

South Green Street Church of Christ

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The Danger of Envy

Envy is defined as, “hostility, malice, enmity, a feeling of resentful or discontented longing aroused by another person’s better fortune.” Envy includes the desire to possess what someone else has, a lack of satisfaction with what God has provided, being wounded by the mere contemplation of someone else’s prosperity, and being glad at the misfortune of others. One writer commented, “Envy, biblically speaking, is a self-destructive passion that insatiably drives a person to desire another’s gifts, possessions, or achievements. Envy is sinful jealousy – it’s the false entitlement that says you may possess that which justly belongs to another and fuels the blind arrogance to pursue it.” This is as ugly and as scary as it gets.

The individual struggling with envy is unable to see the world (reality) properly. He/she views other people improperly (angry the other person has something nice). He/she views the self improperly (angry he/she does not have what others have and thus feels abused and mistreated). He/she views God improperly (angry that God is supposedly treating him/her unfairly). Being “green with envy” is not as innocent as it sounds. It means we are focused on what is not ours and blind to what is good – even blind to our own destructive actions. “To be full of envy is to be blinded by the predatory desire to have what belongs to someone else.”

The notorious King Ahab is a great example for seeing envy in action. According to 1 Kings 21, there was a man named Naboth who owned a vineyard that was close to the palace of the king. Ahab sought to purchase the land in order to make a vegetable garden. Naboth rightfully declined. Ahab’s response to being rebuffed was not merely a sign of his being spoiled, it was a sign of a heart full of envy. He was “sullen and displeased” and “lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food” (1 Kin. 21:4). When what has transpired is relayed to Queen Jezebel, she acts quickly with cruelty. A plan is hatched to have Naboth publicly accused of blaspheming God and the king. He is thus promptly murdered via stoning. “So it was, when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite” (1 Kin. 21:16).

Envy that dwells in the heart can be difficult to detect until it is acted upon and unleashed. But when the desire to possess what someone else has becomes so strong that one is willing to destroy and wreck other lives in order to possess it, the heart of man has been clearly revealed. Ahab meets all of the classic definitions of envy. He desired to possess what rightfully belonged to someone else. Even though he was a king living in a palace, he was not satisfied with his current blessings. He was hurt and sad in thinking about Naboth continuing to have what he wanted for himself. He was willing to see another be destroyed if it meant he could have what he wanted. Finally, he was so blinded by his envy, he could not foresee that the path they were on would lead to the demise of his wife.

Brothers and sisters, let us not envy one another. Envy is a killer! It destroys everything! Specifically, envy destroys our hope – it is evil and will keep us out of heaven (Gal. 5:21). Envy destroys our love – it keeps us from treating each other as we should (1 Cor. 13:4). Envy destroys our joy – it keeps us from appreciating and enjoying the blessings already have (Prov. 14:30). Envy destroys our relationships – it prevents us from bonding and/or staying together in closeknit community (Gal. 5:26). Envy denies us the abundant life now and disqualifies us from the eternal life to come. May we be content with the blessings we have and may we be supportive and happy about the blessings our neighbor possesses. May God be merciful to us and grant us the strength and wisdom to live and walk as we should!

--Bart

Youth Minister

Please join us Sunday, June 1, immediately following the evening services in the basement for a brief reception to welcome our new Youth Minister, Scott Simons.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible Class will be held on Thursday morning at 10:00 AM in the church basement. All ladies are invited to attend.

Teachers Meeting

There will be a teachers meeting for all teachers/assistants for the new rotation on Sunday afternoon, May 25, at 4:00 PM. The new rotation will begin on Sunday, June 1. Should you have any questions, please contact Zac Turner, Tarry Lockett, Frankie McCoy or Tommy Gumm.

Taylor Christian Camp

There will be a brief meeting with everyone that will be going to camp and/or sending campers on May 25. This meeting will be held immediately following the morning services in the church basement. Should you have any questions, please see Jeremy.

Campers will arrive at camp on Sunday, June 8, at 2:00. Please be praying for the campers and staff of TCC. Pray that everyone will grow spiritually, and remain safe and healthy. Camp will end, Friday, June 13.

TCC Mail

If you would like to sent mail to a camper and or staff member that is attending TCC, you may leave in the box provided in the church basement, no later than June 4. Mail is handed out daily, so mark the letters/cards which day you would like for it to be distributed. Should you have any questions, please see Jeremy Prichard.

Community Soup Kitchen

South Green will prepare and serve the meal at the local Soup Kitchen on Tuesday, May 20. Scheduled to serve: Debbie Turner (leader), Mark & Nancy Bowman, Judy Crabtree, Betty Driver, Larry Glass, Covella Hare, Kathy Inman, Kathy Lowe, Sarah Neville, Daryl & Karen Proffitt, Lisa Proffitt, Pat Spear, Monte & Teresa Taylor and Ronnie Turner.

Baja Mission Trip

Several members from South Green will be traveling to Baja, Mexico, on a mission trip in June. Please be praying for that much good will come as a result of this effort.

Young N Heart

The Young N Heart will have dinner at Dumplings in Scottsville on Saturday, May 24. We will leave the building at 4:00. We will order from the menu, the entrée cost is approximately \$12. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 21. See John or Carol Weaver for more information.

Pantry

Items needed for our food pantry are canned fruit and crackers. Items may be left in the bin in the basement.

Family Matters

Prayer List

- Gibson Arnold, 185 Park Boundary Rd., Smiths Grove, KY 42171
- Shirley Birge, 34 Circle Rd., Glasgow
- Steve Birge, 22 Executive Dr., Tompkinsville, KY 42167
- Dorothy Brake, 300 Westwood St., Rm 34, Glasgow
- Stacy Bray, mother of Hannah Bray, Barren Co. Health Care, Room 6, 300 Westwood, Glasgow
- Steve Brown, 105 Wingate Ave., Glasgow
- Baylee Dubree, 1694 Halifax Rd., Scottsville, KY 42164
- Terry & Debbie Bunnell, 343 Winners Circle, Glasgow
- Shirley Coffey, 300 Westwood St., Glasgow
- Judy Dugger, 180 Scottie Dr., Apt. 152, Glasgow
- Gary Edmunds 5899 Old Bowling Green Rd., Glasgow
- JB & Kathleen Emberton, 119 Robin Dr., Glasgow
- Suzanne Fant, 122 Hi Haven, Glasgow
- Laurie Frame, Signature Health Care, 220 Westwood St., Glasgow
- Sherry Furlong, 130 Longhunters Trail, Glasgow
- Stephanie Gilpin, 713 Rock Springs Rd., Summer Shade, KY 42166
- Tish Gumm, 350 Paul Bastien Lane, Glasgow
- Jeffrey Lynn Lile, brother of Sonya Hogue, 447 Lanny Harlow Rd., Hardyville, KY 42746
- Virginia Neville, 104 Ridgecrest, Glasgow
- Sherri Perkins, 1081 Dripping Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Billy Pritchard, 117 Douglas Dr., Glasgow
- Fred Proffitt, 307 Hall St., Glasgow
- Lenneth Rich, 308 Patton Terrace Rd., Glasgow
- LulaBelle Riddle, 473 Riddle Rd., Glasgow
- Fred Riley, fell and injured his back, 397 Lick Branch Rd., Glasgow
- Ed Spear, 1038 Poplar Springs Rd., Glasgow
- Jean Stephens, 480 Hollis Thomas Rd., Glasgow
- Monte Taylor, 4402 Happy Valley Rd., Cave City, KY 42127
- Debbie Turner, 112 Country Lane, Glasgow
- Norma Vance, NHC, Room #50, P.O. Box 247, Glasgow

Additional Prayer Requests

- Tony Appleby, son-in-law of Mike & Kathy Williams
- Catherine Bagby, mother of Robert Bagby
- Maria Bryant, coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Jeff Burd, nephew of Karen Kerney
- Jimmy & Renee Burgess, friends of Shane Walton
- Jamie Corbin, sister of Erin Lockett
- Marie Crawhorn, friend of Runelle Jackson and the Frankie McCoy family
- Jim Creech, brother-in-law of Freda Dugger
- Roy Fox, family of Norma Redford and Sherry Furlong
- Pat Green, friend of Jewel Searcy
- Jim Gregory, friend/coworker of Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue
- Mark Hanstein, father of Laura Warren
- Jason Hapney, son of Gary & Teresa Hapney
- Cathy Holley, friend of Sonya Hogue

- Tom Hughes, friend of Tony & Melissa Shirley
- Amy Irwin, friend of Sherri Perkins
- Mark Isenberg, brother of Lloyd Isenberg
- Denise Jackson, friend of Don & Peggy Nims
- Byron & Connie Jeffries, neighbors of Jesse & Carolyn Page
- Roy Lanier, grandfather of Laura Warren
- Marjorie Palmore, mother of Kim Palmore
- Marty Pennington, friend of Don & Peggy Nims
- Natalie Philbeck, friend of Mike & Charlotte Pruitt
- Judie Pitcock, mother of Amy Gill
- Jed Pollard, son of Carl & Emily Pollard
- Evelyn Scott, friend of Shane & Lori Walton
- Kim Smith, sister of Tony Shirley
- Margie Smith, friend of Sandra Kidd
- Greg Stevens, friend/coworker of Sonya Hogue
- Jennifer Stump, friend of Freda Dugger
- Bart & Holly Tarrigin, great niece of Covella Hare
- Kim Turner, friend of Angie Kessler
- Charles Tyler, father of Karen Drake
- Tommy Wells, friend of Guy & Annette Simmons
- Susan Williams, friend of Frenchie Belcher
- Betty Wright, sister-in-law of Becky Speer

Sympathy

Our sympathy is expressed to the friends and family of Richard Shaw. Funeral services were conducted yesterday at the Bartley & Sons Funeral Home in Tompkinsville. Richard was a member of the Oak Hill church of Christ.

Prayers Requested

Elijah Franklin responded to the invitation on Wednesday evening, May 14, and requested prayers. Please honor his request and keep Elijah in your daily prayers.

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance.....	448
Sunday Contribution <i>week of May 11</i>	\$11,539.75
2025 Weekly Budget.....	\$13,547.69
2025 Weekly Average <i>week of May 11</i>	\$13,424.97

Responses Year To Date

Baptisms	7
Prayer Requests	5
Placing Membership	13

**Sunday Morning, May 25, 2025
10:30 AM**

Deacons in Charge	John Weaver
.....	Tarry Lockett
Song Leader/Welcoming	Jackie Perkins
Opening Prayer	Terry Bunnell
Scripture Reading	Tommy Vick
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	David Hammer
Serve Communion (Auditorium)	Jay Turner
.....	Roger Cline
.....	Hunter Clark
.....	Trace Bishop
.....	Jake Warren
.....	Luke Prichard
Serve Communion (Balcony)	Michael Gill
.....	Adam Groce
.....	Kevin Redford
Serve Communion (Basement)	Bobby Steenbergen
.....	Mike Burress
Closing Remarks	Tommy Gumm
.....	Scott Bradford
Dismissal Prayer	Jimmy Smith
Ushers	Lynn Beals
.....	Glenn Pritchard
Pick Up Cards	Bo Bishop
.....	Aiden Lee
Control Room	John Estes
.....	Christian Kaumanns
Bus Driver	Brandon Turner

**Sunday Evening, May 25, 2025
5:00 PM**

Song Leader/Welcoming	Jackie Perkins
Opening Prayer	Leland Glass
Lesson	Bart Warren
Presiding at the Table	Marcus Franklin
Dismissal Prayer	Nick Dubree

**Wednesday Evening, May 28, 2025
6:30 PM**

Announcements	Bart Warren
Song Leader	Wesley Cline
Opening Prayer	Jeremy Prichard
Lesson	Bart Warren
Dismissal Prayer	Asa Jones

***If you are unable to serve, please contact one of the
Deacons in Charge***

Elders

Mark Bowman	Tommy Gumm
Scott Bradford	Frankie McCoy
Robbie Fudge	Jackie Perkins
Leland Glass	

Ministers

Bart Warren—Pulpit Minister
Allen Jones—Associate Minister

Deacons

Robert Bagby	Joe Prichard
Allen Jones	Brandon Turner
Christian Kaumanns	Zac Turner
Tarry Lockett	John Weaver
Chris Page	Patrick Wright
Jeremy Prichard	

Church Information

Bart's Email	bart@sgcofc.com
Allen's Email	allen@sgcofc.com
Nancy's Email	nancy@sgcofc.com

Worship Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:30 a.m.
Sunday A.M. Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday P.M.	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Devo	6:30 p.m.

The following services are livestreamed on our website:
Sunday 10:30 A.M.
Sunday 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Devo 6:30 P.M.

