

FELLOWSHIP

A few weeks ago, I was putting Palmer to bed, and as she climbed in, she started talking about how much she loved her bed. She loved how soft it was and how many pillows she had. She loved the way it smelled and how cozy it felt. Then, as she laid back and rested her head on the pillow, she let out a big sigh and said, “I feel so *inconspicuous*.”

Now, I must admit, she did look a little inconspicuous, buried under her comforter, surrounded by pillows, and snuggled in with ten stuffed animals. But clearly, she did not actually know what the word inconspicuous meant.

That is something we all do, right? We think we know a word, but over time we lose the depth of its meaning as we try to use it in other ways. One word that comes to mind is *literally*. Over the years, *literally* has come to mean much more than what it literally means. With that in mind, I wonder how many words we use in our spiritual lives that we may not fully understand the depth of.

For example, how many of us truly understand what fellowship means? It’s a word we often hear in Christian teaching, but do we stop to consider its depth? When I think of fellowship, my mind quickly goes to the idea of relationship, because real fellowship requires relationship. Yet, I have often rushed past the beautiful simplicity of this truth.

John reminds us: “Indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ” (1 John 1:3). It’s tempting to substitute “fellowship” with the word “relationship” and keep moving, but if we do, we actually miss something important.

Acts 2 gives us a fuller picture of fellowship. Acts 2:44-45 says, “And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need”. That word “common” comes from the Greek word *koinos*, the root of *koinonia*, meaning fellowship. That may not seem like a big deal on the surface, but the significance is powerful: if I have fellowship with God and He with me, then all of God’s resources are available to me—and all that I am, belongs fully to Him.

This truth makes Ephesians 1:3 shine even brighter: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” Every blessing of heaven such as God’s love, grace, mercy, patience, and promises is

poured out to us through fellowship. And Jesus makes this clear: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

But fellowship is not one-sided. Just as all of God is available to us, all of who we are should be surrendered to Him. Galatians 2:20 says, “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”. True fellowship means open, honest, and complete devotion to God.

And the opposite is also true. John warns us in 1 John 1:6 “If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth”. Paul asks, in 2 Corinthians 6:14, “What fellowship has light with darkness?”. The answer is clear, none. Darkness and fellowship with God cannot exist together. Even nature itself reflects this truth. To be outside fellowship with God is to be outside His blessings, and being outside His blessings means that you have no part of Him. How tragic would it be to think that you have a relationship with God, but you truly don’t have fellowship because you have not truly given yourself to Him. Jesus explains what this will be like for those who don’t have true fellowship. In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”

Andrew Spivey

Cornhole Champions
Jean Law & Mike Lyle Sr.



COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Matthew 28:1-15; Mark 16:1,7
Wednesday Read – Luke 24:13-43;
Luke 24:1-10; John 20:1-18

Questions for last week’s reading of; Mark 15:1-20; Matthew 27:3-10; Matt. 27:32-66
John 19:23-24

- Questions:
1. How did Peter react to his denial of Jesus, and how did Judas react to his betrayal of Jesus?
 2. What did Pilate and the soldiers do to Jesus?
 3. Who was crucified with Jesus?
 4. What happened when Jesus died?
 5. What did the chief priests and Pharisees ask Pilate to do at Jesus’ burial and why?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * 4:15 Singing class first Sunday only*
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm
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
Sept. 30 – TNT-6pm, Ladies Bible Class 6:30pm

CLEAN UP DAY

We will have Clean Up Day for the outside church grounds on Saturday, September 20, beginning at 9am -? We need several volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet in foyer. Lunch will be provided.

FALL SERIES

Mark your calendar, Fall Series 2025 will be October 19- 22. Steve Kirby will be our guest speaker for the series. More info to follow soon.

All the paths of the LORD are
mercy and truth unto such as keep
his covenant and his testimonies.
Psalm 25:10

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY

September 7, 2025
9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Eric Stephenson
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Scripture Reading.....Jon David Senn
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Jonathan Senn
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland
Servers.....R. Buck, C. Nelsen, M. Lyle
N. Kemper, B. Smith, T. Cummins
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Rick Gallagher

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rowlett
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown
Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

WEDNESDAY
September 10, 2025

Welcome.....David Johnson
Song Leader.....Garrett Rolwett
Opening Pray.....Bob Sever
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Fate Evans
Ushers for September.....Zach Tooley/Adam Williamson
Communion Care for September.....B.M Smith
Door Greeters –West Door.....E/D Stephenson
East Door.....L/J Clark
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

Drew Dyer, nephew of Sherry Perry is in CCU after having surgery for a perforated ulcer. **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.....	102
Morning Worship.....	156
Sunday Evening.....	84
Wednesday Evening.....	83
Contribution.....	\$7,742.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$5,053.00

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