

Upcoming Events

Paul Puckett

Birthday 06/08/2021

Marsha Williamson

Birthday 06/10/2021

Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

Contribution last week

\$4,222



Current Schedule of Services at the building and Zoom

Schedule of Services: The schedule of services will be as follows:

9:00 AM Sunday Adult Bible Study; Bill In Auditorium and ZOOM

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

10:00 AM Sunday morning worship In Auditorium and ZOOM

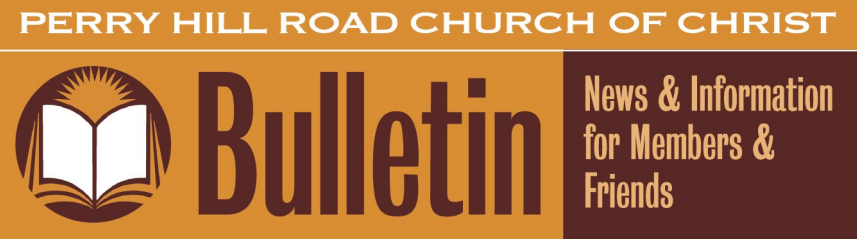
Mask now optional in the center and right sections of the auditorium . Mask Required in the left section of the auditorium.

5:00 PM (ZOOM ONLY) -
Followed by all group ZOOM

6:30 PM Wednesday Bible study with Bill in the auditorium and zoom

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classroom



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No Higher Love than to Share the Gospel

Jesus emphasized the priority of love, and so should we. When asked what was the greatest commandment in the Law of Moses, He said, "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" (Matthew 22:37-40). It doesn't get any more basic than this.



In Philippians 2:3-8, we are urged to have the "mind of Christ." Among other things, this means we are to emulate His love -- not just the *fact* that He loved others but also the *way* He loved them. The prime example of the way He loved, of course, is the cross. Putting our needs ahead of His own desires, He gave up His life for us, even though we were unworthy. And He said that others would know His disciples by the fact that they loved one another as He had loved them (John 13:35).

But notice what we see in Philippians 2:3-8. Of all our needs, what were those for which Jesus made His greatest sacrifice? It was not for our temporal needs; it was to save our *souls*. Jesus certainly helped a lot of folks physically, as His path brought Him into contact with them. But if we're going to use Philippians 2 as our example, that is an example of Jesus' sacrifice in the service of people's spiritual needs. Continued inside



LATEST MEMBER NEWS

Johnnie Mae White passed away June 2, 2021. Johnnie Mae's kidneys had been failing for some time. Funeral arrangements will be published as soon as they are known.

Update from Marsh Williamson I am home from UAB. Very sore. Very tired. They did get the tubing installed. I think I'm going to be out of commission for a few days. Probably have the ringer turned

off on my phone. I appreciate all the prayers! It took a little longer to do this surgery because it was treated as if it was a new tubing installment. So, I had general anesthesia instead of Twilight. And that usually takes me a few days to get back up on my feet when I have general anesthesia. Please keep praying that this will be a good answer. Again, thank you for calls and cards but most importantly your prayers! I love you all! Marsha

Jim McPherson - serious problem with Chron's Disease

Marion Daniel, Dot McDaniel's sister, still at Baptist East but some better.

Katherine Trefethen requests prayers for her serious swallowing problem.

Linda Wheatley's granddaughter has a mild case of COVID-19, and her niece is in the hospital in Birmingham with problems with her liver. A liver transplant has been discussed,

Vaughn Thayer still undergoing treatment for cancer.

Susan Smiley, Carrie Burks' youngest sister - Stroke - now in Rehab

Neal Smith continues to be weak after all his health problems.

Family of Johnny Mae White since she passed this week.

Sawyer Burch- serious rare genetic digestive problem (Trifunctional Protern Deficiency) (TFP).

Thomas Brewer's mother now home from rehab. Keep in your prayers.

All Hart family - Jess coming home from hospital, but no better. Pat has dementia

Janis has serious eye concerns following Shingles.

Pray for Gary, Janis & Janie as they care for Jess & Pat.

John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner- Cancer

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia.

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

David Thacher, Marsha Williamson's brother - recovered from COVID-19 - chronic lieucemia

Agnes Kochik (Ron's mother) home now.

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) -

Don Pennington, Kaye McDonald's brother. Dialysis, in nursing home rehab. Better, but very sick man. Iron infusions.

James Powell - With us, but still having a problem with leg pain.

Please pray for all of our Bible Correspondence Course students (about 83)

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Our problem is not that we talk too much about love, but that we talk about it so superficially. *We praise Jesus' love, but we don't prioritize the same needs that He did.* Compared to His love, our love deals in trivia.

Paul is an interesting case study in the lengths that love will go to. He had a tender heart (much more tender, I think, than we often give him credit for), but he had a truly Christ-like concept of taking risks and suffering damage *to serve people's spiritual needs.* He desired peaceful relationships as much as anybody, but his love would not let him remain silent when there was something that needed to be said. "Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16).

Even more than Paul, of course, Jesus is our example. So when we discuss love and sacrifice, are we putting the primary emphasis where Jesus put it? We like to think that we act in love, but how can we talk about loving our neighbors without talking about evangelism? Helping people with their physical and emotional needs is a piece of cake compared to the difficulty of saying what they need to hear spiritually. And if our willingness to say the words our neighbors need to hear is any measure of how much we love them, can we really say that we do? *What is the costliest sacrifice any of us have ever made in order to serve someone spiritually?* Jesus risked friendship and goodwill -- not to mention safety and life itself -- in order to get those whom He loved to heaven. *Have we adopted the "mind of Christ" about such things?* I don't know about you, but these questions make me very uncomfortable.

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Coming in July !