

July 12, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Keith Crouch

790 – Wonderful Love of Jesus

674 – There's a Great Day Coming

990 – You Are the Song That I Sing

Welcome and Prayer – Will Pendleton

745 – Where Could I Go?

137 – Fairest Lord Jesus

Lord's Supper/Contr. – Nick Hagler

118 – Count Your Blessings

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: 1 Peter 5:8-9 – Connor Hagler

Sermon: Semper Paratus– Seth Riley

850 – Father, I Adore You

669 – This Is My Father's World

Closing Prayer – Paul Mahaney Jr.

Nursery – Janelle Mahaney

Greeter – Laura Bruggeman

Junior Disciples (2yr-3rd Grade)

Bible Class – 10:45 AM

Cradle Roll – Angel Bebout

1-2 years old - Angie Hughes

3-4 years old - Edwin & Amanda
Rutherford

K-5th - Brad & Thea Moser

6th-12th - Seth Riley

Auditorium – Chris Travis

Y.M.C.A – Young Married, College and
young Adults – Tyler Binkley and Will
Pendleton

July 15, 2026

Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 PM

Song Leader – Chris Travis

**Wed. Night Opening Prayer – Tim
Adkins**

Unstoppable (Aud.) – Steven Hunter

**Wed. Night Closing Prayer – Donnie
Mitchell**

2's-K – Emma Arnhold

1st-5th Grade – Seth Riley

Sunday Night Schedule

**7/12 – Connect Groups (no evening
service at the building)**

7/19 – Chosen in FLC – 5PM

7/26 - Chosen in FLC – 5PM

**8/2 Back to School Blessing (no
evening service at the building)**

Pulpit Minister

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The Best Place To Be On The Best Day Of The Week

Priorities and Practices: Becoming More Like Jesus

A friend recently told me he left the congregation he had been at for many years. He said, "It feels like the old church I was at was all doctrine and no love. And the church I'm at now feels like it's all love and no doctrine." He was wrestling with that and asked me what I thought. It brings up an interesting point, doesn't it? We need to wrestle with what we're supposed to be as the church. What are our goals? What are our priorities? What exactly should we be pursuing?

If the mission of God's people is to help people become more like Jesus, then how do we accomplish that? It's easy for us individually, as families, and as churches to pursue the wrong goals, or even to pursue the right goals in the wrong way. The church at Corinth had misplaced priorities. They prioritized knowledge, power, spectacle, talent, and honor. Paul addresses these in 1 Corinthians 13: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal." What priorities in your life would Paul challenge this way?

Paul concludes: "So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." Going back to my friend's question, what I told him was this: love IS a doctrine. Love is the chief doctrine. It's not one or the other. Faith, hope, and love are the permanent priorities of the church.

Faith is more than intellectual assent. It is a commitment to King Jesus and trusting in the powerful working of the Holy Spirit. We do not become more like Him through our own efforts, but through the transformational work of the Spirit. Hope is not the same thing as happiness. Hope is the ability to hold grief in one hand and joy in the other—to acknowledge that this situation is broken, but it will not always be this way. And love—cross-shaped, crucifix-shaped devotion to God and to one another—is at the heart of everything we do.

But becoming more like Jesus isn't only about teaching the right things. Paul writes in Ephesians 4 that God gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry. It's both what we teach and what we do. Three practices help us here. First, spiritual training—hearts and minds are shaped through Christ-centered disciplines like worship, prayer, singing, and Bible study. Second, support—a diverse family becomes more like Jesus by loving one another through all life's changing seasons. Third, service—sharing our time, talents, and resources to improve people's lives, both in the church and in the community.

Our plan is simple: prioritize faith, hope, and love, and practice spiritual training, support, and service. Are you becoming more like Jesus, or are you stuck? Choose one this week and take a step forward.

Events

7/12 - Bebout Connect Group will meet immediately following Bible classes at the home of Tim and Angel Bebout.

7/12 – Travis Connect Group will meet from 5-7 pm at the home of Chris and Stephanie Travis.

7/23 – Lunch trip to Bell Buckle, TN. We will be leaving at 9:30 am. This is for all ages.

8/1 – Back 2 School Youth Rally. Staying Faithful 10am – 2pm. Guest Speaker Jerry Elder. Please start inviting youth and friends you know. There are flyers in the foyer to hand out.

8/2 – Back to School Blessing and Promotion Sunday

8/27 – Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 – 3 in the FLC.

8/30 - Family Meeting with Potluck Meal following Bible class in the FLC. Please bring your favorite potluck meal, sides and dessert's.

News

It's time for MAGI boxes. The deadline is in September. You can either fill boxes individually or donate money to help purchase items in bulk.

There's a new report from Martin Shikuku on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Visitors, please use this QR code to let us know you are here.



If you have anything (events, prayer requests, etc....) that you would like to have put in the bulletin, please send those to Tonya by Tuesday at accocsec@gmail.com or text to 615-710-7841

Thank you.

Prayer Requests

Bob and Brenda Simpkins daughter was in a car wreck. She's at home and looking at a 6–8 weeks recovery.

Rex Davis the father of Stephanie Travis. Has had to stop his cancer treatments. He's having additional tests.

Ms. Melba Blue is coming home. Continued prayers for her recovery.

Please keep our members that are in Latvia in your prayers.

Renee Crawford, please continue to pray for her.

Shut-Ins

Juanita Glasgow (Vantage Point Room 423),
Linda Pewitt; Preston & Dot Tucker (Vantage Point Room 414)

Birthdays

Sheila Delashmitt 7/13
Kim LeGate 7/14
G Nicholson 7/14
Travis Shivers 7/14
Norma Beshears 7/16
Joyce Balthrop 7/17
Louise Dozier 7/17

Anniversaries

Chris and Heather Haislip 7/13

Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 110
PM - 55
Wednesday PM – 63
Contribution - \$8183.61
Weekly Budget - \$5731
Weekly Average - \$5217.13



Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

Continued Prayers for...

Charles and Nancy Drake, Kay Nicholson, Jimbo Hannah, Sue Hannah, Henry and Cynthia Odom, Harper Penick, Melinda Riley, Darlene Baxter, Joe Bruggeman, Sr., Joe Demonbreum, Ricky Hackett, J.W. Hymer, Anita Lunn, Kim Mayberry, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilyn Delashmitt, Chuck Couture, Creig McGlaughlin

My Worship Notes



Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle one: **Sunday** **Wednesday**

Circle one: **Morning** **Evening**

Songs we sang: No. No. No. No. No.

My favorite song we sang: _____ 

LISTEN TO THE SERMON! MAKE A MARK FOR EACH TIME YOU HEAR:

BIBLE	GOD	JESUS	LOVE
CHRISTIAN	VERSE	HEAVEN	PRAY

 **WRITE DOWN THE LESSON TITLE OR BIBLE VERSES!**

DRAW A PICTURE FROM THE LESSON



Ashland City Youth Weekly Update



Church Camp starts today. Van will leave at 1:15.

Youth Camping Trip for 6th-12th graders will be July 23-25. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Back to School Youth Rally August 1st 10:00-2:00. Jerry Elder will be speaking, and Lunch is being provided by Hunt Brothers Pizza. Invite all your friends.

Please be sure to RSVP to all events by texting me at 740-710-6863 or on the Lightpost app. This will help me with a headcount so I can be prepared. If you are having issues with Lightpost or have any questions, please ask me.