

November 14, 2024

SEE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

As we have been studying through Joshua in our Truth Seekers on Sunday nights, I have been amazed at what all is said about the enemies of Israel. As often as I have read through the book of Joshua, it wasn't until recently that I realized a very common phrase that is used when talking about those who were going against Joshua and the nation of Israel. The first time I noticed it was when Rahab was talking to the two spies in her house. As she is telling them that Jericho had heard the news of how the Lord dried up the Red Sea and how He was able to defeat the two kings of the Amorites, she says, "And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath." (Joshua 2:11). This is not the only time we hear this either. When God stops the waters of the Jordan river, and the entire nation walks across on dry land, Joshua 5:1 says, "As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel."

Time and time again, when the Lord shows up, the hearts of their enemies melted. they had no confidence and no strength to continue to fight against them. But it isn't only in Joshua that this happens either. We can see examples of this all throughout scripture. One of my favorite examples is found in Nehemiah. When Nehemiah showed up in Jerusalem in 444 B.C., He found it in a state of ruins. The inhabitants are said to have been in "great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." (Nehemiah 1:3) They sound similar to how Israel's enemies were described in Joshua. However, Nehemiah soon changes that. He has the men of Jerusalem rebuild the walls of the city in 52 days. Now, this is already a monumental feat, but when you realize the dimensions of the wall that they built, you begin to realize that more than manpower must have been involved. According to scholars, the wall was roughly 2 miles long enclosing about 100 acres, 40 feet high and 8 feet thick. It also had 34 watchtowers and 8 gates. Then, in Nehemiah 6:15-16 we read, "So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it, all the nations around us were afraid and fell greatly in their

own esteem, for they perceived that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God."

When we consider the dimensions of the wall and the time it took for the remnant in Jerusalem to build it, not to mention all the criticism and threats that their enemies threw at them while they built it, we begin to understand the awe that people had when they saw this wall restored from complete destruction. It makes sense why they lost their confidence when they saw this awesome feat. But that is how it has always been with those who are faithful and follow God. But what can we learn from all of this? Well, when we as Christians, succeed in our service to God, it discourages unbelievers, scoffers, and evil ones. Our success in Christ overpowers their disbelief since they cannot help but see the evidence of God working through us, breaking through the darkness of the world and shining the light of Christ in their lives. But how do we make sure to spread that light into this dark world? The same way Nehemiah built the wall in 52 days, each person doing their own work with the upward focus to God. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

When we set our focus on being servants of God, carriers of His light, we can begin to make differences in the world around us and all who oppose us will have no option but to see the light of Christ. God provides us the strength, courage, and a vision of faith to shine the light of truth into the darkness of disbelief and fear in this world. Each one of us can be a point of light in Christ, which will both discourage our enemies, and draw those who are searching for the truth and wisdom of God into his marvelous light. "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8).

Andrew Spivey

And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Isaiah 11:2

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

Sunday Read – Luke 1:39-80 &

Matthew 1:18-25

Wednesday Read – Luke 2:1-20

Questions for last week's reading of;

Matthew 1:1-17 & Luke 3:23-38; Luke 1:1-38

Questions:

1. With whom did Matther start his genealogy of Jesus and why?
2. With whom did Luke start his genealogy of Jesus and why?
3. Name the four women in Jesus' genealogy.
4. What was the angel's name who appeared to Zacharias and Mary?
5. What was John's job when he grew up?

UPCOMING EVENTS

* 4:15 Singing class every Sunday*

Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

Nov. 21st -Senior group@ 5:00pm.

Nov. 26th – Ladies Bible class will **not** meet

Nov. 26th -TNT @6:00pm

Nov. 28th - Happy Thanksgiving

(office closed 28th & 29th)

Dec 7th – Bible Trivia @ 5:00pm.

Dec 8th – Cookies with Santa @ 3:00pm

Dec. 14th– Excels will meet @ 5pm. Bring finger foods.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, cards and visits during James' illness. Also, I would like to thank everyone who brought food, sent flowers or cards and for your hugs at the funeral home. The kids and I sure feel your love. **Mary Spivey**

BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Triva will be held on Saturday, December 7th at 5pm. The theme for Bible Trivia is **Heroes, Villains & Sidekicks**. Hero Sub Sandwiches will be provided. If you plan to come, please bring a side dish to go with the sandwiches.

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

November 17, 2024

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Ben Hutson
Scripture Reading.....Josh Johnson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Garrett Rowlett
Servers.....D. Thompson, C. Nelsen, J. Crawford
D. Johnson, C. Suddarth, B. Sever
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome..... Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon..... Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Ken Veale

WEDNESDAY

November 20, 2024

7:00 PM

Welcome..... Ben Hutson
Song Leader.....Matt Ellis
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Ushers for November..... R. Buck/L. Clark
Communion Care for November..... B/M Smith
Door Greeters – West Door.....B/T Brown
East Door.....C/P Newby
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Sherry Perry

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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 is home now. **Syble Johnson** is now at NHC. **Evelyn Harris** has returned home. **Eva Petty** has been diagnosed with COPD. **Charles Williams** is now back home. **Olene Anderson**, mother of June Thompson, has returned home. **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; 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.....	86
Morning Worship.....	155
Sunday Evening.....	74
Wednesday Evening.....	68
Contribution.....	\$6,632.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$4,997.00

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