

EDUCATION MINISTRY – Acts 2:42a

Elder: Bob Young

Servant: Merrill Howard

CLASSES: Nathan Aaron

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Adult Annex – July 11th

Ladies Class: – July 11th

Young Adult Class – July 11th

Teen Bible Class: July 11th

Elementary Bible Class : July 11th

Pre-K Bible: July 11th

WEDNESDAY 6:30PM CLASSES

On the ZOOM App & Livestream
Meeting ID: 673-063-1503
Passcode: 8362874

Elder Praying on June 30th –Bob Young

Bible Class: Parables – Pharisee & Tax Collector – Luke 18:9-14

Teen Bible Class – July 14th

Children’s Bible Class: K-5 – July 14

THURSDAY LADIES’ DISCUSSION

Taking a break for the summer
return fresh in the fall!

SERMON NOTES

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YOUTH & CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: Patrick Lankford

Join us for **ZOOM Wednesday Youth class!** “Press Play: Get in the Mix”
Monthly Memory Verse: “I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” Psalm 27:13, NIV

June 20- Bible Bowl Practice at 4:30. Link to practice: <https://meet.google.com/pba-rhvp-avr> Please read Luke 9-11 to prepare! Our next practice will be over studying chapters 11-13. . **We need a scorekeeper!**

June 29th-Service Project for ages K-12. Meet at the Wiles home(703 Crosslin St.) at 9 am to assemble sunshine baskets. We will assemble, deliver and then return to the Wiles home for lunch. Students may be picked up there at 1 pm. Contact Ashley Wiles if you have any questions.

July 11-Summer FX Night at 6:00 pm in the annex. The theme is: Over and Over (Training to Win the Prize) We will have singing, games, a devo and a great time enjoying fellowship together. Also, this is a great night **to invite a friend** and their family!

VBS(July 18-21) is coming & we need your help! Our theme this year is **God of Wonders!** If you are interested in helping, please join Patrick at the front of the auditorium for a short meeting after the morning service.

The Bible Bowl book is Luke! Fill -in-the blanks: Luke 21: ____: “Then ____ in the ____ all the ____ came to ____ in the ____ to ____ Him.” (NKJV)
Let Patrick know if you get all the blanks for a prize!

SERMON WORD SEARCH

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

⁴² And **Jesus** called them to him and said to them, “You **know** that those who are **considered rulers** of the **Gentiles lord** it over them, and their **great** ones **exercise authority** over them. ⁴³ But it shall not be so **among** you. But whoever would be great among you must be your **servant**, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be **first** among you must be **slave** of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his **life** as a **ransom** for **many**.” – **Mark** 10:42-45

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GATHERING TIMES

SUNDAY

Life Care 8:00 am
Classes July 11th
AM Worship 10 am
PM Worship Postponed

WEDNESDAY

Primetime August
Devotional & Classes July 14th

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 – Prison 738-7807
Craig Lynn – Service 761-5519

MINISTRY LEADERS

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun June 27 Deut. 23, Psalm 26, 1 Chr. 25
Mon June 28 Deut. 24, Psalm 27, 1 Chr. 26
Tues June 29 Deut. 25, Psalm 28, 1 Chr. 27
Wed June 30 Deut. 26 Psalm 29, 1 Chr. 28
Thurs July 1 Deut. 27, Psalm 30, 1 Chr. 29
Fri July 2 Deut. 28, Psalm 31, 2 Chr. 1
Sat July 3 Deut. 29, Psalm 32, 2 Chr. 2

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

WORSHIP MINISTRY – Acts 2:42c

Elder: Les Tubb

Servant: Will England

June 27th, 2021 Singing Focus

Welcome & Announcements: John Smith

Prayer: Gabriel Wiles

Song Leader: Patrick Lankford

Song: 162 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Song: 166 He’s My King

Song: Wonderful Merciful Savior

Lord’s Supper Meditation & Offering: Roger Mason

Song: 221 & 222 Jesus’ Name

Song: Blessed Be Your Name

Song: 23 Our God, He is Alive

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:42-45 – Jason Maxwell

Message: Zealous Leadership – Topher Wiles

Song: 738 Take the Name of Jesus With You

Shepherd’s Thoughts & Prayer: Russ Hale



PHONE LISTENING SYSTEM: Dial 1-800-201-3962 Code# 550-714

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Website: www.christiscentral.org/videos

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Marriage from a Nazi Prison

Family Forte: Marriage from a Nazi Prison

A couple of weeks ago my wife and I celebrated our seventeenth anniversary with one of our kids duly noting, “Your marriage is old enough to drive and almost old enough to vote!” Ashley and I have celebrated this momentous occasion by eating out, watching our wedding video & vows that I converted from VHS, and taking a marriage assessment test (I know, fun right?). One of the greatest blessings in our marriage has been to listen and reflect on the inspired wisdom of others concerning love and marriage.

Instead offering my own marriage experience for your inspiration, I want to share with you thoughts on marriage that inspire me from a collection of letters from another's extraordinary life. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German protestant minister who wrote from prison before his 1945 execution at the hands of Hitler's Nazis. On May 15th, 1943, approximately 6 weeks after his arrest and missing the wedding ceremony of close friends due to being held in prison, Dietrich wrote these thoughts on marriage to the newlyweds.

"Marriage is more than your love for each other. It has a higher dignity and power, for it is God's holy ordinance, through which He wills to perpetuate the human race till the end of time. In your love, you see only your two selves in the world, but in marriage you are a link in the chain of generations. In your love you see only the heaven of your own happiness, but in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal. It is marriage and not merely your love for each other, that joins you together in the sight of God and man. Your love comes from you, but your marriage is from above, from God. As high as God is above man, so high are the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of marriage above the sanctity, the rights, and the promise of love. It is not your love that sustains the marriage, but from now on, the marriage that sustains your love."

Today, I find Dietrich Bonhoeffer's letter writings on marriage from a Nazi prison to be refreshing and empowering. I believe the modern view marriage has often been reduced to an extravagant party or a temporary civil union. Bonhoeffer’s marital declaration bolsters my resolve to care for the marriage God has given me with my wife. It reminds me of my marriage's purpose as a practical use in humanity but also as an example of God's designs for others. Bonhoeffer's writings echo the strong sentiments of scripture about marriage such as these writings from other letters:

- **"Let marriage be held in honor among all." - Hebrews 13:4a**
- **"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband." - Ephesians 5:31-33**

Ashley and I want marriages in our church to not only survive, but to thrive. We know that families thrive best when marriages are healthy. Kids tend to be happier and well cared for when mom and dad are enjoying a loving and trusting relationship. (for more on the effects of a happy marriage, visit the Huff Post article here: https://www.huffpost.com/entry/happy-marriage-happy-kids_b_828370)

If we can help you strengthen your family by encouraging your marriage relationship, offering marital resources, or by praying for you to our God, please let us know. May your family be blessed with fortitude through marriage!

by: Topher Wiles



SPECIAL DAYS

Birthdays

- 6/29 Elizabeth Hale
- 7/2 Carol Allison
- 7/4 Eric Johnson
- 7/6 Barbara Sorrell
- 7/6 James Rascoe
- 7/8 Kay England
- 7/8 Paul Stockton

Anniversaries

- 6/30 Tony & Laurie Putman
- 7/1 Paul & Amanda Stockton
- 7/1 Corey & Hannah Meadows
- 7/1 Rodney & Carrie Baker
- 7/5 Jimmy & Pat Wallace

SENIOR CARE

- NHC** PO Bx 298, Sparta,TN 38583
- James Rascoe** – 301
- LIFE CARE**
- 508 Mose Dr. Sparta, TN.
- Jeffy Turner** – Rm 518
- Ola Jones** – Memory/402
- Dwight Rutledge**–Rm 500
- Bill Oakley**- Rm 512
- Allene Gracey**- Rm 311
- Kay England** -Rm 525
- Pattye Ragland** -Cedar Hills Senior Living Community - 1250 Cedar Hills Dr. Cookeville, TN-38506- Rm 220

OFFICE HOURS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

- Mon/Tues/Thur 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Friday 8:30 a.m.-12 noon

FIRST STEPS

Monday’s & Wednesday’s-8:30-2:30

PRAYERS

- Ronald Love**-Hospice
- Morgan Young**- medical issues
- Cheryl Marcom**- taking treatments
- Denny Gilliam** -taking treatments
- Andy Allen**-prayers
- Mary Tucker**-prayers- in hospice
- Brittany Tubb**-prayers
- Mary Ashburn**- aneurysm
- Elaine Peace**-cancer-chemo
- Stanley Barnes** – hurt from fall
- Kay England**-hurt from fall

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY – Acts 2:42b

Elders: Russ Hale & Bill Oakley

Servant:

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WORSHIP NEWS - On Sunday June 27th - Lifecare worship services at 8am** and our regular worship **at 10am**. Members can still receive the parking lot radio station (98,3), communion, & bulletin.
- Bible Classes** – Will begin on Sunday 9am on July 11th and Wednesday 6:30pm on July 14th – Nathan & Topher are organizing.
- July 5th**-Office closed
- July 11th** – Young Adult lunch & kayaking trip at Big Bottom @ Noon.
- July 18th** – Cameron Farris & Katie Roberts will be married in Jamaica!
- July 18th** – Elders, Deacons, Ministry Leader Luncheon after Church
- July 23rd** – 8am - Men’s Prayer Breakfast – The Landing Rock Island
- July 24th**-Wedding of Andrew Webb & Emily Johnson at 6:00 pm. at the Brady MT. Wedding & Event Venue in Crab Orchard, Tn.
- August 20-21st** – Field trip to Murf. for Trey & Lea’s Marriage workshop.

David & Lauren are Engaged!

On Thursday, June 24th David Smith dropped to one knee, presented a ring, and asked that blessed question to Lauren Turner, “Will you marry me?” As church family, let’s rally around this beautiful couple to as they prepare for marriage. More details to come soon!

