

WHERE WILL YOU BE ?

Around this time last year, I had an experience that made me feel rather unsafe. I walked out to my truck one morning and noticed the door was unlocked. At first, I thought I had forgotten to lock it the night before. But as I opened the door, I saw loose change scattered on the ground and my center console wide open—I had been robbed. Thankfully, I don’t keep much of value in my vehicle, so the thief only got away with about a dollar in change. Still, the feeling of violation lingered. That very week, I installed security cameras and lights outside to make sure it didn’t happen again. If they did return, I would be prepared next time.

One of life’s unavoidable realities is the need for physical security. Businesses often spend anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000 on security systems, plus around \$300 a month just to help deter theft. The average homeowner may spend \$500 upfront with a \$50 monthly fee. We install locks, bolts, bars, and video doorbells in hopes of protecting our homes. On top of that, we have to worry about electronic and identity theft. Almost every vehicle today comes with locks and alarms.

And yet, even with all these precautions, burglary is still rampant. According to crimepreventiontips.com, a burglary occurs every 15 seconds in the U.S.—that’s about 4,800 burglaries every single day, adding up to nearly 2.5 million burglaries a year and around \$3.4 billion in stolen property. What’s the conclusion? It is nearly impossible to predict when a thief will strike, and just as hard to completely prevent it. But thieves and robbers are nothing new. They’ve been around since the beginning of time, which is why Jesus used them as an illustration to describe the end of the world. **Matthew 24:42-44** says, “Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

What point is Jesus making? We can learn something from modern burglary statistics: most break-ins happen between 10 AM and 3 PM, when homeowners are typically away. If you knew a thief was coming on a certain day, you’d likely take off work to make sure your house was safe. If I had known my truck was going to be broken into that night, I would have stayed up and been

ready. The problem is that thieves come when you least expect it. And the same is true of Christ’s return.

A thief takes advantage when people let their guard down. That’s why God calls us to stay alert, always ready for the coming of the Lord. Paul reminded the church in Thessalonica of this truth: “But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.” **(2 Thessalonians 5:4–6)**

Jesus said in **John 14:1-4**, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” With the wonderful expectation of Christ’s return, we can be encouraged, comforted, and built up together. But let us not get comfortable. Let us not spiritually doze off and think that all is good. Peter says in **2 Peter 3:10-12** "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!"

Since we know that all of this will end then let us make sure that we are living in Christ and following what is eternal. Because, unlike thief’s, when it comes to the end of the world and Christ’s return, there will not be a next time to be ready. Paul tells us in **2 Corinthians 6:2**, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” Where will you be when the thief comes? Will you be ready and waiting, or will you be asleep? More importantly, where will you be on the day of Christ’s return? Will you be anticipating and joyful, or will you be fearful and unprepared? **Andrew Spivey**

*All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
for those who keep the demands of his covenant.
Psalm 25:10*

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Mark 15:1-20; Matt.27:3-10
Wednesday Read – Matt.27:32-66;
John19:23-24

Questions for last week’s reading of;
Mark14:32-52; Matthew 26:57-75; John 18:12-14
Questions:

- 1. Which 3 apostles did Jesus take with him when he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane?
- 2. How many times did Jesus return to the apostles, and what were they doing?
- 3. How did Judas let the crowd know who he was betraying?
- 4. What did the false witnesses say about Jesus and the temple?
- 5. What was Peter’s reaction when people asked him about being a follower of Jesus?

UPCOMING EVENTS
*** 4:15 Singing class first Sunday only***
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
August 31 – 5th Sunday Singing evening service
& Cornhole Tourney after pm service
Sept. 1st – Labor day, church office will be closed
Sept. 2 – No TNT---Ladies Bible class 6:30pm
Sept. 11 – Elders/Deacons mtg 6:30pm
Sept. 14 – Widows/Widowers Luncheon
Sept. 16 – TNT 6pm
Ladies Bible Class 6:30pm
Sept. 18 - Senior Group 5pm
Sept. 20 – Clean Up Day/church grounds 9am

CLEANING DAY
We will have Cleaning Day for the outside church grounds on Saturday, September 20, beginning at 9am -? We need several volunteers able to do outside work including washing outside windows, picking up parking lot, etc... There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Lunch will be provided.

*Labor Day is Monday, September 1st
church office will be closed*

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
August 31, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY
(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE
Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Scripture Reading.....Mike Lyle
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Lord's Supper.....Rick Gallagher
Servers.....B. Sever, T. Butler, Z. Tooley
J. Sever, J. Crawford, K. Veale
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

5:00 PM SERVICE
Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strikland

WEDNESDAY
September 3, 2025
Welcome.....Allyn Hosman
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Pray.....Garrett Rowlett
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Ushers for August.....R. Buck/ L. Clark
Communion Care for September.....B.M Smith
Door Greeters – West Door.....C/P Newby
East Door.....B/T Brown
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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HAVE A SAFE
AND HAPPY LABOR DAY

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. **Wayne Hunt**, cousin of Tim Cummins, had a bone marrow transplant. **Roscoe Smith**, father of Brent Smith, will be monitor for a few months and then they will decide what is next. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey had some great news from last checkup. Tumor is not showing. He will go back in 3 months for a checkup.

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.....	172
Sunday Evening.....	84
Wednesday Evening.....	73
Contribution.....	\$7,932.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,115.00

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