

### HIS PROMISE

One of the more frustrating and troubling things in my life is when someone does something without showing me how it was done. I can remember working with my grandad when I was younger and getting frustrated at not being able to see how he would put certain things together or watching my dad try to rebuild a tractor and not slowing down to let me see how to fix a certain part. Not seeing how to solve a problem can certainly be quite troublesome. But it becomes much worse when it comes to actual problems and difficulties in life, when it comes to trusting in God.

There are certainly times in life when our problems seem much more than we can hold ourselves. And we know that God promises that we will not be tempted beyond our limit, but the future seems so uncertain, and it makes our faith seem weak compared to all the struggles in life. If only God would show us how it will all work out then everything would be so much better. If you have ever thought that way, you are not alone.

Moses had a very similar struggle in his life. By the age of 40, Moses found himself struggling with not being able to fulfill his expectation of leading Israel out of Egypt. **Acts 7:23-25** says, "When he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the children of Israel. And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended the oppressed man and avenged him by striking down the Egyptian. He supposed that his brothers would understand that God was giving them salvation by his hand, but they did not understand." Growing up in Pharaoh's household, but being born of the nation of Israel, Moses figures that the time had arrived for the nation of Israel to be freed, and he saw himself as the one God would use. But, before you know it, his dream backfired, and he spent the next 40 years as a shepherd in the wilderness. That is quite a transition from going to a palace to living in tents.

Then, after 40 years, God calls to Moses from a burning bush, and he reluctantly accepts the call, but he is warned that the future wouldn't be easy. Pharaoh would not be easily persuaded to listen to the words of God, but God would prove to all the land that He was the one true God. And it all came true. Moses went to Egypt and was used by God in bringing forth the plagues in Egypt and releasing the nation of Israel from slavery. Things seemed to be working out how Moses had once expected. He led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and they arrived at Mt.

Sinai, where Moses ascended the mount, and God gave Moses The Law and Commandments.

But then it all fell apart. Imagine how Moses must have felt when he witnessed God get angry. Moses had certainly seen God's power before, but now he sees God's wrath. God was so angry at Israel's disobedience in creating the golden calf to worship that He was ready to destroy them all. **Exodus 32:10-11** says, "Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them, and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?" Moses' dream of being the one to lead His people was crashing into the earth.

God then promised Moses in **Exodus 32:34** "But now go, lead the people to the place about which I have spoken to you; behold, my angel shall go before you. Nevertheless, in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them." So, His angel would be with Moses for the rest of the journey, but he wanted so much more. **Exodus 33:12** tells us, "Moses said to the Lord, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me." In other words, Moses said to God, "just tell me how you are going to do this."

Isn't that the way that we so often end up feeling. When there are troubles in our lives, and we feel the weight of our problems matched up with God's promises. We know that God is with us and will take care of us, but we want to know how. We want to know the details. How is God going to solve the problem in my life? Well, what is God's answer? When Moses was asking God about the details in how he was to lead Israel to the promised land, God responded "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (**Exodus 33:14**) It is as though God was saying to Moses, "I will keep my promises, but you do not need to know how." His presence is enough. The details do not really matter. The simple fact that God promises to never leave us or forsake us should be enough for us to trust in Him even when we do not know how He will care for us. So, as we go throughout this week and we struggle with the problems and anxieties of life, let us think back to examples like Moses and know that the promise God made to him is the same promise He makes to us. (**Matthew 6:28-33**) **Andrew Spivey**

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Exodus 2:1-25;18:2-4 Wednesday Read – Exodus 3

Questions for last week's reading of; **Genesis 37& 39-46; Exodus 1**

Questions:

1. What did Joseph's brothers do to him and why?
2. Why did God allow Joseph to be sent to Egypt?
3. What did God tell Jacob when he and his family were traveling to Egypt?
4. Why was Pharaoh afraid of the Israelites?
5. How did Pharaoh try to destroy the Israelites?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

\* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday\*

Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

March 4 – TNT 6:00 pm

Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm

March 9 – Daylight Savings Time set clocks

1 hour forward

March 15 – Excel's 6 pm

March 18 – TNT – 6 pm

Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm

March 20 – Senior Group 5 pm

March 30 – Fifth Sunday Singing PM Service

### SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Mattie Carter**, a former member, on the passing of her brother, **Marshall McCullough**. Funeral services were held Friday in Gallatin.

**Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love:  
according to your great  
compassion blot out my  
transgressions.  
Psalm 51:1**

### ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY February 23, 2025 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Scripture Reading.....Mike Lyle  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn  
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland  
Servers.....J. Cherry, B. Sever, M. Ellis  
A. Williamson, C. Suddarth, K. Veale

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

### 4:15 Singing Class

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett  
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

### WEDNESDAY

### February 26, 2025 7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
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/T Brown  
East Door.....E/D Stephenson  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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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

Myrlen Britt is at Skyline after a fall at home. Evelyn Harris is now home. Tony Perry is home. 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.

## 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.*

## 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.

## OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	91
Morning Worship.....	155
Sunday Evening.....	69
Wednesday Evening.....	N/A
Contribution.....	\$8,507.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,826.00

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