

INVESTING IN ETERNITY

The Silk Road was one of the greatest trade routes in history. It linked Europe with India and Asia, allowing merchants to travel and trade safely across continents. But everything changed in 1453, when Constantinople fell and the Ottoman Turks rose to power. The route to Asia was suddenly closed to Christian traders, forcing European nations to find a new way to import and export goods.

With the land route blocked, explorers turned to the sea. Sailing, however, was long, dangerous, and uncertain. Among those who dreamed of a better way were two Italian men, Christopher Columbus and his brother Bartholomew. They believed they could reach Japan, China, and India by sailing west across the Atlantic. So, In 1482, Columbus went to King John II of Portugal, seeking ships and funding for his voyage. The king and his advisors listened but ultimately rejected his proposal. Contrary to popular belief, educated Europeans of Columbus' day did believe that the world was round. However, the king of Portugal and his advisors believed that Columbus had underestimated the distance and risk. Three years later, in 1485, the brothers tried again, this time appealing to King Henry VII of England. He also refused.

Then, in 1492, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain saw something the others didn't. They believed in Columbus's vision and chose to support him. With their ships and funding, Columbus set sail, and on **October 12, 1492**, he landed in the **Americas**, sparking the **Age of Discovery** and opening a new chapter in world history.

This is a story most of us know well, but there's a powerful spiritual lesson we often overlook. Out of all the rulers Columbus approached, only Ferdinand and Isabella had faith in his mission. How do we know that? By their actions. The kings of Portugal and England claimed to listen—but they didn't *believe*. If they had, they would have backed their faith with ships, money, and titles, just as Spain did.

This mirrors our own faith in Christ. In **James 2:14**, we're asked, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?"

Andrew Spivey

Questions for last week's reading of;
Acts 6 & 7

Questions:

1. Why did the Grecian Jews complain?
2. Name the seven men chosen to serve.
3. Why did Stephen have to appear before the Sanhedrin?
4. What happened to Stephen?
5. What did Stephen say about the people who hated him, and what did he say about Jesus?

Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

FALL SERIES

FALL FELLOWSHIP

Trick or Treaters make plans with mom and dad to come to the Hunt Club neighborhood pool at **5:45 pm., on Friday Oct 31st. Jonathan Senn and Garrett Rowlett** will be there to go trick or treat with the kids and theirs parents. They will go a few blocks in the neighborhood and end up at the Senn's house, 116 Higginson Place, Gallatin. There will be chili and hot dogs and treats. If you would like, please bring chips, drinks, or desserts. You can bring item to church on Oct 29th. Everyone needs to park their cars at the businesses lot and walk to the Senn's house.

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

10:00 AM SERVICE

Sermon.....Steve Kirby
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler

5:00 PM SERVICE

Monday 7pm.....Steve Kirby
Tuesday 7pm.....Steve Kirby

WEDNESDAY

October 22, 2025 @ 7:00pm.

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....**Steve Kirby**
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for October.....Tim Cummins / Eric Stephenson
Communion Care for OctoberBob /Tarina Brown
Door Greeters –West Door.....Zach and Alyse Tooley
East Door.....Brent and Marila Smith
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
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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

Shirley Ralph is now home after suffering a heart attack. **Larry Hammock**, brother n law to Keith Spivey& uncle of Andrew Spivey will have more chemo. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, had a bone marrow transplant. **Roscoe Smith**, father of Brent Smith, will be monitored for a few months and then they will decide what is next. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey had some great news from last checkup. Tumor is not showing. He will go back in 3 months for a checkup.



PRAYER LIST

Cathy Lemley; Jack & Anita Cato; Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Stella Messer; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Jean Knowles; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Chuck Maxey; Joann Lockett, mother of Darrel Lockett; **Max & Pat Lemley**, parents of Michael Lemley; **Heather Lemley** daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; **Jean McCurdy** mother of Olivia Nelsen; **Ariel Clift**, niece of Tarina Brown; **Elaine Reynolds**, friend of Christie Coleman; **Alan Greene**, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; **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

We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	90
Morning Worship.....	166
Sunday Evening.....	84
Wednesday Evening.....	75
Contribution.....	\$7,654.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,414.00

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