

August 7, 2025

This week is one that many parents look forward to—but most children dread. While some kids may be excited to head back to school, the majority would prefer to keep their summer fun going all year long. I remember always dreading the first day of school—not because of school itself, but because it meant returning to a strict routine. During the summer, bedtime was more relaxing, and there was no pressure to wake up at a certain time. But once the school year began, it was back to earlier bedtimes and setting alarms to make sure you weren’t late.

But there are also some advantages to that change in routine, because as the whole family shifts to a new rhythm, it becomes a great opportunity to make a fresh start, not just with schedules, but with habits that help everyone grow spiritually and emotionally as well. Starting new routines is never easy, but times of change, like the beginning of a school year, can make it a little smoother. As kids are already adjusting their sleep and daily habits, why not use this moment to introduce new, spiritually healthy practices?

Maybe that means praying together before school or reading the Bible in the afternoons. You don’t need to overhaul everything, just choose a few small changes that bring your family closer to God each week. Another helpful move during transitions like this is resetting expectations. Every member of the family has a part to play and now is a perfect time to remind everyone of their responsibilities. Chores should be clear. After-school routines should be communicated. Remember, parents aren’t just rule-makers, they’re guides and supporters. Let your kids know they can count on you for help, structure, and encouragement.

A home that’s safe, stable, and full of grace sets kids up for success in school, and in life. **Proverbs 22:6** teaches us, *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."* That begins by establishing routines that encourage proper physical and spiritual growth. We even see this kind of guidance in the way God led the people of Israel. Think of when the Israelites had left the bondage of slavery in Egypt and were preparing to enter into the Promised Land for the second time.

Before they crossed the Jordan River, Moses gave them the message of Deuteronomy. The title of Deuteronomy actually means “repetition of the law” and it is a series of speeches and writings that God, through Moses, was using to prepare the nation for the upcoming years. Through

Deuteronomy, God reminds Israel of who He is, what He had done for them, and what they needed to remember moving forward. Deuteronomy 6 is a perfect chapter to study and see the example that God establishes for Israel.

In **Deuteronomy 6:1–3**, Moses encourages the Israelites to obey God’s commands as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. He emphasizes that obedience will lead to long life, prosperity, and blessings for them and their children. By fearing the Lord and following His instructions, they will experience God’s favor in the land. It is in this opening that we clearly see why obedience matters. In **Deuteronomy 6:4–6**, we see the personal responsibility each individual has to recognize that there is only one true God, and that we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength.


Deuteronomy 6:7–9 highlights the responsibility of establishing a spiritual routine and passing it on to our children. It says, *“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”* Essentially, from sunup to sundown, whether inside the house or outside, you are to be teaching and modeling the importance of knowing and following God. This message is reinforced again in

Deuteronomy 6:20–25.

Finally, in **Deuteronomy 6:10–19**, we find a clear warning not to forget God. Moses urges the people to remain faithful and to remember that they didn’t earn the blessings they received. Instead, they must fear the Lord, serve Him alone, and be careful not to follow other gods. Neglecting the Lord will bring consequences. Moses also reminds the Israelites, and us, not to put the Lord to the test, but instead to obey His commands carefully so that we may enjoy His continued protection and blessings.

I encourage you to take some time this week to read **Deuteronomy 6**. As this new school year begins, let’s use this season of change to set our hearts and homes on the right path. Whether you have children or grandchildren in school or not, we must remember that we live, love, work, and press on with one goal: to enter our eternal rest, the “better country” God has promised. Now is the perfect time to start habits that will help carry your family all the way to the other side. **(Philippians 3:20)**
Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – John 14
Wednesday Read – John 15

Questions for last week’s reading of; 
Luke 22:24-30; John 13:1-38; Mark 14:22-25.

- Questions:
1. Who did Jesus say is the greatest?
 2. Which apostle did not want Jesus to wash his feet and why?
 3. How did Jesus show the apostle who would betray him?
 4. What did Jesus tell Peter when he said he would lay down his life for Jesus?
 5. What did Jesus use to represent his body and his blood?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class first Sunday only**
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
August 13- Watermelon Wed. after pm service
August 14 – Elders Meeting-6:30pm
August 19 – TNT-6pm
Ladies Bible class-6:30pm
August 20- Watermelon Wed. after pm service
August 21 – Senior Group-5pm
August 31- 5th Sunday Singing evening worship

THANK YOU

Thank you for your support of the children here over the years and for your recent gift of new shoes and gift cards. It is a real blessing. Thank you for thinking of the children here and blessing them in this way. Thanks again for all your support. May God bless all those at the Nashville Road congregation in all you do. For the children,
Potter Children’s Home

The above note is for all the ladies involved with Ladies Day in April. We were able to deliver over 30 pairs of shoes and \$950 in Shoe Carnival gift cards. Thank You!
Rita Strickland

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
August 10, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Allyn Hosman
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Servers.....D. Thompson, J. Sever, D. Johnson
C. Newby, J. Senn, B. Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rolwett

WEDNESDAY
August 13, 2025

Welcome.....Charlie Seals
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lesson.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Ushers for August.....R. Buck/ L. Clark
Communion Care for August.....E/D Stephenson
Door Greeters – West Door.....E/D Stephenson
East Door.....L/J Clark
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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For our conversation is in
heaven; from whence also we
look for the Saviour, the
Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 3:20

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

Don Wilson is home now doing some 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. **Trevor Bates** son in law of Sherry Perry, recovering from a car accident; **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 is doing better. **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

Cathy Lemley; **Jack & Anita Cato**; **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; **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.....	104
Morning Worship.....	162
Sunday Evening.....	80
Wednesday Evening.....	83
Contribution.....	\$8,197.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,094.00

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