

March 6, 2025

COVER UP

Robert Wood Johnson, the former chairman of Johnson & Johnson, was infamous for his rigorous, unannounced inspections of his plants. One day, a plant manager received a 30-minute warning that Johnson was coming. In a panic, he ordered several large rolls of paper to be rushed to the roof, hoping to hide any imperfections and present a tidy workplace appearance. However, instead of praising the plant manager, Johnson walked in and immediately demanded, "What is all that junk on the roof!?" What the manager didn't know was that Johnson had arrived for this surprise inspection in his personal helicopter. Johnson's disappointment was obvious—no amount of last-minute fixes could disguise the underlying issues.

This story is a powerful example of the dangers we can face in our spiritual lives as well. Just as the plant manager tried to cover up problems with a superficial fix, we sometimes attempt to hide our shortcomings, sins, or areas in need of change instead of removing them, repenting, and following Christ's example. Sure, we might be able to get away with it around friends and family. Sure, people might think that we have "cleaned up our act." But the Bible reminds us in **1 Samuel 16:7**, "For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." God sees beyond our temporary band-aids and quick fixes and examines the condition of our hearts.

In our walk with Christ, authenticity matters more than appearances. It can be tempting to try to mask our failures or delay addressing sin with half-hearted efforts, thinking that if we just cover them up, everything will be alright. Yet, like the uncovered "junk" on the roof, these issues eventually come to light. Jesus explained this kind of hypocritical behavior when speaking to the religious leaders of that day. In **Matthew 23:27-28**, we read, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. So, you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

How do we make sure that we are seeking authenticity instead of simply maintaining appearances? As Jesus said one verse earlier, "First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean." (**Matthew 23:26**) Only genuine repentance, real change, and sincere

reliance on God's transforming power can mend our lives from the inside out.

Proverbs 28:13 says, "Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy." In our walk with Christ, we are called to be honest and transparent—not only with others but with ourselves before God. That begins by speaking the truth. **Ephesians 4:25** says, "Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another." When we practice honesty in our interactions, we build trust with one another and within our community, reflecting the integrity of Christ. And when we begin living in the truth of Christ, we are finally able to experience true freedom. **John 8:32** says, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

A great example of this is found in David. When David first committed adultery with Bathsheba, he also tried to cover it up in a superficial way. He brought Uriah back home and acted as if all was fine. He asked Uriah questions about Joab and the battles. He casually tried to get Uriah to go back to his house. He did all these things to try and cover up his sins—eventually going so far as to have Uriah killed in battle. But all this did was cause more struggles for David. **Psalms 32:3** says, "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long." David could feel the weight of the guilt behind his cover-up. But then, **Psalms 34:5** tells us, "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." Much like the plant manager at Johnson & Johnson, the Pharisees, and even King David, we too can be tempted to scramble for superficial solutions and hide behind a mask instead of seeking the truth, confessing our sins and shortcomings, and humbling ourselves before God. What are some areas in your life where you might be tempted to hide behind a mask? Instead of concealing them this week, commit to living a genuine life that reflects His light, drawing others into the freedom and truth that only He can provide.

Andrew Spivey

BIBLE TRIVIA

Bible Trivia will be on **Saturday March 22nd @ 5:00 pm**. In the fellowship room. The main course for a meal will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer. For more details see **Garrett Rowlett**.

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Exodus 6 - 7 Wednesday Read – Exodus 8

Questions for last week's reading of; **Exodus 4 & 5.**

Questions:

1. What 3 excuses did Moses give for not wanting to lead the Israelites?
2. Who did God say could speak for Moses?
3. When Moses and Aaron first spoke to the Israelites and performed miracles, what did the Israelites do?
4. Why did Moses and Aaron tell Pharaoh that he should let the Israelites do, and what was his response?
5. What did Pharaoh command the taskmasters to do after he met with Moses and Aaron?

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

March 15 – Excel's 6 pm

March 18 – TNT – 6 pm

Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm

March 20 – Senior Group 5 pm

March 22 – Bible Trivia @ 5pm

March 30 – Fifth Sunday Singing PM Service

April 1 – TNT – 6 pm

Ladies Bible Class 6:30 pm

SENIOR GROUP

The senior group will meet on **Thursday, March 20th @ 5:00 pm**, in the fellowship room. Please bring finger foods and ready to play games. The senior group will meet on the third Thursday of every month. Make plans to come and enjoy the great fellowship.

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

Proverbs 16:16

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY

March 9, 2025

9:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)

Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Kevin Siler
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Scripture Reading.....Jason Sever
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Rick Gallagher
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Servers.....J. Johnson; J. Crawford; G. Rowlett
T. Cummins; J. Senn; T. Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Bob Sever

4:15 Singing Class

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Ally Hosman
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Brent Smith
Closing Prayer.....Corey Nelsen

WEDNESDAY

March 12, 2025

7:00 PM

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....David Thompson
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland
Ushers for March.....Z. Tooley/A. Williamson
Communion Care for March.....David Johnson
Door Greeters – West Door.....T/J Cummins
East Door.....Z/A Tooley
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....Diana Stephenson

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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

Charlie Seals will have shoulder surgery on March 12. Karen Hoffman has pleurisy & a cold. Tony Perry is home. Jonell Vaughn, mother of Rita Strickland, is back home. Chuck Tooley, father of Zach Tooley had 2 stents put in this week. Ethan Huffard son-in-law of Carl & Pam Newby has completed his chemo treatments. He returns to the doctor in six months. Ariel Clift, niece of Tarina Brown has been diagnosed with POTS. Roscoe Smith father of Brent Smith has been diagnosed with 2 cancerous tumors. Treatments will start soon. Larry Bailey, son of Tina Bailey a former member, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. He has begun chemo.



PRAYER LIST

Wanda Seals; Lena Baggett; Stella Messer; Hugh Fulford; Maddie Andrews; Mary Spivey; Ottis & Maxine Cothron; Shauna Lockett; Tony Perry; Jean Knowles; Zach Tooley; Mary Ann Reinhart; Sandi Jones; Pat Watson; Frances Catron; Jackie Williams; 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; 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.....	107
Morning Worship.....	152
Sunday Evening.....	69
Wednesday Evening.....	66
Contribution.....	\$8,390.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$12,005.00

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Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935	
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621	
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Eric Stephenson	Adam Williamson	



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