

THE DANGER OF FIRE

On March 25, 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City, killing 146 garment workers, most of them young immigrant women. Locked doors, poor working conditions, and lack of fire escapes trapped them inside, turning the building into a death trap. The tragedy shocked the nation and led to major labor reforms, but it also serves as a powerful illustration of the urgency of sharing and obeying the gospel. Many of the workers in the Triangle Factory assumed they were safe. They had jobs, they had skills, and they trusted that the people in charge would protect them. Everything was good until the fire came. Suddenly, they found themselves locked in with no escape.

In much the same way, many today assume that they are spiritually secure. They put their trust in their good deeds and morality, or even in their religious affiliation and personal spirituality. But without Christ, they are standing in a burning building, trapped, with no way to save themselves. Jesus says in **John 10:9** “I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.” Jesus also tells us 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.”

The tragedy of the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory reminds us that salvation isn’t found in our own efforts or in trusting the systems and ideas of this world, it is only found in Jesus and in obeying His commands. The workers needed a way out, but none was provided. God, in His mercy, has given us a way out of sin and death through Christ. The question is, will we take it?

Another lesson that can be learned from the Triangle Factory fire is the sudden need for salvation and the call for those who can bring it. As the workers were trapped in the factory, the fireman arrived too late to save many who were in the building. Bystanders on the street could do nothing but watch in horror as people called out for help or jumped from the burning building. As Christians, we are called to a different response. Jesus says **Matthew 28:19-20**, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded

you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

We know the world is on fire, people are lost in sin, facing eternal separation from God. But unlike those helpless onlookers, we *can* do something. We have the gospel, the message of salvation, and we are commanded to share it. **Jude 1:23** says we are to “save others by snatching them out of the fire” Just as rescue workers today rush into danger to save lives, we are called to run toward the lost, offering them the only escape, Jesus Christ. We can’t afford to be silent when souls are at stake.


Finally, we can also learn that there is hope even beyond the ashes. The Triangle Shirtwaist fire led to sweeping changes in labor laws, improving workplace safety and saving countless lives in the years that followed. From tragedy came transformation. In the same way, Jesus took the greatest tragedy, His own death on the cross, and turned it into the greatest victory. **1 Peter 2:24** says, “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.” Because of His sacrifice, we are not left in the ashes of sin and despair. Instead, we have a living hope, a new life, and the promise of eternity with Him.

Even tragic events that happened so long ago can teach us great spiritual truths even today. The Triangle fire reminds us that life is fragile, the world is broken, and people need saving. As the body of Christ, we must not stand idly by. We must proclaim the gospel, offering the only true rescue from the coming fire. **1 Peter 3:21** says, “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,” Let us be faithful in our calling, knowing that through Christ, we bring light, hope, and salvation to a world in desperate need.

Andrew Spivey

*For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling that I may walk before God in the light of life.*  
*Psalms 56:13*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES  
Sunday Read – Exodus 13  
Wednesday Read – Exodus 14

Questions for last week’s reading of;   
**Exodus 11-12.**

Questions:

- 1. What was the last plague God sent on Egypt?
- 2. Describe the Passover meal.
- 3. What were the Israelites to remember every year when they celebrated the Passover meal?
- 4. What did Pharaoh say when he let the Israelites go?
- 5. Before the Israelites left Egypt, what did the Egyptians give them?

UPCOMING EVENTS

*\* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday\*  
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*

- April 1 – TNT – 6 pm  
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm
- April 12 – Egg Hunt @ 2pm
- April 13 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon  
Fellowship Room
- April 15 – TNT – 6pm  
Ladies Bible Class – 6:30 pm
- April 17 – Senior Group 5 pm
- April 18 -19 Lads/Leaders
- April 26 – Ladies Day @ Nashville Road  
9 am – 1 pm

MEMORIAL

There will be a Memorial in honor of **Charlie Cliburn**, husband of Penny Cliburn, on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am at the Veterans Memorial Park on 355 Belvedere Rd., behind the Sumner County Administration Building.

EGG HUNT

There will be an Egg Hunt on **Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm**. If you would like to donate candy for the hunt please bring candy to church anytime between now and April 9<sup>th</sup>.

ORDER OF SERVICES  
SUNDAY  
March 30, 2025  
9:00 AM  
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
Scripture Reading.....Mike Lyle  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland  
Lord's Supper.....Jonathan Senn  
Servers.....J. Sever; M. Ellis; B. Sever  
G. Rowlett; D. Thompson; G. Messer  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Service*  
5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
Song Leader.....See Schedule  
Opening Prayer.....Corey Nelsen  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

WEDNESDAY  
April 2, 2025  
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Ben Hutson  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry  
Ushers for March.....Z. Tooley/A. Williamson  
Communion Care for April.....B/T Brown  
Door Greeters – West Door.....J/L Cherry  
East Door.....Z/A Tooley  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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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**

**Bobbie Stephens** is in the hospital for tests. **Charlie Seals** is home recovering from shoulder surgery. **Tony Perry** had surgery to have a dialysis fistula put in. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, will have a bone marrow transplant soon. **Donna Murphy**, sister of Wanda Seals, is recovering from a stroke. **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.....	106
Morning Worship.....	168
Sunday Evening.....	71
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$8,449.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,270.00

**Elders**

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Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

**Deacons**

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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