

CLASSES: Nathan Aaron

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Adult Annex – Bob Young - “The Life of Christ”

Ladies Class: – Ashley Wiles

Young Adult Class – Seeing the Unseen – Ch 21-22 “Faith is the Victory Spiritual Warfare”– Topher

Teen Bible Class: Joshua, Judges, Ruth- Patrick Lankford

Elementary Bible Class : Life of Jesus: Entering the Kingdom

Pre-K Bible: Joseph in Egypt, Gen. 39, Starlena Adams

WEDNESDAY PM CLASSES

Annex Bible Class: “Heb 3 – Jesus Vs Moses Death Match” - Topher

Teen Bible Class – Parables of Jesus: The Unforgiving Servant- Patrick Lankford

Children’s Bible Class: K-5, Put Love in the Mix

SERMON NOTES

spartacoc.com/resources/sermon-notes



ON-LINE SERMONS

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YOUTH & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Patrick Lankford

The first Youth and family Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26th at 5:30 pm. If you are interested in joining, you can still sign up in the foyer.

Our Pancakes and Pjs Breakfast for youth is scheduled for March 14th, starting at 9 am. Invite your friends for a time of games, good food and God.

Games: Congratulations to both Gabriel and Ethan Wiles who finished their Vision Basketball season yesterday and to Brantlee Simmons, who finished in 2nd place in his division.

Are you participating in a sport or in a performing art? Let us know your schedule at – patricklankford@spartacoc.com.

SERMON WORD SEARCH: FREEDOM IN CHRIST

D F D H H L G I S G R O Q Y C B
E U E K E T G N L T P I R U D E
Z L G D R A E H I E C O G N I H
A L A S M N V E N D L A U H W O
G Y R D N A H E T G N O I H T L
P C N L V O D Z N P R A O Y R D
Q V E J E S U S V G L L T K Q I
S P I R I T J L C O Y F N S M W

Now when they **heard** these things they were **enraged**, and they **ground** their **teeth** at him. ⁵⁵ But he, **full** of the **Holy Spirit**, **gazed** into **heaven** and saw the **glory** of God, and **Jesus standing** at the right **hand** of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, “**Behold**, I see the heavens **opened**, and the Son of Man standing at the **right** hand of God.” – **Acts** 7:54-56

CENTRAL
CHURCH OF CHRIST
Where Christ is Central

FAMILY
GATHERINGS
Show God’s Love. Tell God’s Story. Be God’s Family

GATHERING TIMES

SUNDAY

Life Care 8:00 a.m.
Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Primetime 10:30 a.m.
Devotional & Classes 6:30 p.m.

SERVANT LEADERS

SHEPHERDS

Russ Hale – Fellowship 210-2098
Bill Oakley – Primetime 738-5780
Les Tubb – Worship 738-2300
Ty Webb – Evangelism 738-4465
Bob Young – Education 738-9414

DEACONS

John Adams – Building 761-3802
Will England – Worship 738-3434
Ben Gardenhire – Evangelism 738-7807
Merrill Howard – Education 738-8781
Craig Lynn – Service 761-5519
Tony Putman – Fellowship 837-2215

MINISTRY LEADERS

Topher Wiles – Preaching 836-2874
Patrick Lankford – Youth 252-6519
Tommy Blevins – Caring 261-8418
Richard Gravely – Primetime 761-2761
Mike O’Neal – Life 739-5611
Jim Wallace – Missions 738-3727
Dave Weber – Treasurer 836-3564

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Feb. 23	Mark 2
Monday	Feb. 24	Mark 3
Tuesday	Feb. 25	Mark 4:1-20
Wednesday	Feb. 26	Mark 4:21-41
Thursday	Feb. 27	Mark 5:1-20
Friday	Feb. 28	Mark 5:21-43
Saturday	Feb. 29	Mark 6:1-29

WORSHIP MINISTRY – Acts 2:42c

Elder: Les Tubb

Servant: Will England

February 23, 2020 – Focus: Singing

Gathering Coordinator: John Smith

Song Leader: Patrick Lankford

Usher: Jeff Haston & Merrill Howard

Welcome, Announcements, and Prayer of Praise: Ty Webb

Song: 294 You’re the One

Song: He is My Everything

Song: 364 Come, Share the Lord

Lord’s Supper Meditation: Russ Hale

Serving: (North) Ronald Allison, John Knox, Daniel Zahr

(South) David Smith, Doug Hensley, Mike O’Neal

Giving of our Gifts and Offering: Russ Hale

Song: 344 Low in the Grave He Lay

Song: 794 Unto Thee, O Lord

Song: 764 Teach Me Lord to Wait

Scripture Reading: Acts 7:54-56 - Nathan Aaron

Lesson: “Long Story Short: This One Time at Camp” - Topher

Song: 957 This World is Not My Home

Shepherd’s Thoughts & Prayer: Bob Young

Nursery: Joan Tubb & Pat Wallace

Greeters for February: Judy McDonald, Gail Webb, Pattilou Howard

Sunday Evening Service: 6pm

Sermon: “Colossal Correction: Freedom From Law” - Topher

Song Leader: Patrick Lankford

Scripture Reading: Colossians 2:11-15 - Ty Webb

Prayers: Russ Hale & Les Tubb **Communion:** Will England

Wednesday Night Prayer: February 26- Bob Young

EVANGELISM MINISTRY – Acts 2:1-41

Elder: Ty Webb

Servant: ChrisTopher Wiles

FAMILY FORTE: RESPECT IS DESERVED by Topher Wiles

Family Forte is a weekly newspaper article in the Expositor written by various members of Central under the guidance of our minister.

I found these eye-opening statistics in a Today Show article from 2009 titled, “[R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Where has it gone?](#)” “Nearly eight in ten Americans (79 percent) say a lack of respect and courtesy is a serious national problem, and most people say it’s getting worse (60 percent). Seventy-three percent say we used to treat one another with greater respect.” From an [educators poll on CNBC.com in 2019](#) of 556 teachers in America, 50% of teachers have considered leaving their profession, and a full 10% of those cite “lack of respect” as the primary reason. Yes, lack of respect is a major problem.

Yet, there is hope for our families and our culture, and hope begins at home.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Find out what it means to me." Aretha Franklin attracted droves of followers with these lyrics in her passionate pop plea for honorable treatment. As you look through Aretha's 1967 lyrics, you do indeed find out her meaning of respect. Respect seems to be giving Mrs. Franklin her "props" in her relationship with her spouse. She defines respect as being maritally faithful and giving her spouse full honesty. Her song is a movement discovering respect through her experience of family life. Faithful honesty is a great starting definition of respect, but R-E-S-P-E-C-T is even more.

The Biblical word “honor” is synonymous with our word, “respect”. It means to give something weight, attention, priority, nobility, or richness. Honor is something we typically give to people who have earned it such as our parents, spouses, and leaders, but Jesus came to show us a better way. In the Bible we are told not only to ***"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man,"*** ([Lev 19:32a](#)) and ***"Honor your father and mother,"*** ([Ex 20:12](#)) but we are also told in the New Testament to, ***"Honor everyone."*** ([1 Pet 2:17a](#))

When Peter penned those words, I'm sure he struggled with them. Remember, it was Peter swung his sword to cut off someone's ear at Jesus' arrest. (Matt 27) As he writes these words he is living in a world in which his faith, his friends, and his church is being persecuted. In the same letter that he says, ***"Honor everyone"*** he also shares, ***"Beloved, don't be surprised at the fiery trial that comes upon you..."*** (1 Pet 4:12). Yes, even when being mistreated, the disciples of Jesus call followers to honor everyone. **Jesus came to show us that EVERYONE deserves our honor and respect.** People deserve to be given faithfulness, honesty, attention, priority, nobleness, and richness because they are made in God's image. (James 3:6-10)

In our current culture, *respect is a gift deserved by all but given by few.* Recently I was struck by one of those few as I witnessed the respect of an elderly gentlemen right smack dab in the middle of Sparta, TN. After preaching a funeral, I drove my beater of a truck right behind the hearse on the way to the cemetery north of town. Some people kept driving on the opposite side of the road as the funeral procession came north on Spring St. Most cars pulled over out of respect. Yet one gentleman went beyond, pulled his car over, stood outside of it, and held his hat over his heart while we passed. What did our procession do to receive that respect? Nothing. He was simply living out the New Testament words, “Honor everyone.” What a beautiful model of respect to all the families in the funeral procession!

I believe the cultural cycle of respect can reach an upward swing again and I believe it begins in the family. Here are a few ideas we can start with. With toddlers you can teach respect for others by enforcing unselfish play, putting a few coins in charity boxes or in the collection plate at church, or saying a prayer together for others. When you prompt them to say “Thank you” or open the door for others, you are building a culture of respect. As your children develop conversationally, discourage disparaging remarks about others, even in private. Build respect by working “thank you” notes into their regular routine or schedule acts of service in just as often as you schedule sporting events. Remind your teens that their clothing choices are a way to show respect of unspoken (or written) standards, whether at school, parties, or church. Yes, respect can be taught at home.

Yet, I remind you that we, as parents, aunts, uncles, educators, and community leaders need to do the exact same things in our lives to model respect for children. If we model respect and teach families to rise above this dog-eat-dog world to give respect to everyone, we will see a change in the world around us. Respect begins at home. May you be successful in joining others to build again a community and culture of respect.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T, this is what it means to me. ***"Show proper respect to everyone."*** ([1 Peter 2:17a NIV](#))

SERVICE MINISTRY – Acts 2:43-47

Elder: All Elders

Servant: Craig Lynn

SPECIAL DAYS

Birthdays

2/23 Carrie Baker

2/25 Ginger Young

2/28 Ben Gardenhire

3/5 Barbara Lambert

3/7 Russ Hale

3/12 Lauren Turner

Anniversaries

SENIOR CARE

NHC PO Bx 298, Sparta,TN
38583 - **James Rascoe** – 301

LIFE CARE

508 Mose Dr. Sparta, TN.

Mary England

Jeffy Turner-Room 518

Ola Jones - Memory Unit
Room 402

Geraldine Bradley-

Heritage Point Cookeville

Pattye Ragland -Cedar Hills

Senior Living Community - 1250

Cedar Hills Dr. Cookeville, TN-

38506- Room 220

PRAYERS

Paul Steele – cancer recovery
Joey Thompson - cancer recovery

Richard Clark – at home

Betty Weber - at home

Ruth Burris - at home

Don Lambert-surgery on 26th

Eneloit Smith-Hosp. on 25th

OFFICE

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon/Tue/Thur 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

FIRST STEPS

Monday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Fill out an involvement form here:

<http://spartacoc.com/ministries/service>

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY – Acts 2:42b

Elders: Russ Hale & Bill Oakley

Servant: Tony Putman

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 23rd -Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leaders meeting on Sunday afternoon @ 4:30pm

February 29th- Men's Grace N Grease Breakfast at Rise N Shine Café at 8am. Enjoy a rare leap day breakfast with some of your favorite fellas!

March 15th-Baby Shower for Caleb & Emily Barnes (daughter of Will & Renee England) in the annex at 4 pm. They are having a girl. Registered at- website- Babylist.com/Barnes0524

April 5th-Baby Shower for Austin & Lacee Hill (Lacee is the daughter of Mike & Vanessa O'Neal) in the annex at 4:00 pm. They are having a boy and are registered at BuyBuyBaby.com & at Target .com

BLOOM: Womens' Ministry

We are happy to announce that Central is offering a more formal/organized ministry to women.

BLOOM: Central Women's Ministry is based on Psalm 1:3 and will feature opportunities for our ladies to grow in fellowship, service, and Bible study.

Saturday, Feb. 29 - 8am- Breakfast at the Coffee Collective

Thursday, March 12 - 6pm (Annex) - "Chat and Chew" This will be the official kick-off for BLOOM. All ladies are invited to join us while we eat, fellowship, and "chew" on God's word together. Food will be provided. For more info- contact Jennifer Howard or Ashley Aaron.