

April 24, 2025

REWARDS PROGRAM

I am so proud of all our youth who participated in Lads to Leaders this past week! It was truly inspiring to witness the dedication, effort, and growth they've shown throughout the year come together in such a meaningful and uplifting weekend.

Even if not, everyone received a special award, each one of them gained something far more valuable—the reward of growing in their knowledge of God, building confidence in their ability to serve Him, and taking active steps in His Kingdom. That kind of growth is something no trophy or medal can measure, and it's a blessing that will impact their lives for years to come. So, make sure to encourage both children and parents to keep up the amazing work and never forget that your efforts for the Lord are never in vain!

Speaking of awards and rewards, have you noticed how almost every company today is offering some sort of "rewards program?" Of course, airlines have been giving out "frequent flyer miles" for years, but now businesses of all kinds have joined in. You can't get a cup of coffee, pump your gas, or buy groceries without having to type in your phone number or scan a rewards card.

The premise is simple: the more you do, the more you get. The more you spend, the more you earn. For businesses, it's a smart way to encourage loyalty and boost sales. For customers, it's an exciting way to get a little extra just for doing what they're already doing. But this brings up an interesting question, do some people view the Christian life the same way? Do we sometimes slip into the mindset that our faith is like a "Rewards Program?" That the more we do for God, the more blessings we'll earn? That being a Christian is about "what's in it for me?"

The Bible certainly speaks of rewards both here on earth, and in eternity. Jesus tells us in **John 10:10** that He came so that we "may have life and have it abundantly". Jesus also says in **Matthew 16:27**, "For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done." It's incredibly encouraging to know that when we are in Christ, we are rewarded on both heaven and earth. But is that the main reason we follow Him?

We must remember we can never earn enough "points" to put God in our debt. Everything He gives, both in this life and in eternity, is a gift freely given through His amazing grace. **Ephesians 2:8** says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own

doing; it is the gift of God." Paul also explains to Timothy, in **1 Timothy 1:12-15** of how he was once a persecutor of the church and an opponent of Christ but received mercy "and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (**1 Timothy 1:14-15**)

So why do we serve, follow, give, love, and worship the Lord? Is it simply for the rewards? Or is it because we love Him deeply, personally, and passionately? God calls us to live with *agape* love at the center of all we do. It's love that gives without expecting anything in return. It's selfless, sacrificial, and focused on others. **1 Corinthians 16:14** says, "Let all that you do be done in love." That kind of love shifts our focus from *getting* to *giving*. That's not just a nice sentiment; it's a call to action. We're not meant to serve God for what we *get*, but because of how deeply we *love* Him.

Let us make sure not to treat our faith like a rewards card. Let's not do more just to get more. Instead, let's love more, give more, and serve more because He is worthy, and because our love for Him grows stronger every single day. **Romans 6:23** "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Let us also remember that we could never earn our own spot in heaven, but through Christ we have the promise of an eternal reward.

Andrew Spivey



Lads to Leaders group including some adult judges.



Lads to Leaders participants not pictured: Amelia Jones and Palmer Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Joshua 1 Wednesday Read – Joshua 2

Questions for last week's reading of; **Exodus 19 & 20.**

Questions:

1. What did the Israelites say when Moses told them what the Lord commanded?
2. How did God come to meet the Israelites on Mount Sinai?
3. Name the Ten Commandments.
4. What should be our attitude toward God?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- May 3 - Cleaning Day /9am-12pm
- May 3 - Baby Shower honoring Brittany & Daniel Yates, from 2 – 4pm
- May 8 - Elders meeting 6:30 pm
- May 10 - Baby Shower honoring Olivia & Corey Nelsen, from 2 – 4 pm.
- May 11 - Mother's Day
- May 13 - TNT- 6pm
Ladies Bible Class-6:30pm
- May 15 - Senior Group -5pm

UPCOMING BABY SHOWERS

We will have a Baby Shower honoring **Daniel & Brittany Yates** on **Saturday, May 3rd** from 2 - 4 PM in the Fellowship Room. Please RSVP by April 19th by dropping a card in their box in the foyer. They are registered at Wal-Mart.

We will also have a Baby Shower honoring **Corey & Olivia Nelsen** on **Saturday, May 10th** from 2 - 4 PM in the Fellowship Room. Please RSVP for this shower by April 26th by dropping a card in their box in the foyer. They are registered with Amazon.

CLEANING DAY

We will have a Clean up day on Saturday May 3rd from 9-12. We could use several volunteers for detailed cleaning the church needs inside & outside. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Lunch will be provided.

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY

April 27, 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.....Rick Gallagher
 Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
 Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
 Servers.....R. Buck; J. Sever; Z. Tooley
 J. Crawford; B. Sever; A. Williamson
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
 Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
 Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY

April 30, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
 Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
 Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
 Closing Prayer.....David Johnson
 Ushers for April.....T. Cummins/E. Stephenson
 Communion Care for April.....B/T Brown
 Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby
 East Door.....J/L Cherry
 Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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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. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, had a bone marrow transplant. **Chuck Tooley**, father of Zach Tooley, health issues. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. **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; **Ariel Clift**, niece of Tarina Brown; **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.....	86
Morning Worship.....	178
Sunday Evening.....	55
Wednesday Evening.....	71
Contribution.....	\$8,863.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,530.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

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