

November 7, 2024

### THE DAY TO ANTICIPATE

The season is upon us. Prepare for the rest of 2024 to disappear in what seems like only a few weeks. With Thanksgiving and Christmas, the stores are constantly bustling, and children seem to have this constant smile with what is coming next. I have always loved fall and winter. As a child, I loved Halloween, not just because you get to dress up and get candy, but because I knew the next holiday was Thanksgiving. I also loved Thanksgiving, not simply because I got to eat all the turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes I wanted, but because I knew the next holiday was Christmas. I still love all these holidays just as much as I always have, but for some reason I feel that the anticipation has slowly died down.

I remember how disappointing each day was when I found out that it wasn't the holiday yet. The days would seem to drag so slowly, and a month might as well have been a decade. I don't feel that way anymore. I feel as though I just took down the Christmas tree. I guess that is part of being a child though. The anticipation builds you up a little more each day until it is time.

When I think about this, I am amazed at how closely it relates to us being a child of God. As Christians, we are supposed to be preparing ourselves and looking for Jesus to return with anticipation. **2 Peter 3:11-12** says, "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!" However, we can grow weary of waiting. Just as I would continually ask my mother if "today was the day", we tend to do the same, and just as my parents would encourage me to be patient, God does the same to us. **James 5:7-8** says, "Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

It is easy for us to become tired of waiting or even dull of hearing about it, but it is a day that we must always be anticipating. Even during the first century, there were some who were growing tired of waiting and even being mocked and scoffed at because of it.

**2 Peter 3:4** says, "They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Often, we are quick to come to that mindset. Just as we do with holidays as grown-ups, we begin to no longer anticipate the day as we once did. We become content with the world around us and forget the urgency that is needed when it comes to saving those who are lost. When Jesus said, "unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" in **Matthew 18:3**, I wonder if part of that was keeping the mindset of anticipation. After all, we know the reason that this earth is continuing. **2 Peter 3:9** says, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." How can anyone come to repentance without us first showing them the importance of living for Christ. How could anyone come to Christ without us sharing with them the good news about His loving sacrifice.

Is today the day? We simply don't know, but it is a question we should be asking ourselves more and more. **Romans 13:11-12** says, "Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." We may not know what day Judgment will come, but we do know that we are a day closer than we were before. Are you ready? Are you waiting for it with anticipation or fear? I wouldn't wait till tomorrow to try and find out.

**Andrew Spivey**  
(article from October 2022)

### THANK YOU NOTE

Word cannot express our appreciation for all the calls, visits, cards and flowers sent by your members. They were a comfort to mother during these last hard months. She loved her church family at NRCC. Thank you so much.

**The family of Melba Collins Pruitt Hill**

**COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES**  
Sunday Read – **Matthew 1:1-17**  
Wednesday Read – **Luke 3:23-38;**  
**Luke 1:1 1-38**



Questions for last week's reading of;

**Daniel 5-6**

Questions:

1. What words did the hand write on the wall, and what did the words mean?
2. When did the prophecy of the words happen?
3. What law did King Darius make?
4. What happened to the men who tricked the King into making the law about prayer?
5. Why do you think Daniel kept praying even though he knew it was against the law?

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

*Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm*

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

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – TNT @ 6:00pm

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Bible class @ 6:30pm

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> -Senior group @ 5:00pm.

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Bible class will **not** meet

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> -TNT @ 6:00pm

Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> - Happy Thanksgiving  
(office closed 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>)

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Bible Trivia @ 5:00pm.

Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Cookies with Santa @ 3:30pm

### SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy to the family of **James Spivey** who passed away on October 30<sup>th</sup>. His funeral was held on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> in Gallatin. Please keep **Mary, Keith & Lisha, Andrew & Taylor** and the rest of the Spivey family in your prayers.

### PRAYERS REQUESTED

**Zach Tooley** came forward this past Sunday morning requesting the prayers of the congregation for encouragement and guidance. Please keep Zach in your prayers.

### ORDER OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY**

**November 10, 2024**

**9:00 AM**

**BIBLE STUDY**

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer..... Fate Evans  
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

### 10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Scripture Reading..... Ken Veale  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer..... Jim Cherry  
Lord's Supper..... Allyn Hosman  
Servers..... T. Butler, C. Nelsen, C. Newby  
A. Williamson, G. Rowlett, M. Lyle

Sermon..... Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

### 5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer..... Rick Gallagher  
Sermon..... Andrew Spivey  
Lord's Supper..... David Johnson  
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

### WEDNESDAY

**November 13, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

Welcome.....David Thompson  
Song Leader.....Jonathan Senn  
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown  
Lesson..... Andrew Spivey  
Closing Prayer..... Tim Cummins

Ushers for November..... R. Buck/L. Clark  
Communion Care for November..... B/M Smith

Door Greeters – West Door..... B/M Smith  
East Door..... Z/A Tooley

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**

Hugh Fulford has returned to his new home. Syble Johnson is now at NHC. Evelyn Harris is NHC Sumner Room 5060. Charles Williams is now back home. Olene Anderson, mother of June Thompson, is in Sumner Regional. Ida Lou Sherrill mother of Alex Sherrill, is in rehab at Sumner Regional after hip surgery. 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 been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



**PRAYER LIST**

Maddie Andrews; 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

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK	
Bible Study.....	114
Morning Worship.....	155
Sunday Evening.....	91
Wednesday Evening.....	64
Contribution.....	\$6,998.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,007.00

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Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	

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