

October 24, 2024

### A PRAYER OF HELP

There once was a little boy who had climbed up a barn. It was a tall barn, but he was able to make it up on the roof through a hole in part of the tin. As he climbed up on the tin, he noticed all the nails holding the tin down. A few were starting to rust away, and some had begun sticking out. The young boy made a mental note of it to let his father know and continued climbing to the top of the roof. Just before he reached the pinnacle, his foot slipped. He began sliding down the roof with no signs of stopping. Knowing that this fall would injure or even kill the boy, he recalled the Bible class he had attended days before where the teacher discussed the power of prayer. So, as he was sliding, the boy prayed, "God, help me." As soon as those words were uttered, the boy finished up his prayer with, "That's all right, God, I don't need your help anymore, my pants got caught on one of the nails and stopped me."

We live in a world full of uncertainty. Each day brings forth its own challenges and we do not know what kind of crisis could happen next. What I wonder though, is for those who have never truly had a place for God in their lives, how often do they turn to Him? Maybe they lose their job and begin to suffer financially. Maybe they get a bad diagnosis from the doctor, or maybe they have a loved one who is suffering and in desperation they turn to God in prayer. However, when the crisis is averted and everything gets better, they simply say to God, "Never mind, I no longer need you." We might think that this is a common side effect of the modern age. We live in a society that is so full of things that distract us and pull us away from God that it is easier for us to forget about God when things seem to be looking good for us, but this is no new problem.

In **Exodus 8:8**, we read "Then Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron and said, "Plead with the Lord to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord." During the second plague of Egypt, the Pharaoh had become desperate to the point of asking God for help. However, once he saw that the frogs had left, he simply turned back from his promise. **Exodus 8:15**, says "But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart and would not listen to them, as the Lord had said." When the fourth plague came, Pharaoh did the same thing. Wishing for the flies to be gone, he pleaded again that God would take them away and promising that he would release the people of Israel. But, when the flies disappeared, Pharaoh hardened his heart and would not let them go (**Exodus 8:32**).

This has been a problem throughout history, and it is something that God has warned us about. In **Ecclesiastes 5:2** it says, "Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few." In

**Ecclesiastes 5:4** it continues, "When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow." Finally, in verse 7, we see the reason why is because talk is cheap. It compares our words and promises to be like that of daydreams and other pointless works. Instead, we need to fear God. We need to realize that turning to God is far more than simply crying out to a rescuer when there is trouble in our lives. He is much more than just a rescuer, He is Lord. He is the Master, the Ruler of all His creation, and the only Way.

**1 John 3:22** says, "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him." Did you notice the second half of that verse? Our Heavenly Father requires us to follow Him. He is a rescuer, but we cannot select only those few traits we want from God and ignore the rest.

**1 Peter 3:12** says, "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." **Proverbs 28:9** also says, "If one turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer is an abomination." When trials come upon us, we need to make sure that we are serving Him before they arrive. God provides us many "nails of rescue," but we must acknowledge He is the one who provides them and that He promises them to those who serve Him all the time. Jesus told one of my favorite parables in Luke 6. The parable is of a wise and foolish man. The wise man put a lot of work in his house. He made sure to dig deep into the dirt until he found the rock bed. At that point he began to build his house on a stone foundation. The foolish man, on the other hand, did not do what he had been taught when it came to building his house. He saw how much work it took to dig deep and find rock and he probably had seen some dig for days with no luck of ever finding a solid foundation. So, instead of listening and doing what he had been taught, he builds his house directly on the sand. When the storms came and the stream flooded, the first man's house was solid, but the second man's house was destroyed.

Now why was it that Jesus told this parable? Was He trying to teach construction classes? Not exactly. In **Luke 6:46** Jesus shows us why this parable was necessary. Before the crowd He asked them, "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" God truly does provide the escape for the struggles and trials in our life, but you must do as He tells you. Jesus said in **Matthew 11:28**, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Make sure your prayers are not in vain, and make sure that you are truly following all that He commands of us. Before the storms arise in your life, make sure your foundation is on Christ.

Andrew Spivey

## COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Daniel 3  
Wednesday Read – Daniel 4

Questions for last week's reading of;



### Daniel 1-2

Questions:

1. What kind of food did Daniel ask to eat instead of the king's food?
2. When the king questioned Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego after their period of training, what were their skills?
3. How much wiser were these men than the magicians and the astrologers?
4. What was King Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the interpretation of it?
5. How was Daniel rewarded for interpreting the king's dream?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

\* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday\*

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> – Sunday A.M. Fall Series/Mike Tidwell

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – TNT @ 6pm

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Bible Class @ 6:30 pm.

Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Time change-fall back 1 hour

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Fellowship Meal/after morning service

TNT will be held in the fellowship room. Ladies Bible Study will be in the high school classroom.

### YOUTH & FAMILY RETREAT

Seventeen individuals attended the Youth & Family Retreat to the Creation Museum & Ark Encounter on Oct. 11-13.



## ORDER OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

October 27, 2024  
9:00 AM

### BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer..... Carl Newby  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Scripture Reading..... Ben Hutson  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....John Crawford  
Lord's Supper.....Tim Strickland  
Servers.....T. Cummins, C. Nelsen, M. Lyle  
C. Suddarth, D. Thompson, J. Cherry  
Sermon.....Mike Tidwell  
Closing Prayer.....Josh Johnson

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson  
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper.....Matt Ellis  
Closing Prayer.....Brent Smith

### WEDNESDAY

October 30, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Allyn Hosman  
Song Leader.....Bob Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever  
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett  
Ushers for October.....E. Stephenson/Z. Tooley  
Communion Care for October.....J/L Cherry  
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins  
East Door..... L/J Clark  
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Linda Cherry

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*Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 time changes  
 Set clocks back 1 hour.*

## 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

Syble Johnson is in Hendersonville Hospital after a fall & surgery for a broken femur and partial hip replacement. James Spivey bedridden at home. Evelyn Harris is NHC Sumner Room 5060. Janice Johnson is home now and will continue with therapy. Eva Petty has been diagnosed with COPD. Scott Seals, son of Charlie & Wanda Seals, was in a bicycle accident. He is home now and doing better. Jean McCurdy, mother of Olivia Nelsen, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has begun chemo treatments. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has cancer and has had surgery for tumors. He will begin chemo soon.

### PRAYER LIST

Maddie Andrews; James & Mary Spivey; Charlie Cliburn; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Sara Hosman; Anita Cato; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Shelby Ross; Sandi Jones; Lena Baggett; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Charles & Jackie Williams; Pat Crump; Scott Seals son of Charlie & Wanda Seals; 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; 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.

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

### OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	140
Morning Worship.....	201
Sunday Evening.....	86
Wednesday Evening.....	83
Contribution.....	\$7,870.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$3,840.00

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