



*"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" - Hebrews 6:19*

# Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - February 12, 2023

## He Had Compassion

*by Troy Spradlin*

Man had been on the earth for approximately 4,000 years before Jesus came (according to some Bible calculations). In that amount of time, God had spoken directly to the "Patriarchs" and then later, through the Law and the Prophets (Hebrews 1:1). While God's plan of redemption wasn't fully complete before Jesus' advent, the core of the message had already been communicated over and over in many ways in "God so loved the world ..." (John 3:16). In other words, God loves His creation. Despite people continually rebelling against Him, regardless of man's inhumanity toward man, and all the sin issues that result in God having to separate Himself from mankind, He still loves us!



The reason why God has always loved His creation is because He IS love! (1 John 4:8,16). Since mankind is made in the image of God, it stands to reason that we too, have the capacity to love, as He does. Yet, even after thousands of years and many generations of people having been brought up "*in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*" (Eph 6:4), God still had to teach us that all important message of "*love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and love our neighbor as ourselves.*" (Mark 12:30-31) This was one of the main reasons why Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount. It was to help us see the "heart" of God's commands.

But, preaching, or reiterating the spirit of the law was not enough. After all, the Scriptures were available for anyone to read and learn, if they really wanted to know the will of God (cf. Nehemiah 8:8; Acts 8:28). Instead, Jesus had to teach us by His example. He had to physically show us how to put love into action. He did this by demonstrating what love looks like. His great sacrifice for us, done out of love, is His greatest example (John 15:13). He also demonstrated an extremely impactful example of love in His frequent displays of compassion.

Many times in the Gospel, we see the compassion of Jesus. He was often "moved with compassion" for the people. Through that great compassion, He healed their sick, fed them when hungry, cured diseases, and opened their eyes and ears (Matt 14:14, 15:32; 20:34, Mark 1:41). He not only exhibited it, but He also taught about it (Luke 10:33, 15:20). Thus, He expects us to behave the same way toward one another (Matt 18:33). Peter re-emphasized this last point, writing, "*Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another ...*" (1 Peter 3:8).

The word **compassion** is found in a couple of different words in the original Greek. One is an emotion and the other is what is involved concerning the action of that emotion. The word for the emotion (seen in Matt 9:36) is defined as "to have the bowels yearn." Bowels are often used to describe one's inner self, the deepest sensibilities. The other word means, "to have or show mercy; to help the afflicted." So, compassion is a deep seated desire to show mercy to someone else. There are many reasons to show compassion to someone, but it primarily comes from a place of agape love. This simply means we are to care about someone else's well being as much as we care about our own (Phil 2:4). Naturally, it implies that we must always be ready to show compassion.

Oh, how we could all use a little more compassion in this dark and fallen world! Oh, how the church could benefit from all of us extending a little more compassion toward each another! It is a characteristic of living a godly life, which is why Jesus taught about it and demonstrated it so often. He did it so we could understand how we should behave as His disciples. Therefore, the next time you encounter someone that really tests your patience, gets on your nerves, or even challenges your faith, try extending a little compassion toward them. Let them see Jesus in you! Look at them the same way Jesus would look at them. Would He show compassion to them? Yes? Then, so should you.

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# YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

*“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- Matthew 22:36-40



**BREAKFAST  
& WORKDAY  
FEB. 18**

Breakfast @ 8:30 am  
Work begins @ 10 am



**Super Bowl  
SNAC**

February 12 | 7 pm | Fellowship Hall  
Bring Finger Foods

**YG BIRTHDAY  
NIGHT**



Wed. February 22  
@ 5 pm in the FH



**BIBLE TIME**


February 26th  
**WITH KIDS!**



**LADS  
TO  
LEADERS**  
L2L  
BUILDING GODLY LEADERS

**Upcoming  
Events**

Feb. 12 – Speech  
Dress Rehearsal  
Feb. 26 –  
Workshop,  
PEARLS & Bible  
Bowl Tests



**LADS  
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**Upcoming  
Deadlines**

ASAP – Pre-  
convention events &  
Hurdles are due  
**February 26 –**  
Last Day for Hotel  
changes



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CREEKWOOD GIRL'S DAY 2023

<b>MOMS &amp; MENTORS SPEAKERS:</b> TAMMY WISDOM CATHY SHELBUENE MARY BETH CLAYTON	<b>GIRLS SPEAKERS:</b> SHELBY CAMP ERIN MOODY ANNA MAYNARD
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GRADES 6-12 AND UP | MARCH 25TH  
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March 17 – 19, 2023

**SOAR YOUTH RALLY**

**WHAT IS TRUTH?**

Sign up & pay by  
February 12



# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

## Special

- Patricia Ann\* - prayers, health (MZL)
- Kandi Armand -surgery, recovery (Bostwick\*)
- Terri Baker - surgery (Farley\* daughter)
- David Black - Baptist, heart issues (McGriff)
- Josie Coons - leg/recovery (McReynolds\*)
- Louise English's families - loss of Louise\*
- The Godwin family\* - birth of Annie!
- Annie Godwin-hip dysplasia, harness 6 weeks
- Zeb Hamilton family\* - loss of Zeb
- The Hudgens' family - birth of Liam
- Lauren Kreis (Martin family) - prayers
- Donald McGriff\* - surgery/recovery
- Richard McCool\* - heart attack, recovery
- Jeffery Norman - lung transplant list (Nunes\*)
- Faye Smith(Jeanna's mom)- Jay hosp., health
- Edith Sullins - surgery, recovery (Blisse's gma)
- Gloria Vonada - recovery, new tests

## 2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Brittany Parker\* - Baptized
- Laura Oliver\*- Identified

## Expecting Mothers

- Jennifer Cannon - March 2023

## Mission Works

- Shanahans\* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute - Paul Discher

## Students in College

- Seth Crider      • Caleb Owens
- Stephen English      • Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell      • Reed Wilson
- Jackson Lash      • Lexi Wildes

## Other Requests / Health Issues

- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- Bob Black - health (Lipford\*)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health (past member)
- Winston Burnham\* - health
- Sherryn Canniff\* - health, pain
- WillieMae Cosby - heath, recovery (McGriff\*)
- Sherry Davis\* - health
- Fatima Deem- pregnant, problems (Nunes)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire\*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee\* mom)
- Madeline Farley\* - broken wrist, recovery
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Dixie Gorham
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Barbara Helms\*- health
- Chris Hollis - (McGriff)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's\* friend)
- Marcia Jones - (Kenya's\* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes\*)
- Eddie Longmire\* - health
- Cindy Marotta - paralyzed (Nunes\*)
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Mary McGriff\* - health, asthma
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth\*)
- Ella Parker\* - health
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham\*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott\*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia\*)
- August Eugene Smith -cleft palate (J.English\*)
- Zylar Thompson - rescheduled surgery
- Julia Torpey\* - health
- Gloria Vonada\*
- Jan Whitney\*

## Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer Gable-New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey\* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kentucky
- Byron Solomon - San Diego

## Cancer

- Kandi Armand - (Bostwick\*)
- Justin Barnhart - former member
- Ron Bartanen\* - cancer
- Darlene Baxley\* - lung cancer (Baxley\*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis\*)
- Tish Clark - surgery (Hatcher\*)
- Pat Deforest\*
- Brenda Dunham - (J.English\*)
- Eddie English - (R.English\*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley\*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff\*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff\*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley\*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell\*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey\*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill\*)
- Keith Pabst - (Webb\*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin\* friend)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher\*)
- Megan Sanders - brain cancer (Blisse\*)
- Kevin Shanahan - operation (Scott's\* dad)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley\* - good news!
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff\*)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton\*)
- Donnie Turner- cancer (Helms\*)
- David Walther - brain (English\*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (frmer mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

## Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Sherryn Canniff - homebound
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis\*)
- Annie Favorite - Shut In (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia\* - Arcadia Senior Living
- Betty Lee - homebound (D. Lee's mom\*)
- Linda Mann\* - Shut In
- Ina Ruth Miller\*- Grandview Retire Center
- Ruth Phillips\*- Shut In
- Jim Pitts\* - Sodalis house (moving 2/5)
- Lillian Raines\* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas\* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith (Jeanna's mom) - Shut In
- Troy Vonada\* - Sodalis House, Hospice



# SERVING WITH HONOR

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

### MORNING

Opening Prayer ..... Jeff Scott  
 Song Director ..... Casey Bearden  
 Sermon ..... Troy Spradlin  
 ..... "4 Ways to Prepare"  
 Scripture Reading ..... Elliot Wilson  
 ..... Matthew 24:36-44  
 Closing Prayer ..... Rick Bird

### Serving Communion:

Comments ..... Josh Owens  
 Luke McReynolds ..... Jim Loftin  
 Bob Locklin ..... Jake Armstrong  
 ..... Justin Davis

### EVENING

Opening Prayer ..... Mike Scott  
 Singing ..... Rick Bird  
 Scripture ..... Matt McReynolds  
 ..... Revelation 2:8-11  
 Comments ..... Josh Owens

### Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ..... Bozeman family  
 PowerPoint ..... Matt McReynolds  
 Greeters: ..... Jak Gallagher  
 Secure Building ..... Troy Spradlin

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director ..... Elliot Wilson  
 Opening Prayer ..... Jim Loftin

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class ..... 178  
 AM Worship ..... 220  
 PM Worship ..... 118  
 Wed. Night Bible Class ..... 136  
 Contribution ..... \$8,827

### TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class ..... 9:00 am  
 Sunday AM Worship ..... 10:00 am  
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship ... 6:00 pm  
 Wednesday PM Bible Class ..... 6:30 pm

## Visitors:

### Thank you for coming!

#### You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

***Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!***

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

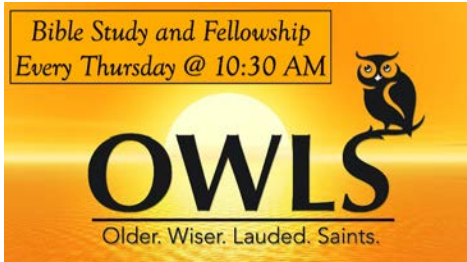
### ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday**, by noon.



### EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



### WORSHIP

- Service Rosters are available on the Welcome Desk and Margaret Street website (listed under "Archives")
- "LISTEN" devices available in the foyer, located in the Armoire.

<WiFi Password posted in Foyer>



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 OWLS ..... Stephen Fulton  
 Involvement ..... Joe Taylor\*  
 Lads to Leaders ..... David English  
 Missions ..... Mike Scott\*  
 Visitation ... Bob Locklin & Rick Martin\*  
 Youth & Family ..... Casey Bearden  
 Worship ..... Blake Hatcher\*