

May 8, 2025

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

With Mother’s Day coming up this Sunday, it's a time of year when we reflect on all that mothers have done for the world, while watching them hold their families together, even as those very families gather to celebrate them. Of course, I’ve always appreciated how much my mother and grandmothers have done for myself and our family, but I didn’t truly grasp the full depth of it all until I watched my wife become a mother herself. It’s truly something magical to witness. How can one person possibly balance, or even fully comprehend, all that a mother does? And yet, day in and day out, there they are, doing it all. I often find myself asking Taylor how she manages to juggle a household, a career, a master’s program, two children, four calendars, and a seemingly endless list of other tasks every single day. Her answer is always the same: “*I don’t know, I just do.*”

But I guess that is what makes mothers so special, the ability to do something even when they don’t fully understand the why or how. This is a characteristic we are able to also see in Mary, the mother of Jesus. And if we take a closer look at her account, we are able to discover something both beautiful and relatable to each of us: how to respond to God’s words even when we don’t fully understand them.

In **Luke 1:31**, we find the moment when Gabriel says to Mary, “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” Mary didn’t doubt the truth of the messages, she believed it. But still, she had questions. Her response? “How will this be, since I am a virgin?” (**Luke 1:34**) Gabriel goes on to tell Mary of how this miraculous conception will take place, even telling her that Elizabeth, the mother of John, who was once barren had conceived a son. Then Gabriel closes by saying “For nothing will be impossible with God.” (**Luke 1:37**)

Isn’t that how we often feel when reading the Bible? We hear God speak through Scripture. We believe what He says. And yet, we still ask, “How can this be?” It’s not that we are skeptics or unbelievers who reject His Word. No, we accept it as truth, we just struggle to understand how it fits into our lives. But just as He did for Mary, God also calls for us to have faith in Him, because nothing is impossible with God. But it didn’t end there for Mary either. Mary’s life was filled with divine mysteries.

Did she fully grasp the meaning behind Elizabeth’s greeting when she called her “the mother of my Lord”? (**Luke 1:43**) Did she know the prophecies that pointed to Bethlehem as the Messiah’s birthplace? (**Micah 5:2**) Is it

possible that as she made the eighty-mile journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, she had some understanding of how God was working through her life to fulfill His will? Maybe. Maybe not. What’s certain is this: we now know the whole story. Mary didn’t. She was living it in real time, day by day, with questions still lingering.

After Jesus was born, we find shepherds who come from the fields to see the newborn Messiah. They share with Mary what the angels had told them in the fields (**Luke 2:15-17**). Mary did not push their message aside either. **Luke 2:19** says, “Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.” She didn’t have all the answers, but she held on to every word, every moment, storing it deep within.

The idea of Mary storing these things up and *pondering* them is deeply significant. In fact, Luke mentions three times that Mary “pondered” or “treasured these things in her heart” (**Luke 1:29; 2:19, 51**). This suggests that she was intentionally piecing together the events she was witnessing, comparing them, and trying to understand what God was doing. She thought carefully about everything she had heard—from Gabriel, from Elizabeth, from the shepherds—and sought to connect the dots. Mary reflected, compared, and treasured it all, quietly carrying hope and wonder in her soul. That’s the example she gives us. And it’s a lesson we can apply in our own relationship with God.

When you read Scripture and encounter something confusing or difficult, don’t ignore it or rush past it. Keep those words close. Reflect on them. Compare them with what God has already revealed to you. Some truths take time to unfold. But if you store them in your heart and keep coming back to them, God will bring clarity.

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (**Matthew 5:6**). So, keep that hunger alive. Hold on to His words. Ponder them deeply. And trust that, in time, God will help you see what you couldn’t before—because “*nothing will be impossible with God.*”

SYMPATHY

Our Love & Sympathy to the family of **Tony Perry**, who passed on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please keep **Sherry Perry**, his wife, and **Betty Buttrey**, his mother and his children, in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are not known at the time of printing.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES  
Sunday Read – Joshua 5  
Wednesday Read – Joshua 6

Questions for last week’s reading of;  
Joshua 3 & 4.

Questions:

- 1. What river did Joshua and the Israelites cross to enter the promised land?
- 2. Who did the Israelites follow when crossing the river?
- 3. What happened when the feet of the priests carrying the ark touched the edge of the river?
- 4. Why did Joshua tell one man from each tribe to get a rock from the middle of the river?
- 5. Give 2 reasons why God separated the Red Sea and the Jordan River.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- May 13 – TNT- 6pm  
Ladies Bible Class-6:30pm
- May 15 - Senior Group -5pm
- May 18 – Fellowship Meal after AM service
- May 26 – Memorial/ church office will be closed
- May 27 – TNT -6pm  
Ladies Bible class -6:30pm

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, groups they were a part of, and future plans. Please send pictures, info and email to; nashvilleroadcoc@comcast.net.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a Fellowship Meal on **Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** following the morning service. We will be recognizing all who helped in any way with Lads to Leaders. There is a signup sheet in the foyer.

VBS 2025  
July 16-19; Wed – Friday 6-8pm  
Saturday at 4pm

ORDER OF SERVICES  
SUNDAY  
May 11, 2025  
9:00 AM  
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler  
Auditorium Lesson..... Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown  
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson  
Servers.....J. Crawford; Z. Tooley; D. Johnson  
T. Cummins; N. Kemper; M. Lyle  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans

WEDNESDAY  
May 14, 2025  
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher  
Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland  
Ushers for May.....R. Buck/L. Clark  
Communion Care for May.....J. Law/B. Hall  
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/S Sever  
East Door.....L/J Clark  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL  
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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**

Anita Cato had fallen and broke her hip. She had hip surgery. Jean Knowles is now at NHC. 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.....	83
Morning Worship.....	131
Sunday Evening.....	70
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$5845.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$6,955.00

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