

TIME

As I celebrated my birthday this past week, I realized I’ve definitely, reached the age where birthdays just aren’t as thrilling as they used to be. I can still remember the excitement of my younger days, when my parents would rent out a restaurant to throw a party, or when we hosted celebrations at our house, filled with tons of friends. The best part? My closest friends would get to stay the night, and we’d spend hours playing with all my new toys. This year, though, was much quieter, just a simple, sweet evening at home with Taylor, Palmer, and Rhett. And honestly, I loved it.

Reflecting on my birthday made me think about how fascinating time is, especially when you compare our view of it to God’s. What feels like a lifetime to us is just a moment to Him. Time, to God, is nothing like time to us. Peter reminds us, in **2 Peter 3:8**, “But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.” Our God lives in what I have heard called an "eternal present," a reality where past, present, and future are always before Him. We, however, experience time very differently. Our view of time is linear, and how fast we travel on that line depends on several factors.

Think about it: how long is a year to you? If you're like Rhett, and not even a year old yet, then a year is literally your entire lifetime, it must feel enormous for him! But if you're fifty, a year is just one-fiftieth of your life, which doesn’t seem quite as significant. The older we get; the faster time seems to fly. And the longer we are on this earth, the faster time tends to go. But that is the relentless, fleeting nature of time.

In the Bible, we see other perspectives of time. For example, in **Genesis 29:20** we learn that, although Jacob worked for seven years to marry Rachel, the scripture tells us that time felt like nothing for him. It is amazing how time can feel short or long, depending entirely on the perspective of one’s heart. Just like how vacations always seem too short, and work or school days can seem to go so long.

The Psalmist also shows us the importances of reflecting on how we use our time. In **Psalm 90:10-12** we read, “The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? So, teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.” Time is a fascinating thing. How long is a day? A month? A decade? It all depends on how you look at it.

But here’s the real question: how long is a lifetime compared to eternity? It’s as quick as the blink of an eye. James puts it plainly in **James 4:14**, “What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes.” How foolish it would be to focus only on material things during these fleeting earthly years! Let’s make sure we use every day to treasure what truly matters: to grow in the knowledge of God and His Kingdom.

And ultimately, the greatest question about time is this: why have we been given it at all? Thankfully, God gives us the answer. **Acts 17:26-27** tells us, “He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us.” God placed us here, determined our time and place, and gave us this fleeting life for a purpose: to seek Him, to grow in love, knowledge, and obedience, and ultimately to be reunited with Him for eternity.

Andrew Spivey

***I know, O Lord, that your rules
are righteous, and that in
faithfulness you have
afflicted me.
Psalm 119:75***

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Joshua 3
Wednesday Read – Joshua 4

Questions for last week’s reading of;
Joshua 1 & 2.

- Questions:
1. After Moses’ death, who led the Israelites into the promised land?
 2. What did God tell Joshua about taking the promised land?
 3. To what city did Joshua send 2 spies?
 4. How did Rahab help the spies?
 5. What did Rahab have to do to save her family?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- 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 SHOWER

We will 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.

THANK YOU NOTE

I just want to say thank you again for all the cards, calls, text and the beautiful floral wreath during the news of my daughter’s passing. My family & I appreciate all of you.
Wanda Proctor

GRADUATION

High School, College, and Trade School Graduations are taking place in the next few weeks. If you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew graduating this year, please send their name, where they graduated from and future plans. Please send pictures and info and email to; secnashroad@gmail.com.

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
May 4, 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.....David Johnson
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Servers.....J. Cherry; K. Veale; D. Thompson
C. Nelsen; G. Messer; M. Ellis
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Nathan Kemper

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

WEDNESDAY
May 7, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith
Ushers for May.....R. Buck/L. Clark
Communion Care for May.....J. Law/B. Hall
Door Greeters – West Door.....Z/A Tooley
East Door.....B/M Smith
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

Jean Knowles is now at NHC after having a fall. **Bobbie Stephens** is 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 started his treatments for cancer. **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

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	93
Morning Worship.....	146
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	78
Contribution.....	\$7,459.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,955.00

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