

August 5, 2021

SPIRITUALLY MALNOURISHED & TRUTH SEEKERS

How important is it to grow? It may seem like a simple question, but have you ever thought about the importance of proper growth? If a child is not properly nourished when they are young, it can lead to major problems. It can cause major mental delays and disorders, problems with bones, organs, and height. It can even cause a severely weakened immune system. Even in older adults, it can cause the deterioration of muscles and cause struggles with mobility and can lead to the entire body beginning to shut down.

It is obvious that it is important to grow properly, and one of the biggest ways to make sure of that is by having the proper nutrition. This is also the same when it comes to the spiritual body as well. Jesus said in **Matthew 4:4**, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Peter also explained the desire that we need to have for proper spiritual nutrition in **1 Peter 2:2-3**, "Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good."

So if this word of God is spiritual nutrition, then is it possible to be spiritually malnourished? Certainly! One of the ways that we can be spiritually malnourished is by putting worldly priorities over spiritual ones. Paul said to the church at Corinth in **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**, "But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?" Another way to be spiritually malnourished is by simply becoming careless in our Bible study and obedience to it. Just like if someone becomes careless in their diet, we can easily do the same spiritually. **Hebrews 5:11-14** says, "About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil."

In order for us to remedy and prevent spiritual malnourishment, then we need to make sure that we are on the right nutrition plan. Paul explains about this nutrition plan in Ephesians 4. He explains how God has given the teachings of the prophets in the Old Testament, the apostles appointed by Christ, those who evangelize, shepherd, and teach for a very particular reason. To build up the body of Christ (**Ephesians 4:12**). Through this building up, Paul explains that some amazing growth will happen. In **Ephesians 4:14-15** it says, "so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ," The outcome of this growth will result in stronger, more confident Christians, and a faith that will not fall when the pressure of the world pushes against it. Talk about a great nutrition plan! And, as with most diets and nutrition habits, this spiritual nutrition plan works best when you can start it young. Which is why I am so excited about **Nashville Road Truth Seekers!**



Starting Sunday, August 29, at 5:00 P.M. we will begin Truth Seekers. Truth Seekers will take place at the first 10 minutes of our Sunday night meeting and is designed to instruct our children, teens, and adults in growth of Bible knowledge consisting of Biblical facts, characters, timelines, and memorization. Each Sunday night, we will invite our young people to come to the front of the auditorium where we will participate, as a congregation, with singing of songs that teach Biblical truths, repeating and reciting of Biblical events and important scriptures and forming the foundation of the most important question of all. What is our purpose in life? (answer: to seek God! **Acts 17:26-27**). Although Truth Seekers may be geared towards the teaching and spiritual growth of our children and families, I believe this will benefit our entire congregation as well. After all, it is never too late to start a new diet plan. As we go throughout this week and as we gear up and prepare for the kick off of Truth Seekers, ask yourself, "am I spiritually malnourished in any way?" If so, the Great Physician has the best diet plan there is. His Word.

Andrew Spivey

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES Sunday Read – Matthew 25 Wednesday Read – Matthew 26:1-5; 14-16; Mark 14:12-17

BIBLE STUDY



Questions for last week's reading of **Matthew 24:1-51**.

1. What did Jesus say about people who claim to be the Christ?
2. What did Jesus say His return would be like?
3. Who is the only one who knows when Jesus will return?
4. To what did Jesus compare His return ?
5. What did Jesus say would last forever ?

TUESDAY NIGHT TOGETHER

The next TNT is **Tuesday August 10th** starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. TNT is for anyone that is 6th grade and up. Please make plans to come and enjoy the fellowship.

A come & go **BABY SHOWER** to honor **Andrew & Taylor Spivey** will be held Saturday, August 21st from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the home of Austin & Jesse Pernell, 1109 Inneswood Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066. Andrew & Taylor are registered at <https://www.babylist.com> and [Target](https://www.target.com)

THE ENDURANCE TEST

1. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." **Matthew 10:22**
2. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." **Galatians 6:9**
3. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." **1 Corinthians 15:58**

**BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART:
FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD.
MATTHEW 5:8**

ORDER OF SERVICES SUNDAY August 8, 2021 9:00 AM BIBLE STUDY

(Classes for Nursery – High School upstairs)
Song.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Carl Newby
Auditorium Lesson.....Andrew Spivey

10:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Adam Williamson
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Allyn Hosman
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman
Ushers.....B. Sever/L. Clark

5:00 PM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Sermon.....Andrew Spivey
Lord's Supper.....Lee Boone
Closing Prayer.....Garrett Rowlett

WEDNESDAY August 11, 2021 7:00 PM

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Ben Hutson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Jim Cherry
Visitor's Desk Volunteer.....JoAnn Williamson

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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

Charles & Fay Simmons are both having health issues. Please keep them both in your prayers. Bob & Wanda Gregory are both having health issues and tests done. Bill Johnson continues to do well. Vicky Puckett, daughter of Jack & Anita Cato is in Skyline in serious condition. Laura Irwin sister of Julie Cummins continues with health issues. Doug & Kathy Hawkins, brother & sister-in-law of Julie Cummins, diagnosed with covid. Ann Beska, neighbor of Mattie Carter & Betty Buttrey, has been diagnosed with cancer. Ty Tyler, son of Ann Tyler continues with serious health issues. Ron Kloes step son of Sue Kloes has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Allen Plunk, cousin of Donna Jennings, colon cancer that has spread to his liver. Ronnie Love, cousin of Pam Newby, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Donny Pedigo, friend of Tim Cummins has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Jerry Ladd, Sr. has been diagnosed with CLL Leukemia. Craig Sweeney, son of James & Doris Sweeney, continues cancer treatments. John Arnold, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.



PRAYER LIST

Eric Stephenson; Ricky Cantrell; Linda Wesbrooks; Maxine Cothron; Gerald Miles, The Waters of Gallatin, 555 E. Bledsoe Drive, Room 100; Jim Sweeney; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Presley Fitts; Jean Deaton; Ricky Cross, friend of Betty Buttrey; Ida Lou Sherrill, mother of Alex Sherrill; Will Flowers, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey; Lawrence Redding, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; Taylor Lackford, niece of Brenda Veale; Dustin Lackford, nephew of Brenda Veale; Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry; Larry Conley, friend of Wanda Proctor; Wayne Holt, nephew of Grace Bracey; John Gregory, brother of Bob Gregory; Pam Flory, friend of Sherry Sever; Harold Cole, friend of Lena Baggett; Bobbie Carter, sister of Janice Johnson; Betty Billingsley, sister of Wanda Proctor; Walter Wooten, brother of Wanda Sherrill.

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Marilee Frederick, Gallatin Rehab, Room 309A; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; Dorothy Sullivan, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148.

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

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	110
Morning Worship.....	162
Sunday Evening.....	93
Wednesday Evening.....	91
Contributions.....	\$9,379.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$7,423.54

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Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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Carl Newby Brent Smith
 Ken Veale Adam Williamson



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