

FOCUS ON JESUS

This past Sunday, I used an illustration to help us understand the perspective of eternity compared to our life here, on earth. **2 Corinthians 4:18** tells us, “as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.” Everything that we see on this earth is temporary, and what we put our focus on in this life affects how we spend eternity in the next. Yet, it is still such a challenge to stay focused on eternity at times. We live in a fast-paced world, and everything is designed to grab your attention and distract you.

We also see people all around us who are driven and passionate about what they consider most important to them. Whether it is them driven to simply make sure they have what they need to survive, or how they stress about trying to climb the corporate ladder. Others get caught up with wanting the best things in life or being the center of attention wherever they go. Some get caught up in sports teams and make them the focus of their life while others make social media, news, politics, or celebrities become their focus.

While some of those things might not be necessarily sin, the problem is that they don’t make Jesus their number one priority. Their focus isn’t on Christ, it is on pleasing themselves. Jesus says in **Matthew 6:31-33**, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Instead of focusing on our own desires and seeking joy and comfort in this life, our first priority should be to focus on Christ and seek His Kingdom. **Colossians 3:1-4** says, “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

When we take the time to sit back and examine our own lives and actions, our focus should be on the things above and not earthly things. Even though we are aware of what is going on in the present, we should always keep in mind that this place is not the end goal. It is only when we do this that we can truly understand what Paul meant when he said “I know how to be brought low, and I know

how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (**Philippians 4:12-13**) When we lose our perspective, it becomes easy to get sidetracked. You begin to worry so much about problems in your life that you get consumed with them, and you forget to turn to Jesus for guidance in your life. Instead, you can begin to rely on others for help.


You can make yourself so busy in life that you find yourself never having the “free time” to study the Bible or you forget to pray. By doing so, you are never able to access the power that is in God’s word and know the true joy and peace that comes from having a relationship with Him. In some cases, people stop coming to worship service and go back to the world of sin. They forget what Christ has truly done for them. **Hebrews 12:1-3** says, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. *Consider him* who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

When you think about what it means to “Consider him”, it means for us to think about and reflect upon Jesus. Reflect upon His life and journey because He endured all the temptations, hardships, sufferings, rejections, torment to give us an example and pave a path so that we do not give up the good fight of faith. No matter the cost, do whatever you can to stay focused on Jesus. Make commitments to stay focused on Jesus. Put your trust in Him and place your problems in His hands. Nothing else in your life should be more important than your relationship with God, with Jesus, and getting to Heaven. "Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

(**Philippians 3:13-14**) **Andrew Spivey**

**Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.**  
**Psalm 68:19**

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**  
**Sunday Read – Genesis 9-10**  
**Wednesday Read – Job 1**



Questions for last week's reading of;  
**Genesis 7 & 8**

- Questions:
1. Who was saved in the ark?
  2. How long did it rain?
  3. What did the raven do when Noah sent it from the ark?
  4. How many times did Noah send out the dove and what did she do each time?
  5. How did Noah worship God when he came out of the ark, and what was God’s promise?

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- \* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday\**  
*Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*
- Feb. 1 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30 am  
Feb. 4 – TNT 6:00 pm  
Ladies Class 6:30 pm  
Feb. 8 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30 am  
Feb. 14-17 – Youth Winter Camp  
Feb. 15 – Dorcas Class 9:00 – 10:30am  
Feb 15 – Excel’s @6pm Fellowship room  
Feb.18 – TNT 6:00 pm  
Ladies Class 6:30 pm  
Feb. 21 – 23 Challenge Youth/Pigeon forge

**BAPTISM**

**Olivia Lyle** was baptized on Sunday evening, January 19, 2025. Olivia is the daughter of Mike & Stephanie Lyle. We rejoice with Olivia on her decision to put on Christ in baptism.

**EXCEL’S**

Excel’s will meet on **Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship room. We will have Taco/Game Night. A sign-up sheet will be out in foyer. Please be sure to sign up and what you plan to bring to go with Tacos.

**ORDER OF SERVICES**  
**SUNDAY**  
**February 2, 2025**  
**9:00 AM**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)**

Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

**10:00 AM SERVICE**

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn  
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
Servers.....M. Ellis, Z. Tooley, T. Cummins  
F. Evans, J. Crawford, C. Suddarth  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Charlie Seals

**4:15 Singing Class**  
**5:00 PM SERVICE**

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Corey Nelsen

**WEDNESDAY**  
**February 5, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith  
Ushers for February.....R. Buck/L. Clark  
Communion Care for February.....Newby/Dorcas Class  
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/S Sever  
East Door.....L/J Clark  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

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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

Evelyn Harris had knee replacement surgery and is now at NHC Sumner Place for rehab. Tony Perry is home. Shauna Lockett reports her cancer is in remission. Jonell Vaughn, mother of Rita Strickland, is back home. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



### PRAYER LIST

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; 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, Mary Spivey  
(new addresses for both Jean & Mary,  
please call the office)

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

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	94
Morning Worship.....	148
Sunday Evening.....	80
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$10,231.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,429.00

### Elders

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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

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Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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