharisees. God isn't concerned with what other people see on the outside, He interested on what He sees on the inside. He knows what's really inside and how sincere we are about our worship of Him and our relationship with Him. **1 Samuel 16:7** reads, "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." We can fool other people, but we can't fool God. We can dress up in our Sunday finest and play the part, but when we stand before God on judgment day, He will know if we are full of dead men's bones or filled with His love. He will know if we have the heart of His son or the heart of a mouse.

RECYCLE CARDS

If you have old Christmas cards and would like to donate them, please give them to **Melanie McCreary**. Melanie gives the cards to a lady who repurposes them to recreate cards for veterans. Thank you.

ADDRESSES

Susan Jennings' address is incorrectly printed in our most recent picture directory. Additionally, **Hugh Fulford, Mary Spivey & Jean Deaton** have all recently moved. Please call the office if you need any of these addresses.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Genesis 1 Wednesday Read – Genesis 2

Questions for last week's reading of;
John chapter 5; Mark 2:23-3:19



Questions:

1. Why were the leaders mad at Jesus for healing a crippled man and telling him to pick up his mat and walk?
2. Who in the Old Testament had shown that Jesus was the Son of God?
3. Why did Jesus get angry at the leaders of the Jews before he healed the man with the withered hand?
4. Name Jesus' 12 apostles.
5. What were the jobs of the apostles?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*

- Jan. 1st – Happy New Year
(church office closed)
- Jan. 7th – TNT 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 PM
- Jan. 12-14 – Winter Series with Aaron Gallagher
- Jan. 18 – Excels
- Jan. 19 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon
Fellowship Room

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks for the heartfelt condolences and beautiful wreath sent in celebration of my mother's life.

Faye & Fate Evans

Thank you to all who helped with the recent move of my dad, Hugh Fulford. What would have taken hours was accomplished in minutes. Please continue to keep dad in your prayers.

Brett & Karen Fulford

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY January 5, 2025 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Servers.....M. Lyle, B. Sever, J. Cherry
D. Johnson, T. Butler, M. Ellis
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon..... Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY

January 8, 2025

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith
Ushers for December.....Z. Tooley/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for January.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....L/J Clark
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

Tony Perry is in Hendersonville Hospital with kidney failure. Sherry Perry fell and fractured her foot. She is in a walking boot. **Ida Lou Sherrill** mother of Alex Sherrill, is in rehab at The Waters of Gallatin, Room 407. **Myra Rasnick**, mother of Meredith Andrews, is recovering from surgery for a broken fibula. **Jean McCurdy**, mother of Olivia Nelsen, is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Sara Hosman; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; 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; **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, Mary Spivey
 (new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
 please call the office)

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	98
Morning Worship.....	150
Sunday Evening.....	71
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$7,833.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$10,313.00

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