

BE PREPARED


The city of Chicago was in a frenzy leading up to July 6, 1959. That day marked the first, and only time, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip would visit the windy city. Chicago was also her only stop in the US during the 1959 tour of the Great Lakes only a few years into her reign. She was coming to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, which allows people to reach Chicago from the Atlantic Ocean. And as her boat pulled in, it was quite a spectacle. Hundreds of thousands of people turned out to see her, and the city ended up paying about \$75,000 to prepare for the visit. That is about \$740,000 today. They painted the trash cans and cleaned up storefronts that she would be driving by and many of the hotels were alerted well in advance of their arrival. Of course, it sent many hotel owners into a frenzy decorating and re-painting, trying to make it all look the best for the Queen. That is all except one. As a matter of fact, when the Drake Hotel was informed of the Queen planning to visit and stay in one of their rooms, the manager simply replied, "We are making no plans for the Queen; our rooms are always ready for royalty."

What a admirable mindset to have. To not be worried about a special client because they are always prepared for it. In a similar manner, when it comes to being spiritually prepared, it should be just as continual for the arrival of the King of kings. Jesus said in **John 14:2-3**, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." Jesus promised that He would come again and when He does, it will be to take His follower's home. John echoes this message in **1 John 3:2-3** "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be, has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." If we are going to be prepared for the coming of Christ, we must constantly and continuously fix our hope on Him. The only way to do that is by purifying our hearts in obedience to Him. **1 Peter 1:22-23** tells us this, "Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God."

Jesus also spoke of being continually prepared in His parable of the ten virgins in **Matthew 25**. In this parable, Jesus tells of 10 virgins, or bridesmaids as we would think of them. Five were wise and the other five were foolish. The wise women made sure to bring extra oil for their lamps while the foolish didn't. As the time went on and they waited for the groom to show up they slept, and their lamps went out. When the call came that the groom had arrived, the foolish ones who didn't bring oil had to go out to the market to buy more. As they were out buying oil for the lamps, the ones who were prepared entered the wedding feast and began to celebrate. By the time the unprepared women returned, it was too late, and the doors were already closed. In **Matthew 25: 11-12** we hear the devastating reply that those women received. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But He answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Jesus then tells us in verse 13, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." When Jesus comes again, there will be no time for last minute preparations or final efforts to "get ourselves right." The time to be prepared starts now and should be continual, realizing that all that we have here will one day be gone and all that will be ahead is all of eternity. Where will you spend eternity? It begins by being prepared now. "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! But according to His promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells." (**2 Peter 3:11-13**)
(article from January 2023) **Andrew Spivey**

PEACE FROM PAIN
*When days are rough,
and times seem tough,
and we're under pressure and strain.
Trust the Lord, and obey His Word,
and peace will come from the pain.*
Bulletin digest/Edd Sterchi

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES
Sunday Read – Genesis 3
Wednesday Read – Genesis 4

Questions for last week's reading of; 
Genesis 1&2

Questions:

- 1. Name what God created each of the 6 days.
- 2. Quote Genesis 1:1.
- 3. In whose image were people created?
- 4. Of which tree could Adam not eat, and what was the consequence if he did?
- 5. How did God make Eve?

UPCOMING EVENTS

** 4:15 Singing class every Sunday**
Truth Seekers every Sunday @ 5pm

- Jan. 12-14 – Winter Series with Aaron Gallagher
- Jan. 18 – Excels-Bring finger foods.
- Jan. 19 –Widows/Widowers Luncheon Fellowship Room
- Jan. 21 – TNT 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Class 6:30 PM
- Feb 1st – Dorcas Classes will begin.

DORCAS CLASS

Dorcas Class will begin **Saturday February 1st** and continue for the next 2 Saturdays. For more details, please see **Pam Newby**.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all the cards, texts, prayers and the beautiful wreath with the passing of my dad. You all make it so much easier to get through this part of life. It means a lot. Thank you again
With much love, **Diana Stephenson**

**The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in
spirit.**
Psalm 34:18

ORDER OF SERVICES
SUNDAY
January 12, 2025
9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Ken Veale
Auditorium Lesson.....Aaron Gallagher

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Corey Nelsen
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Brown
Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
Servers.....R. Buck; F. Evans; C. Newby
A. Williamson; J. Johnson; C. Suddarth
Sermon.....Aaron Gallagher
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett
Sermon.....Aaron Gallagher
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....David Thompson

WEDNESDAY
January 15, 2025
7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....David Johnson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tony Butler
Ushers for January.....Z. Tooley/E. Stephenson
Communion Care for January.....B/T Brown
Door Greeters – West Door.....Z/A Tooley
East Door.....B/M Smith
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Jessica Rowlett

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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

Tony Perry is in Hendersonville Hospital with kidney failure. **Sherry Perry** fell and fractured her foot. She is in a walking boot. **JoNell Vaughn**, mother of Rita Strickland, is in CCU in Greenview Hospital in Bowling Green, KY. **Ida Lou Sherrill** mother of Alex Sherrill, is in rehab at The Waters of Gallatin, Room 407. **Myra Rasnick**, mother of Meredith Andrews, is recovering from surgery for a broken fibula. **Jean McCurdy**, mother of Olivia Nelsen, is recovering from surgery for breast cancer. **Ethan Huffard** son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. **Larry Bailey**, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; 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; 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; **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
 (new addresses for both Jean & Mary,
 please call the office)

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	58
Morning Worship.....	93
Sunday Evening.....	60
Wednesday Evening.....	56
Contribution.....	\$6,051.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$11,078.00

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