

August 14, 2025

Several weeks ago, I watched a video from *Answers in Genesis* that explored how the universe and outer space point to the truth of the Bible and a young earth. One moment in particular stood out to me, when Dr. Jason Lisle began showcasing breathtaking images captured by the James Webb Space Telescope, launched in 2021. The telescope revealed stunning views of galaxy after galaxy, stretching beyond what the human mind can truly grasp.

As I looked at those images, I was reminded of **Jeremiah 33:22**: “As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me.” We cannot even begin to count all the stars and planets scattered across those distant galaxies. Yet Scripture tells us, “He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names” (**Psalms 147:4**).

The vastness of the universe, as revealed by the James Webb Telescope, magnifies the greatness of the Almighty God. NASA estimates that the telescope has uncovered nearly 800,000 galaxies. How many stars might each of those galaxies hold? And still, God knows each one by name. Even more awe-inspiring is the fact that every star was created by Him, spoken into existence, during the six days of creation.

When Solomon took on the immense challenge of building the temple, he took a moment and described God’s presence. In **1 Kings 8:27** he said, “Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!” God is infinite in all His ways, yet we are finite and physical in all of ours. So how could we even begin to describe or understand how immense our God is? Fortunately, God in His kindness towards us, gives us words based on our own human experiences to help us understand Him more. Throughout His inspired writings in scripture, he uses human terms to describe Himself. These descriptions help us to see Him more, but they still only give us a small glimpse of His greatness.

For example, the Bible speaks of the eyes of the Lord. God is able to see, but He sees far more than we ever could. Before the flood, in **Genesis 6:5**, we learn that God was able to see not only the actions of every man, but the intentions and thoughts of their hearts. **2 Chronicles 16:9** says, “For the eyes of the Lord run to and from throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him.” The Lord told Samuel in

1 Samuel 16:7, that “ the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then in **Hebrews 4:13**, we read, “No creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account” God has “eyes,” but they are not like ours.

Scripture also speak about God’s ears. Our Heavenly Father certainly hears. As a matter of fact, He hears every word spoken by every person. Jesus said in **Matthew 12:36**, “I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak” John tells us, in **1 John 5:14-15**, “And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.” Then Peter speaks not only of the eyes and ears of God, but even His face. In **1 Peter 3:12**, he says, “For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer.” God has “ears,” and a “face” but they are not like ours.

Throughout Scripture, God is also described as having hands, arms, feet, and a mouth. All of these physical terms help us start to understand Him, even though He is far greater than anything we can imagine. And one of the greatest moments is that He uses these physical examples to point us to Christ and how to be in His Body. **1 Corinthians 12:12-13** says, “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” Then in **Ephesians 4:4-6** we read, “here is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

The Lord uses the image of a human body to teach us about the body of Christ, which is the church. (**Ephesians 1:22-23**) And He teaches us how to enter into His body by contacting the blood of Christ through baptism. (**Romans 6:3-6**) Time and Time again, God uses the finite things we know to help us begin to understand the infinite. Have you ever considered what a blessing it is that God revealed even the most unknowable things in knowable ways that even a child can understand them? Although our Heavenly Father is above and beyond all that He spoke into creation, “He is actually not far from each one of us.” (**Acts 17:26-28**)
Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – John 16
Wednesday Read – John 17

Questions for last week’s reading of;
John 14 & 15.

- Questions:
- 1.What 3 things did Jesus say that he is?
 - 2.What are we to do to show that we love Jesus?
 - 3.Who is the comforter, and what will he do for Jesus’ followers?
 - 4.Who are the vine, the branches, and the husband man?
 5. Name the fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23.

UPCOMING EVENTS
*** 4:15 Singing class first Sunday only***
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
August 19 – TNT-6pm
Ladies Bible class-6:30pm
August 21 – Senior Group-5pm
August 28 - Young Professionals game night 6pm
August 31- 5th Sunday Singing evening worship
Sept. 1st – Labor day, church office will be closed
Sept. 2 – TNT 6pm
Ladies Bible class 6:30 pm

SYMPATHY
Our love and sympathy to the following families;
Evelyn Harris on the passing of her sister **Helen Scott** on July 30th. There was a memorial on August 9th in Goodlettsville TN.
Jack & Anita Cato on the passing of their daughter **Vycki Puckett** on August 4th. A graveside service was held on August 7th in Hendersonville TN.
Please keep all families in your prayers.

THANK YOU
Thank you all so much for the phone calls, cards, flowers for the funeral, and food we received during Bobbie’s illness and passing. Your love and kindness helped us during this difficult time.
Kenneth Stephens and family

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
August 17, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Auditorium Lesson.....Tim Strickland

10:00 AM SERVICE
Welcome.....Bob Brown
Scripture Reading.....Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Servers.....C. Nelsen, E. Stephenson, M. Lyle
Jon D. Senn, Z. Tooley, J. Crawford
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Nathan Kemper

5:00 PM SERVICE
Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY
August 20, 2025
Welcome.....Bob Brown
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallgher
Lesson.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith
Ushers for August.....R. Buck/ L. Clark
Communion Care for August.....E/D Stephenson
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....B/S Sever
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

Don Wilson is home now doing some better.. **Larry Hammock**, uncle of Andrew Spivey is home and doing some better. **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.....	160
Sunday Evening.....	85
Wednesday Evening.....	92
Contribution.....	\$7,851.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,342.00

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