



**BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY — 7:00 PM**

Announcements.....Kaleb Bush  
Song Leader.....Mitchell Halliburton  
First Prayer.....Brian Smith  
Opening Prayer.....Dallas Eddie  
Invitation.....Travis Thomas  
Closing Prayer.....Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for **MARCH**—Patsy Reece

Suggested Daily Bible Reading for March: Read 7 chapters of **Genesis** each day  
(with 8 chapters on the final day of the week)

**PRAYER LIST**

**Opal Agee** (Concordia Nursing and Rehabilitation of Smith County, Carthage, Room 705B),  
**Leslie Alford** (sister of Sherry Jo Anderson) is in Sumner Regional Hospital in Gallatin, **Sawyer  
Cole** (grandson of Larry & Vickie Cole), **Billy Halliburton** (at Cookeville RMC Inpatient Rehab  
Center, 216 West 6th Street, visitation after 4:00 PM), **MC Hix** (member of Rome and friend of  
many), **Peggy Kemp** (having knee surgery on March 15), **Linda Phillips** (friend of Janice  
Pinckley, battling pancreatic cancer), **Ruby Mae West** (friend of many) is now living with her  
daughter

**OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST**

The week of 3/10/19  
Worship Sunday AM.....95  
Bible Study Sunday AM.....79  
Daily Bible Readers.....42  
Worship Sunday PM.....61  
Wednesday (3/6/19).....69  
Offering.....\$3,595.00

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**March 22**—Montrose Annual Singing, 5:00 PM  
**March 24**—Timothy & Dorcas classes, 5:00 PM  
**March 31**—Young Men conduct PM service

**AREA EVENTS**

**April 13**—Ladies’ Day, East Main, Murfreesboro  
**April 13**—Ladies’ Day, Charlotte Heights, Nashville  
**April 25**—Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition Meeting on Addiction, Smith County Historic  
Courthouse, 6:00 PM  
**May 18**—Ladies’ Day, Philippi, Castalian Springs, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

## My Greatest Weakness

Life is tough. Temptations are difficult. It goes without saying that Satan, the great tempter, knows our weaknesses, for he knows that “...*all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God*” (Romans 3:23). Yet, just as he knew that Jesus had fasted for forty days and nights and immediately hit him with this first temptation to attack him there, he knows our greatest weaknesses and hits us there. We do not like to think about our weaknesses—we accentuate our strengths and diminish our weaknesses. In a certain sense, this is not a bad thing; it is only human of us to do so. However, the difference is whether we are diminishing our weaknesses publicly while striving to deal with them, overcome and solve them, or whether we are simply hiding them while privately reveling in them. Consider how the Bible describes our weaknesses.

What is your forbidden fruit? The weakness for Eve was that fruit: “*And when [Eve] saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat...*” (Genesis 3:6). For her, it became a source of tremendous temptation. What is your forbidden fruit? Is it tobacco? Is it alcohol? Is it money? Is it pornography? Is it cars? What is your forbidden fruit?

Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? When Lot and Abraham separated, Lot saw the well-watered plains of the Jordan River Valley and moved his family “*in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom*” (Genesis 13:12). Yet, the very next verse states, “*But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly*” (Genesis 13:13). Later, God told Abraham of what he would do to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Knowing that his nephew lived there, he pleaded with God to spare them if he could find ten righteous souls. Yet, it was to no avail. As Genesis 19 describes, Lot and his family fled from their home before God destroyed those wicked cities with fire and brimstone. By inspiration, Peter commented on Lot, who “*vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds*” (2 Peter 2:4-9). Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah? Is it the casino? Is it the bar to meet singles? Is it the prom? Is it your girlfriend’s bedroom or the back of your car in a dimly lit area? Where is your Sodom and Gomorrah?

Who is your Goliath? We all remember him—in First Samuel 17, he was the champion of the Philistines that harassed the Israelites every morning and night. In fact, he would not give up—he did so for forty days (1 Samuel 17:16). He was relentless. He was merciless. He struck fear in them all, including the mighty king, Saul—the one who stood head and shoulders above all other Israelites (1 Samuel 9:2). Among the enemies of God, there was no one more ruthless. He was a thorn in their side until a young boy named David came with complete faith and trust in God and killed him. Who is your Goliath? Is it your spouse who abuses you mentally and berates you emotionally? Is it your coworker or fellow student who laughs at you because you are a Christian and ignores your feelings with crude language? Who is your Goliath?

Therefore, you may need to avoid some things (forbidden fruit). You may need to avoid some places (Sodom and Gomorrah). You may need to avoid some people (Goliath). The prayer that ought to be on our lips is the one Jesus taught us: “*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil*” (Matthew 6:13).

—Sam Willcut

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# SINGING

MONTROSE CHURCH OF CHRIST

53 Lakeside Drive  
Carthage, TN 37030

**MARCH 22, 2019**

**WE WILL BEGIN SERVING  
A MEAL AT 5:00 PM**

**WE WILL BEGIN SINGING  
AT 7:00 PM**

**For more information,  
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