

When I was a kid, my friends and I ruled the after-school football games. Even in second grade, we were beating fourth and fifth graders. Why? Because we tried. We were fast, had designed plays, and worked as a team. But our biggest advantage? We had our own football.

Why was that such a big deal? Well, whenever the older kids started winning and we got frustrated, we'd just take our ball and head in. In our minds, if we quit before the game was over, it didn't count as a loss. Sound familiar? Many of you probably knew that one kid who, when things didn't go his way, simply took his ball and left. The problem is, this same mentality follows many people into adulthood. I'm not talking about NFL quarterbacks storming off the field or baseball players packing up their bats, I'm talking about real life. Too often, when things get tough or uncomfortable, people walk away rather than face the challenge.

This mindset mirrors what Paul warned about in **2 Timothy 4:3-4**, "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths." Sometimes, the truth isn't what we want to hear—but it's what we **need** to hear. Growth, especially spiritual growth, isn't always comfortable. We often want the rewards of faith without the struggles that come with it. It's easier to justify our choices than to humble ourselves before God and His truth. It's easier to rewrite the rules than to go through the painful process of changing our hearts to reflect Christ. But Scripture doesn't sugarcoat things. **Hebrews 4:12-13** describes God's word as **a sword**—not a feather duster to tickle our ears, not a pillow for a slumber party, but a sharp, piercing blade that cuts deep to expose our hearts: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are

naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

That's the reality of God's truth. It challenges us, convicts us, and corrects us. As **2 Timothy 3:16-17** says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." What does that mean for us? Well, If we truly want to follow Christ, we must be willing to hear **all** of God's word—not just the parts that make us feel good. It might hurt, but that pain leads to growth and healing. After all, Christ endured the agony of scourging and crucifixion so that **we** could be healed. **Isaiah 53:5** reminds us that, "He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed."

But healing only comes when we follow Him. Jesus made it clear in **Matthew 7:21**, "Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." God calls us to **fight against sin**—even when it's uncomfortable. He commands us to teach and embrace **the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27)**, not just the parts that are easy to accept. Unfortunately, many people today seek out preachers who only tell them what they want to hear. But when Scripture challenges our desires, we don't get to take our ball and find a new game. Instead, we must **repent** and turn back to God. As Jesus says in **Revelation 3:19**, "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent." True faith means staying in the game, even when it's tough and obeying all that we are to follow. Don't walk away from the hard truths. Let them refine you, shape you, and bring you closer to Christ.


Andrew Spivey

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in
silence, for my hope is from Him.
Psalm 62:5*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Exodus 6 - 7

Wednesday Read – Exodus 8

- Questions for last week's reading of;  **Exodus 6 - 8.**
- Questions:
1. What special relationship did God say he would have with the Israelites?
 2. What was the first plague God sent on the Egyptians?
 3. Name the next 3 plagues.
 4. After Pharaoh's magicians could not make lice, what did they tell Pharaoh?
 5. Why did God make the plague of flies everywhere in Egypt except in Goshen?

- UPCOMING EVENTS**
- * 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*
- March 18 – TNT – 6 pm
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm
- March 20 – Senior Group 5 pm
- March 22 – Bible Trivia @ 5pm
- March 30 – Fifth Sunday Singing PM Service
- April 1 – TNT – 6 pm
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm

- BIBLE TRIVIA**
- Bible Trivia will be on **Saturday March 22nd @ 5:00 pm**. In the fellowship room. The main course for a meal will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts to go with BBQ. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. For more details see **Garrett Rowlett**.
- THANK YOU**
- Thank you for all your prayers and cards during Myrlen's passing. It means so much to have this church family. In Christian Love, **Faye Britt**

ORDER OF SERVICES	
SUNDAY	
March 16, 2025	
9:00 AM	
BIBLE STUDY	
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)	
Song Leader.....	Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....	Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey
10:00 AM SERVICE	
Welcome.....	David Thompson
Scripture Reading.....	Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....	Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....	Garrett Rowlett
Lord's Supper.....	Rick Gallagher
Servers.....	R. Buck; M. Lyle; J. Sever G. Messer; C. Newby; C. Suddarth
Sermon.....	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....	Brent Smith
4:15 Singing Class	
5:00 PM SERVICE	
Welcome.....	David Thompson
Song Leader.....	Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....	Tim Strickland
Sermon.....	Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....	Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....	Tim Cummins
WEDNESDAY	
March 19, 2025	
7:00 PM	
Welcome.....	David Thompson
Song Leader.....	Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....	Bob Brown
Lesson.....	Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....	David Johnson
Ushers for March.....	Z. Tooley/A. Williamson
Communion Care for March.....	David Johnson
Door Greeters – West Door.....	B/S Sever
East Door.....	B/M Smith
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

Charlie Seals had shoulder surgery on March 12th. Tony Perry is home. Donna Murphy, sister of Wanda Seals, is recovering from a stroke. Shane Rogers, son of Sherry Perry, had a kidney biopsy. Chuck Tooley, father of Zach Tooley, had stents placed. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. Ariel Clift, niece of Tarina Brown has been diagnosed with POTS. Roscoe Smith father of Brent Smith has been diagnosed with 2 cancerous tumors. Treatments will start soon. 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; Stella Messer; 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 or see the
2025 pocket directory)

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	79
Morning Worship.....	124
Sunday Evening.....	66
Wednesday Evening.....	62
Contribution.....	\$6,150.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$12,110.00

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