

Valentines day is upon us, and all around we see hearts of all shapes and sizes. We see chocolate boxes and flower arrangement in the shape of hearts and stuffed teddy bears covered in heart shapes. We see Valentines cards covered in the symbol of love with popular sayings like “listen to your heart” and “do what your heart tells you.” However, these phrases are something that don’t simply show up on a Valentines card. As a matter of fact, saying things like “listen to your heart” is some of the most basic advice to give someone when we don’t know what else to say. Whether it is helping someone in the middle of a difficult time in their marriage or helping a teen figure out what they want to do in the future or what college to attend. It can even be used to help someone pick out what shoes they want to wear.

I mean it sounds good right? It is somewhat hopeful and, in a world full of uncertainty, you can at least know that your heart will provide the right guidance you need. After all your heart is where your happiness is, so you just need to search your own heart to find it. It all sounds good until you find out the true nature of your heart. When the Bible talks about the heart, it speaks of the center of our being. It is where emotions, reason, and desire are, and scripture has a lot to say about the nature of our heart. We find the intentions of mankind’s heart very soon after creation. **Genesis 6:5** says, “The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Shortly after their own creation, men and women have been following their hearts. However, the result of doing so was not comfort and guidance. Instead, it brought death and destruction. It soon becomes obvious that when God searches the heart, it is quite different and much more terrifying of a conclusion than what we think. In **Jeremiah 17:9-10** we read, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? “I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” Jesus also tells us where all our sinful actions come from. In **Mark 7:21-23** He says, “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The heart, as we see, is not the source of joy, happiness, and truth that we would like to believe. Instead, it is deceitful, sinful, and sick. Fortunately, though, there is hope for our miserable hearts. God promises that through following His word and His statutes, that we can have a new heart. Though the prophet Ezekiel, God says, “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. (**Ezekiel 36:25-26**) Then Jesus said in **John 7:38**, “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, “Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” Finally, Jesus paid the ultimate price on the cross for our sins so that we could have access to this new heart. How do we gain this new heart? Through a new birth. Jesus tells us in **John 3:5**, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” Then after Jesus’ death and resurrection, before ascending into heaven, He said “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (**Mark 16:15-16**)

This does not mean that the old heart of evil desires will simply go away though. Our old heart will try to promise guidance and joy by pulling us to rebel against the truth of God’s word. But our new heart, not founded on our own emotions, wants, or reasoning, but founded on the truth of the Word of God will remind us to stay the course and continue in obedience. Then we will find true peace, joy, comfort, and guidance. The question you must ask yourself is which one will you listen to?


Andrew Spivey

SOUPER BOWL & SUNDAE BAR

The February 9th Souper Bowl favorite soup was made by **Tarina Brown**. Her Bavarian Potato Soup won the Souper Bowl trophy.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Genesis 37 & 39 - 46
Wednesday Read – Exodus 1



Questions for last week’s reading of; Job 2 - 42

Questions:

1. What did God allow Satan to do to Job’s body?
2. What did Job’s wife tell him to do?
3. Why did Job’s friends think bad things happened to him?
4. What did Job ask God, and what was God’s answer?
5. How did God bless Job after he prayed for his friends?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * *4:15 Singing class every Sunday**
- Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*
- Feb. 14-17 – Youth Winter Camp
- Feb. 15 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30am
- Feb 15 – Excel’s @ 6pm Fellowship room
- Feb.18 – TNT 6:00 pm
- Ladies Class 6:30 pm
- Feb. 21 – 23 Challenge Youth/Pigeon forge
- Mar. 4 – TNT 6:00 pm
- Ladies Class 6:30 pm

THANK YOU

Tony and I would like to thank our church family for the calls, cards and most of all the prayers. My foot is much better, and Tony is progressing slowly. We hope to be back with you all soon. Thank you again for your love and support.

Tony & Sherry Perry

Dear Nashville Road church family, I want to say thank you for all the prayers, phone calls and cards, during my stay in the hospital with surgery and now rehab. Love to my church family,

Evelyn Harris

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
February 16, 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.....Bob Brown
Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Charlie Seals
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Servers.....J. Crawford, J. Sever, Z. Tooley
M. Ellis, T. Cummins, G. Messer
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

4:15 Singing Class
5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY
February 19, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Ushers for February.....R. Buck/L Clark
Communion Care for February.....Newby/Dorcas Class
Door Greeters – West Door.....J/L Cherry
East Door.....B/M Smith
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

Mae Oldham has returned home after a few days in hospital with pneumonia. **Evelyn Harris** had knee replacement surgery and is now at NHC Sumner Place for rehab. **Tony Perry** is home. **Sauna Lockett** reports her cancer is in remission. **Jonell Vaughn**, mother of Rita Strickland, is back home. **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

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; 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; **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.....	94
Morning Worship.....	152
Sunday Evening.....	85
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$8,507.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,826.00

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