

September 12, 2024

### CHRISTIAN JOURNEY

As fall begins to show up and school has began, it is now the season for football. A controversial season in our nation. For some it is the best time of the year, it is the season to live for. For others, it is a time most dreaded. A time when family members disappear for weeks on end and devote themselves to a game. The question I want to ask is what kind of fan are you? Are you the die-hard fan? One who knows every single game your team is going to play. You know all the players by name, and probably most of the opponents names as well. Do you keep up with all the stats and watch every single down?

Or maybe your just a faithful fan. You don't keep up with every player's name and how many yards they have caught or thrown for, but you watch the games and enjoy cheering them on. You love the athleticism and competition behind the sport and so you watch it whenever it is on. You may not know as much as some of your friends do about your team, but it is still your team and you will cheer them on every chance you get.

You might be a casual fan. You love the game and you have a team, but you don't have a closet full of one particular color. You simply enjoy the sport and, in the end, don't truly care who wins or loses. It is something to pass the time and talk about. But, once the game is over you don't really think about it until the next weekend rolls around and its back on TV.

Or you might be the "I can't stand football season" kind of fan. You despise it as you get dragged to every sporting event, or every time it is on TV. You act like you're a fan around your family and friends but, in the end you can't wait for it all to be over and everyone can move on with their lives. Sure, you can clap and cheer with the rest of them, but in truth you have zero interest in it at all.

Now, I don't want to pass any judgment on how much of a football fan you are. In truth, I can sympathize with every single level of fandom, and I have probably been each one of them at some point in my life. But I would like to ask you one more question, in light of looking at what kind of football fan you may be...if you were to compare your enthusiasm that you have for football to that of your Christian life, what kind of fan would you be? Are you the die-hard Christian who can't wait, it is all you can talk about and it is all everyone can see of you? Are you the faithful Christian who is

involved, working and pushing along as you can? Are you the casual Christian who doesn't think much of it until the weekend? Or are you the "I can't stand it" Christian? One who puts on a good show for the others but truly has no interest?

I also have another question, that could answer the previous question. When football season comes around, what do you talk about most to your friends and family? Jesus tells us in **Matthew 6:24** that "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other." Jesus also told the church at Laodicea in **Revelation 3:15-16** "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth."

Now, don't get me wrong. I am not saying that you have to hate football in order to follow Christ. But, if you are one of those die hard or faithful fans, have you ever tried matching that same enthusiasm when it comes to your Christian walk? On the other hand, if you are one of those casual or "can't stand it" Christians, I would like to remind you of the victory that we have in Christ. Unlike the football field, where our team may win or lose, we are GUARANTEED victory when we follow Christ. Jesus tells us in **John 16:33**, "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

In the end, we must also remember that our Christian journey is not a spectator sport. It is one in which we are actively involved. **Hebrews 12:1-2** says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." Let us make sure that we are running that race, as a die-hard fan for Christ.

**Andrew Spivey**

### FALL SERIES

Beginning Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a Fall Series every Wednesday in October with **Mike Tidwell** as the speaker. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend the series.

### COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Genesis 41:1-36

Wednesday Read – Genesis 41:37-57

Questions for last week's reading of;

#### Genesis 39 & 40

Questions:

1. Why did Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household?
2. Tell the reasons Joseph would not do what Potiphar's wife wanted.
3. What was the baker's dream and interpretation?
4. What was the cupbearer's dream and interpretation?
5. How were Joseph and the cupbearer different?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*\* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday\**

Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Widows/Widowers Luncheon

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> Ladies Bible Class @6:30pm

Sept 17<sup>th</sup> TNT @6:00pm

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Senior Group @5:00pm

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing/PM services

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies Bible Class @6:30 pm

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> TNT @6:00 pm

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Series begins with Mike Tidwell

TNT, Senior Group & Widows/Widowers

Luncheon will be held in the fellowship room.

Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

### THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for sending flowers for Tommy's celebration of life service. They were beautiful. It was evident he was loved by many. Deepest gratitude,

**The Lyle Family**

To the Nashville Rd Church, I am so grateful to all of those who contributed to the Sierra Leone church building fund. We raised \$5,200 to get this work completed for the Hilltop Station congregation. In His service, **Bob Brown**

### ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

September 15, 2024

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 Thompson  
 Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever  
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
 Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
 Lord's Supper.....Bob Brown  
 Servers.....T. Butler, C. Suddarth, G. Rowlett  
 M. Lyle, K. Veale, J. Johnson

Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer.....Matt Ellis

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson  
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
 Opening Prayer.....David Johnson  
 Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
 Lord's Supper.....Jim Cherry  
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

### WEDNESDAY

September 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson  
 Song Leader.....Carl Newby  
 Opening Prayer..... Fate Evans  
 Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
 Closing Prayer..... Kevin Siler

Ushers for September.....T. Cummins, A. Williamson  
 Communion Care for September.....B/T Brown

Door Greeters – West Door.....Z/A Tooley  
 East Door..... E/D Stephenson

### IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935

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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

Anita Cato is at Centennial Medical Center. Charlie & Penny Cliburn are requesting the prayers of the congregation. Charlie has made the decision to no longer receive treatments for his cancer. Janice Johnson is home now and will continue with therapy. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby is home and has begun with chemo treatments.. Charles & Jackie Williams, Charles is improving, and Jackie is better. Virginia Long, sister of Gary Stallcup, has improved. Paul Gruber neighbor of Bob & Sherry Sever has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. He is now undergoing a new drug therapy through the end of August. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with liver cancer .



### PRAYER LIST

Maddie Andrews; James & Mary Spivey; Charlie Cliburn; Ottis Cothron; Sara Hosman; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Faye Hart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Maxine Cothron; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Pat Crump; Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby; Heather Lemley daughter of Michael & Cathy Lemley; Jean McCurdy mother of Olivia Nelsen; Elaine Reynolds, friend of Christie Coleman; Alan Greene, nephew of Carl & Pam Newby; Bethany Shoulders, granddaughter of Evelyn Harris; Samantha Hager, friend of June Thompson; Bryan Grissom cousin to Joyce Clark & Robbie Glover; Vycki Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato; Ty Tyler son of Ann Tyler; Wade Kennedy father of Diana Stephenson; 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; James Spivey;  
 Melba Hill; NHC 140 Throne Blvd. Gallatin, rm 2010  
 Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615.

*We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.*

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	101
Morning Worship.....	156
Sunday Evening.....	72
Wednesday Evening.....	82
Contribution.....	\$7,535.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,685.00

### Elders

Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
Jim Cherry.....	615-479-2149
David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621

### Deacons

Carl Newby Jonathan Senn Brent Smith  
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