

OUR ANCHOR AND GUIDE

Just over a month ago, I decided to plant some green bean seeds. It brought back memories of planting seeds with my parents when I was younger. These days, though, I’ve gotten used to the convenience of buying plants that are already well on their way to growing. Watering the soil every day and waiting for the first little sprout to break through the surface felt like a long wait but now comes the really hard part: waiting for the plant to actually produce beans. As I have struggled to patiently wait on the plants, checking them every day to see if there is any progress, I have realized how much our fast-paced society has truly influenced my mind, and maybe even my relationship with God.

We live in a world that constantly encourages instant gratification. Whether it’s fast food, next-day delivery, or immediate access to entertainment, we’re used to getting what we want without having to wait. But when it comes to following God, that mindset doesn’t always apply. James reminds us of this. In **James 5:7-8** we read, “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rain. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

James gives us a simple but powerful image in this farmer. One who puts in long days planting and weeding but then comes the hardest part: the waiting. He doesn’t expect fruit overnight. He trusts the process and waits for the right season. That’s what our journey through faith often looks like. We labor, we pray, and then we wait. God is at work, even if we can’t always see it.

There are great blessings promised to those who learn to wait on the Lord. The Bible is full of them. David says, in **Psalms 37:34**, “Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land.” **Proverbs 20:22** also reminds us not to take revenge but to trust God to make things right: “Do not say, ‘I will repay evil;’ wait for the Lord, and he will deliver you.” When we’re tired and worn down,

Isaiah 40:31 offers hope: “But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint”.

Even when it feels like God is silent, we’re not forgotten. **Micah 7:7** tells us, “But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me”. Paul reminds us, our ultimate hope lies in the return of Jesus: “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (**Philippians 3:20**). But how should we respond while we wait?

Waiting doesn’t mean doing nothing. It means continuing to seek God, trusting Him, and doing what is right. **Lamentations 3:25** says, “The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.” Paul encourages us in **Galatians 6:9**, “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” David knew this well. He wrote, “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him” (**Psalms 37:7**).

Even when the waiting feels long or difficult, we are not without hope. **Psalms 130:5** says, “I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.” That hope anchors our souls, holding us steady through every trial. It is this hope that is the anchor of our souls and reaches far beyond a present trial. It reaches beyond the veil into the heavens (**Hebrews 6:19-20**). By faith we look upward and see our Savior sitting there. He is our forerunner waiting for our arrival. Let our prayer be for the Lord to help us be patient. To teach us to trust in Him and His perfect timing. To strengthen our hearts as we wait for His promises to unfold and keep seeking Him and doing good, even when we feel tired or discouraged. Let our hope always rest in His Word and in the presence of Jesus, our anchor and our guide.


Andrew Spivey

VBS 2025

July 16-19:Wed – Fri 6-8 pm & Sat 4pm

The theme for this year’s VBS is “Dream.” We will be focusing on the story of Joseph.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Mark 11:1-14
Wednesday Read – Mark 11:15-33

Questions for last week’s reading of; 
Matthew 1-4; Luke 1-5; John11:55-57&
John 12:1-11

- Questions:
1. Name Jesus’ 3 friends who lived at Bethany.
 2. What did Mary do to prepare Jesus’ body for burial?
 3. Who objected to Mary’s act?
 4. Why did Judas object to Mary’s act?
 5. Why did the chief priests want to kill Lazarus?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class first Sunday only*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
June 29 – Fifth Sunday Singing-evening service
July 4th – Independence Day – office closed
July 6 – 1st Sunday Singing – Nashville Road – 2:30 pm
July 8 – TNT -6pm
Ladies Bible Class – 6:30pm
July 10 – Elders meeting 6:30pm
July 16-19 VBS “DREAM”
July 22 – TNT – 6pm
Ladies Bible Class -6:30pm
July 24 - Senior Group – 5:00pm

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to everyone who sent a card, texted, phone calls, and reached out to us during this time of loss. Thank you for all the encouraging words and for always being there for us.

With Love, Eric & Diana Stephenson

Dear church, family, Thank you so much for the phone calls, cards, food, snacks & goody basket. They were not only very helpful but also encouraging. We appreciate your love and kindness.

Ken & Bobbie Stephens

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
June 29, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Nathan Kemper
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Bob Sever
Servers.....G. Rowlett, R. Buck, J. Senn
J. Sever, R. Gallagher, B. Smith
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

5:00 PM SERVICE

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

WEDNESDAY
July 2, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

Ushers for June.....A. Williamson/Z. Tooley
Communion Care for June.....A/S Hosman
Door Greeters – West Door.....Z/A Tooley
East Door.....B/M Smith
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Pam Newby

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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 has been placed on Hospice Care. **James Towe**, son in law of Donna Jennings is at Centennial in CCU. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey will be undergoing chemo & radiation treatments. **Joann Lockett**, mother of Darryl Lockett has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, had a bone marrow transplant. **Chuck Tooley**, father of Zach Tooley, home with health issues. **Roscoe Smith**, father of Brent Smith has started his treatments for cancer. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey had his last radiation treatment.



PRAYER LIST

Jack & Anita Cato; **Bobbie Stephens**; **Wanda Seals**; **Lena Baggett**; **Stella Messer**; **Hugh Fulford**; **Maddie Andrews**; **Mary Spivey**; **Ottis & Maxine Cothron**; **Shauna Lockett**; **Jean Knowles**; **Zach Tooley**; **Mary Ann Reinhart**; **Sandi Jones**; **Pat Watson**; **Frances Catron**; **Jackie Williams**; **Pat Crump**; **Chuck Maxey**; **Max & Pat Lemley**, parents of Michael Lemley; **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; **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.....	92
Morning Worship.....	162
Sunday Evening.....	83
Wednesday Evening.....	
Contribution.....	\$8,420.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,708.00

Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
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David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

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Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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