

July 17, 2025

LEAN ON THE TRUTH

I am beyond excited for this week of Vacation Bible School! VBS has always held a special place in my heart. Ever since I was a child, I’ve looked forward to it every summer—and that excitement hasn’t faded with age. In fact, this year I’m more excited than ever, because we’re doing something truly special: a fully immersive experience.

This week, we’re stepping back in time, about 3,500 years, to the bustling heart of an Egyptian marketplace. Adults and children alike will get to see, hear, smell and feel what life may have been like in the days of Joseph. From the sounds of trade to the sights of ancient culture, we’ll experience the account of and the world around one of the Bible’s most remarkable stories.

As you explore and enjoy the week, I encourage you also to take a moment to thank the many people who made this possible. Countless hours, talents, and prayers went into creating this experience. Much of the work happened behind the scenes, but their impact is felt everywhere. From building and decorating to preparing lessons, they poured themselves into making this week unforgettable, so that together, we can bring the pages of Scripture to life. With all of the work that I have witnessed behind the scenes, it reminds me also of how God truly works.

Scripture makes a powerful and comforting statement in **James 1:17**, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” While we may sometimes struggle to recognize what is *truly* good, we can be absolutely confident of this: every genuinely good and perfect gift has its source in God. There has never been a blessing, large or small, that didn’t originate from our heavenly Father. One of the beautiful aspects of reading Scripture is seeing how God works quietly, consistently, and purposefully behind the scenes to bring about His blessings for His people. A powerful example of this is found in the life of **Joseph**.

Long before anyone understood what God was doing, He gave Joseph two prophetic dreams. In the first, Joseph saw his brothers’ sheaves of grain bowing down

to his. When he shared the dream, “they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words” (**Genesis 37:8**). In the second dream, “the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down” to him. His father, Jacob, responded with disbelief, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?” (**Genesis 37:10**)


Looking back, we know exactly how these dreams were fulfilled. But at the time, neither Jacob, Joseph, nor his brothers could have imagined how God’s plan would unfold. The betrayal of his brothers, the false accusations from Potiphar’s wife, years of imprisonment, and a devastating famine, none of it looked like a blessing at the moment. But all of it was under God’s control. Years later, Joseph looked his brothers in the eyes and said: “God sent me before you to preserve life... As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today” (**Genesis 45:5; 50:20**)

Now, someone might shrug and foolishly say, “Joseph’s family sure got lucky that he ended up ruling Egypt.” But this wasn’t luck, it was God working behind the scenes. How do we know it was God who was at work? Because He revealed it through Joseph’s dreams from the very beginning.

The truth is the only way we can be certain that God is behind a specific event is if *He* tells us so. Without divine revelation, we can’t claim that any individual moment is absolutely caused by God’s intervention. Mordecai understood this when he spoke to Esther at a critical turning point for her people: “And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” (**Esther 4:14**) We may not always get a direct answer to why something happens. But that’s okay. We don’t need to see behind every curtain. It is enough to trust this truth: *every good and perfect gift comes from our Father above*. By leaning upon that truth, we can simply be immersed in God and all that He has in store for us. We can be thankful to have a loving Heavenly Father who is always working behind the scenes.

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Matthew 24:1-28
Wednesday Read – Matthew 24:29-51

Questions for last week’s reading of; 
Matthew 23; Mark 12:41-44; John 12:22-50

- Questions:
1. Why did the Jewish leaders wear tassels and phylacteries?
 2. Who did Jesus say was the greatest?
 3. What did Jesus compare the Jewish leaders to?
 4. Why did Jesus say the poor widow had cast more into the treasury?
 5. How did Jesus glorify God?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **4:15 Singing class first Sunday only***
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
July 22 – TNT – 6pm
Ladies Bible Class -6:30pm
July 24 - Senior Group – 5:00pm
August 5 – TNT -6pm
Ladies Bible Class -6:30pm
August 14 – Elders Meeting-6:30pm
August 19 – TNT-6pm
Ladies Bible class-6:30pm
August 21 – Senior Group-5pm
August 31- 5th Sunday Singing evening worship

THANK YOU

I want to say thank you to all who, sent cards, phone calls, food, visits, prayers, and checking in on me while I am recovering from my hip replacement. I appreciate every one of you. Thank you again,
Love, **Linda Cherry**

*The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you all.
Philippians 4:23*

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
July 20, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Fate Evans
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Jonthan Senn
Lord's Supper.....Tony Butler
Servers.....Z. Tooley, J. Crawford, Jon D. Senn,
C. Nelsen, C. Newby, B. Smith
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Allyn Hosman

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

WEDNESDAY
July 23, 2025

Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

Ushers for July.....T. Cummins/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for July.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/M Smith
East Door.....B/S Sever
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

Vycki Puckett daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is not doing well. Emma Brown, mother of Bob Brown is home now.. Don Wilson is home 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.....	89
Morning Worship.....	151
Sunday Evening.....	67
Wednesday Evening.....	
Contribution.....	\$7,526.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,455.00

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

Deacons

Carl Newby	Jonathan Senn	Brent Smith
Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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