

July 24, 2025

HIS WORD

In the history of homeownership, it used to be that when something went wrong, you called a professional. If an outlet sparked, you called an electrician. If the toilet leaks, you call a plumber. If you need a new kitchen, you called a contractor. Most people wouldn’t even dream of doing those jobs themselves because there were experts for that.

But in the 1960s, something shifted. The DIY—or *Do It Yourself*—movement took off. Suddenly, people realized they could tackle home projects on their own. With the right books like *Audel’s DIY Encyclopedia* or *The Black & Decker Home Improvement Book*, anyone could be their own handyman. Today, it’s even easier. Thanks to YouTube, you can learn how to sew curtains, fix a sink, or lay a concrete foundation, all from your phone. The principle remains the same: with a little guidance and the right tools, you *can* do it yourself.

That same principle applies to our spiritual lives too. Sometimes, God calls us to do things we feel totally unqualified for, things we’d rather leave to the “professionals.” But the Bible is full of everyday people who, with God’s help, did incredible things. Take Moses, for example. In **Exodus 3**, when the Lord spoke to Moses through the burning bush and called him to lead the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, Moses had serious doubts. He asked, “*Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?*” (**Exodus 3:11**) Moses felt completely unqualified. He raised objection after objection: “*What if they don’t believe me?*” “*I’m not eloquent in speech.*” “*Please, send someone else.*” “*I’m not good enough.*” Yet, with God’s guidance, Moses stood before Pharaoh and led the Israelites out of Egypt.

Or consider Gideon. When God called him to lead Israel against the Midianites, he felt completely inadequate. In **Judges 6:14–15**, it says: “*And the Lord turned to him and said, ‘Go in this might of yours and save Israel from the hand of Midian; do not I send you?’ And he said to him, ‘Please, Lord, how can I save Israel? Behold, my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house.’*” But with God’s direction, Gideon led just 300 men to defeat an army of 135,000.

Even Paul, admitted in **2 Corinthians 11:6**, “*Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.*” Still, he preached the gospel boldly wherever he went. Scripture is packed with accounts of ordinary men and women doing extraordinary things. Not because they were experts, but because they were willing. Mary, the mother of Jesus, wasn’t an experienced mother of twelve. She was a young, engaged virgin when God chose her to carry His Son

(**Luke 1:26–38, 46–56**). Jesus didn’t recruit the religious elites to follow Him. He called fishermen, a tax collector, and even a zealot. What did all these ordinary “DIYers” have in common? God promised to be *with* them.

When Moses stood trembling before the burning bush, overwhelmed by the idea of confronting Pharaoh, God reassured him in **Exodus 3:12**, “*I will be with you*” When Gideon felt completely unqualified to lead Israel’s army, God gave him the same promise. In **Judges 6:16**, “*And the Lord said to him, ‘But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man.’*” After Moses died, Joshua had to step into his shoes and lead the people into the Promised Land. Naturally, he was afraid. But God encouraged him in **Joshua 1:5–6**, “*No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.*” Even Paul, who admitted he wasn’t a gifted speaker, held on to the same confidence, not in himself, but in the presence of God. He wrote in **Romans 8:31**, “*What then shall we say to these things? ‘If God is for us, who can be against us?’*”

So don’t wait until you feel “qualified” to do God’s will. God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called. If He wanted professionals, He would have chosen them. But a humble, teachable heart, someone willing to say *all that you say I will do* (**Exodus 24:3**), is far more useful than someone who thinks they already know it all. We aren’t called to know everything. We’re called to know *God*, to trust that He is with us, equips us, and will never leave us. We simply need to offer our lives and gifts to Him, allowing Him to use us however He sees fit.

We need to offer our talents and our lives to Him so that He can use us as He sees fit. After all, isn’t that the reason we’re here? When Paul was speaking in Athens, he told the crowd that God “*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,*” (**Acts 17:26-27**) God is not far from you. He has given you the greatest instruction manual the world has ever known, His Word. But in order to follow it, you must do it yourself. No one else can do it for you.

Andrew Spivey

**FOR OUR HEART SHALL REJOICE IN HIM
BECAUSE WE HAVE TRUSTED IN
HIS HOLY NAME.
Psalm 33:21**

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Luke 22:24-30; John13:1-20
**Wednesday Read – John 13:21-38 &
Mark 14:22-25**

Questions for last week’s reading of;
Matthew 25 & 26:1-5; 14-16, & Mark 14:12-17
Questions:

1. Why were the 5 foolish virgins considered Foolish?
2. What did the 5 talent man, 2 talent man, and the the 1 man do with their talents?
3. What happened to the people who served others and the people who did not serve others?
4. How much did the chief priests offer Judas to deliver Jesus to them?
5. Where did Jesus’ disciples prepare for the Passover feast?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

VISITORS DESK

We need a few more ladies that would like to greet our visitors and members on Sunday mornings and evenings. This is a great way to meet people. Please let the office know if you are interested.

SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to **Kenneth Stephens** and family on the passing of his wife **Bobbie** on July 27th. Funeral was held on August 1 in Gallatin. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT HEAVENLY SUNLIGHT
FLOODING MY SOUL WITH GLORY DIVINE**

**ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
August 3, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY**

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Lord's Supper.....Adam Williamson
Servers.....M. Lyle, J. Cherry, Z. Tooley
J. Crawford, T. Butler, G. Rowlett
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....David Johnson

**WEDNESDAY
August6, 2025**

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Bob Brown
Opening Prayer.....Matt Ellis
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Carl Newby
Ushers for August.....R. Buck/ L. Clark
Communion Care for August.....E/D Stephenson
Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby
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

Vycki Puckett daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is not doing well. **Emma Brown**, mother of Bob Brown is home now.. **Don Wilson** had another neck surgery. **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, is home now doing some better. **Roscoe Smith**, father of Brent Smith has started his treatments for cancer. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey had a checkup, cancer has shrunk some in lungs. Will go back to Dr. in a month.



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.....	108
Morning Worship.....	180
Sunday Evening.....	78
Wednesday Evening.....	77
Contribution.....	\$7270.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,292.00

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Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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