

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I am EXTREMELY excited for Vacation Bible School this year. It will be held **July 16-19** each evening and the theme is Dream. During this time, we will be going through the account of Joseph’s life, and I want to encourage everyone to be here each night. As we have prepared and studied for this VBS, I am amazed at how much we are able to learn about God’s providence and character through the life of Joseph.

Even more so, I am continually amazed at how God put together His Word. He could have simply given us a list of truths and instructions, and that would have been more than enough. But instead, in His incredible wisdom, He chose to *show* us these truths in powerful, unforgettable ways.

God, who never lies (**Titus 1:2**), has promised His children that He will *always* be with them. David wrote that God “will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber... The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night” (**Psalms 121:3, 6**). Jesus told His apostles, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (**Matthew 28:20**). And the writer of Hebrews reminds us of God’s words: “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (**Hebrews 13:5**). But God doesn’t just say it, He *shows* it over and over again through the lives of His people. One of the clearest examples of this is found in the life of Joseph.

Joseph’s story begins with God giving him dreams at a young age—visions of his brothers’ sheaves and even the sun, moon, and stars bowing to him. These weren’t just dreams; they were messages from God. But rather than celebrate him, his brothers hated him. “So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words” (**Genesis 37:8**). They mocked him as “the dreamer” (**Genesis 37:19**), plotted to kill him, threw him into a pit, and eventually sold him into slavery. Even then, God never left him.

Imagine how Joseph must have felt—betrayed, alone, afraid—yet Scripture says, “The Lord was with Joseph, and he became a successful man” (**Genesis 39:2**). Though his life took a painful turn, God remained at his side, bringing purpose and blessing even in the darkest moments. That’s who our Heavenly Father is. He *cannot* and *will not* abandon those who love Him. Even when we can’t feel His presence, He is

still there. And if you want more proof, look at how God was always with Joseph, no matter the circumstance.

Not only was God with Joseph through his betrayal by his brothers and being sold to Potiphar, but God was also there when Joseph stood firm in integrity, refusing the sinful advances of Potiphar’s wife, and ended up in prison because of it. Even then, Scripture says, “*The Lord was with Joseph*” (**Genesis 39:2, 3, 21, 23**).

God was with Joseph when he interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh’s baker and cupbearer. When the cupbearer forgot to keep his promise to remember Joseph when he returned to the palace. When Joseph was finally called to stand before Pharaoh, thirteen years after being sold into Egypt, his faith had not wavered. And in that moment, God elevated him to second-in-command over all of Egypt.

God’s hand was still guiding him when his brothers first came, and he hid his identity from them. When his brothers returned...when he used wisdom in dealing so wisely with his brothers... when he revealed himself to his brothers... when he first saw his father... when Goshen became the Israelites’ land... when his father blessed his sons... and even when Joseph buried his father, God was with him.


And in one of Joseph’s final requests, we hear the echo of unshaken faith: “*God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here*” (**Genesis 50:25**). He knew God had not forgotten His promise—and never would. Joseph’s life is not just a story of endurance. It’s a vivid reminder that God never forsakes His people. Not in the pit. Not in slavery. Not in prison. Not in loss. Not waiting. So, the next time life feels unfair or you’re walking through a dark moment, remember Joseph. And more importantly, remember this unshakable truth: **God has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

If you would like to see more into the life of Joseph and how God was truly there for him, come to VBS next week. You will surely see how God keeps His promises.

Andrew Spivey

“Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”
Psalms 62:8

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Matthew 23
Wednesday Read – Mark 12:41-44
John 12:20-50



Questions for last week’s reading of;
Matthew 21:28-46 & 22:1-46

Questions:

1. In the parable of the man and his 2 sons, who did his father’s will?
2. In the parable of the landowner’s vineyard, what did his husbandmen do to his servants and son?
3. In the parable of the wedding feast, how did the king’s guests treat the servants?
4. How did the Pharisees and Sadducees try to trick Jesus?
5. What are the 2 greatest commandments?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

July 16-19 VBS “Dream”
July 22 – TNT – 6pm
Ladies Bible Class -6:30pm
July 24 - Senior Group – 5:00pm
August 5 – TNT -6pm
Ladies Bible Class -6:30pm

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and calls while I was sick. I appreciate and love you all. Love,
Anita Cato

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God. Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song. Praising my Savior, all the day long.

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
July 13, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Auditorium Lesson.....Tim Strickland

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lord's Supper.....Charlie Seals
Servers.....C. Nelsen; J. Johnson; M. Lyle
J. Crawford; Z. Tooley; D. Johnson
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Nathan Kemper

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

WEDNESDAY
July 16, 2025
VBS 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Welcome.....Rick Gallagher
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis
Lesson.....**Wed./Bob Brown, Thurs./Mike Tidwell, Fri./Tim Strickland**
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith
Ushers for July.....T. Cummins/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for July.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....L/J Clark
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Julie Cummins

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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

Emma Brown, mother of Bob Brown is in the hospital after having surgery. **Linda Cherry** is home now after having hip replacement. **Don Wilson** is home now after having neck surgery. **Bobbie Stephens** has been placed on Hospice Care. **James Towe**, son-in-law of Donna Jennings is home & doing better. **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, in hospital 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.....	78
Morning Worship.....	136
Sunday Evening.....	62
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$9,897.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,747.00

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