

April 10, 2025

With the wild weather we've had this past week, meteorologists definitely had their hands full. On Wednesday, April 2nd alone, there were 53 tornado warnings, 20 flash flood warnings, and 70 severe thunderstorm warnings issued. The storms were so intense and relentless, they even drained the batteries on Nashville's tornado sirens from overuse. Through it all, I'm incredibly grateful for the meteorologists who worked tirelessly to track the chaos and keep us informed and safe, because it hasn't always been that way.

Throughout history, humanity has been fascinated by the weather, and has tried to predict it in every way possible. As far back as 650 B.C., the ancient Babylonians attempted short-term forecasts by observing cloud patterns and optical phenomena like haloes around the moon and stars. By 340 B.C., the Greek philosopher Aristotle had written *Meteorologica*, a four-volume work on weather theory. While some of his insights were remarkable, many were flawed. Nevertheless, his writings stood as the foundation of meteorological thought for over 2,000 years.

Over generations, people have passed down weather-related sayings and rhymes in hopes of making sense of nature's moods. Consider the old proverb: *"Red sky at night, sailor's delight; red sky in the morning, sailor's warning."* This saying even dates back to biblical times and is referenced in **Matthew 16:2-3**. Books like the *Farmer's Almanac* became treasured guides, helping people decide when to plant crops or brace for changing seasons.

Fast forward to today, and we live in a time where science and technology allow us to predict weather patterns with astonishing accuracy. We tune into the news or check our phones to see if we need an umbrella or a jacket. Yet, no matter how advanced our forecasts become, or how primitive they once were, one truth remains unchanged: weather has always been under the sovereign hand of God.

In the book of Job, Elihu, one of Job's friends, speaks powerfully about God's control over nature. **Job 37:3-6** says, "Under the whole heaven he lets it go, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice, and he does not restrain the lightning when his voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For to the snow he says, 'Fall on the earth,' likewise to the downpour, his mighty downpour." From Genesis to Revelation, and in our everyday lives, we see how God uses weather to fulfill His purposes. The cycle of the seasons; rain, sunshine, warmth, and cold, enables the earth to flourish and sustain life. After the flood, God made a promise to Noah and all mankind in **Genesis 8:22**, "While

the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

In Exodus, God sent a devastating hailstorm to Egypt to display His power and bring judgment upon Pharaoh's hard-heartedness (**Exodus 9:13-35**). In Jonah, God used a violent storm to redirect the runaway prophet, ensuring His divine plan would unfold (**Jonah 1:4**). In Job 38, God Himself speaks of His authority over the elements: "*Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain and a way for the thunderbolt, to bring rain on a land where no man is, on the desert in which there is no man, to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground sprout with grass?*" (**Job 38:25-27**) God reveals that even in the most barren places, where no one is watching, He sends rain simply to glorify Himself.

Psalms 148 reminds us that all creation: lightning, hail, snow, mist, and stormy winds, obey God and fulfill His word. Then, perhaps one of the clearest signs of Jesus' divinity was when He calmed a raging storm with just His voice. In awe, the disciples asked in **Matthew 8:27**, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?" So the next time you see the radar light up with swirling colors or hear a meteorologist predict a coming storm, don't just think of science, think of sovereignty. Behind every front, every breeze, and every bolt of lightning is the hand of the Creator. We may not always understand *why* the weather does what it does, but we can be confident in *who* controls it.

Andrew Spivey

MOVING HELP NEEDED

Kevin, Angie & Emily Siler need help with moving small items from one apartment to another on Saturday, April 12th from 8:00 AM at their current address listed in the pocket directory to Stoneridge at Hunt Club. Both apartments are ground floor apartments. Professional movers will be handling the large, heavy items.

**BEAUTIFUL FEET
LADIES WORKSHOP**

All Ladies are invited to Nashville Road church of Christ on **Saturday April 26, 2025** with registration at 9:00am. Workshop 9:30 - 1:00 pm ***Lunch will be Provided***
Service Project; Bring new or Never worn pair of shoes for Potter's children and /or single moms. May also donate money for Shoe Carnival gift cards.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Exodus 17
Wednesday Read – Exodus 18

Questions for last week's reading of;
Exodus 15 & 16.

Questions:

- 1. What did the Israelites do to thank God after they crossed the Red Sea?
- 2. What did the Israelites do when they found only bitter water at Marah?
- 3. What caused the water to be sweet?
- 4. How did God provide meat for the Israelites?
- 5. How did God feed the Israelites in the desert for 40 years?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class every Sunday***
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
April 13 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon
Fellowship Room after morning services.
- April 13 – Egg Hunt @ 2pm
- 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
- April 29 – TNT - 6pm
Ladies Bible Class – 6:30 pm

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the calls, texts, cards and especially the prayers. We asked God for a speedy recovery and that's what he gave me. I am so thankful for this wonderful church family.

Melanie McCreary

Charlie & Wanda Seals would like to say thank you for all the heartfelt cards, calls and prayers while they are recovering from medical issues. You are appreciated. (THANK YOU NOTES are posted in the stairwell to the classrooms.)

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, texts & calls following the loss of my daughter Michelle. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.
Love you all,

Wanda Proctor & family.

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
April 13, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Servers.....C. Newby; J. Crawford; J. Sever
D. Thompson; G. Messer; C. Nelsen
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Adam Williamson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY
April 16, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for April.....T. Cummins/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for April.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....B/S Sever
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL
Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
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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 now home and doing better. **Charlie Seals** is 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.....	77
Morning Worship.....	135
Sunday Evening.....	71
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$7,915.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,630.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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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