

December 14, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Tyler Binkley

Shout Hallelujah

376 - Joy To the World

Here I Am to Worship

Opening Welcome and Prayer – Jeff Burney

202 - Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing

784 - Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper/Contribution –

Travis Shivers

523 – Our God He is Alive

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Eph. 3:1-6 – Tim Adkins

Sermon: Our God He Is Alive: God's Mind - Mike Peters

In Need

The Greatest Commands

Closing Prayer – Cory Fuqua

Nursery – **Amy Pendleton**

Greeter – **Liz Mitchell**

Junior Disciples (2yr-3rd Grade)

Bible Class – 10:45 AM

Cradle Roll - **Angela Shivers**

1-2 years old - **Angie Hughes**

3-4 years old - **Edwin & Amanda Rutherford**

K-5th - **Brad & Thea Moser**

6th-12th: **Seth Riley**

Nehemiah (Auditorium) – **Wayne Pinckley**

Against the Grain (Class behind Auditorium) – **Mike Peters**

5PM SERVICE TONIGHT

Wednesday Bible Class – 7PM

Auditorium – **Donnie Mitchell**

Men's Class – **Mike Peters**

Ladies Class – **Brooke Shivers**

2-3's– **Stephanie Travis**

4's-3rd Grade - **Tyler and Kaylee Binkley**

Teens: **Seth Riley**

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

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



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

How God Views His Word

The Bible isn't just an ancient book sitting on our shelves—it's God's living, breathing communication with humanity. When we understand how God views His Word and how we should respond to it, our entire relationship with Scripture transforms. The phrase "saith the Lord" appears 841 times in our Bibles, with most occurrences found in the prophetic books. This repetition isn't accidental—it's the Holy Spirit's way of emphasizing that God is actively speaking to His people. This same God continues to speak today through His inspired Word.

When 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us "All scripture is given through the inspiration of God," the original Greek word is "theopneustos"—literally meaning "God-breathed." This connects directly to Genesis 2, where God breathed into man the breath of life. Scripture isn't just inspired—it's life-giving. God's Word carries the same life-giving power that first animated humanity.

God sees His Word as a covenant—an arrangement He has carefully thought through and established with humanity. The New Testament represents a bilateral covenant. God promises incredible blessings—forgiveness, relationship, eternal life—but these come with conditions we must meet through faith.

Many people struggle with viewing the New Testament as law, but Hebrews 8:10 clearly states: "I will put my laws in their mind and write them on their hearts." The New Testament contains laws, but they're different from Old Testament law. The New Testament is described as the law of faith, the law of the Spirit, the law of Christ, and the law of liberty. This isn't a system requiring perfect obedience to earn salvation. Instead, it's a law system driven by faith and love, not guilt and fear.

God views His Word as the key to having a relationship with humanity. When we embrace His covenant and follow His laws through faith, we become His people and He becomes our God. This massive, universe-encompassing God desires a personal relationship with each of us, and His Word is the roadmap that makes this relationship possible.

How should we respond? God says He will put His laws "in their mind" and "on their hearts." As a church body, we should collectively know and understand Scripture. Individually, each of us should have special verses that comfort us and a personal connection to Scripture. Jesus provides the perfect example of how to use Scripture. In temptation, He said "It is written." For difficult questions, He asked "Have you not read?" Three of His seven statements from the cross were Scripture quotes. When we face challenges, Scripture should be our first resource, not our last resort.

This week, set aside dedicated time each day to read Scripture—not just to check a box, but to hear God's voice speaking to you personally.

Upcoming Events

12/14 – Area Wide at Oakland. The van will leave at 4:00pm.

12/14 - The Bebout Connect group will meet following class Sunday morning at their home.

12/14 – The Travis Connect group will meet in their home at 5pm.

12/15 – Crazy Kids Night ages 2 through 5th grade. We will make a Christmas ornament. Starting at 5:30pm.

12/16 – Ladies Christmas ornament swap at Angel Bebout's home at 5:30. Please bring finger foods, desserts and an ornament to swap.

12/20 – Youth trip to see Christmas Lights – All ages are invited to come. Bring money for food. We will leave the building at 4:00pm. See Seth Riley if you have any questions.

12/21 – The young adults and their families are invited to an Italian dinner at the home of Tim and Angela Shivers at 6 o'clock. Please bring a drink or dessert.

12/31 – 7PM Singing in the FLC with snacks and games after. **NO CLASSES** that night. **EVERYONE** will meet in the FLC. Bring your favorite New Year Snacks to share. New Years Youth lock in for 4th grade and up.

1/15 – Red Cross Blood Drive

3/7 – Ladies Day

News

If you are planning on going to CYC please sign-up by Dec 21st. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer. See Seth Riley if you have questions.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS – Please bring small, unwrapped gifts and snacks to include in our baskets. There will be a Christmas basket box in the foyer. Please have items in box by Wednesday, Dec 17th. Also bring fruit for these baskets on the 17th. We have approximately 24 baskets.

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

Harper Penick the daughter of Sorrell and Kendal Penick and the niece of Kaylee and Tyler Binkley has been diagnosed with Cystic fibrosis.

Continued prayers for Henry and Cynthia Odom. They are both at home recovering from heart issues.

Judy Adams, aunt of Kayla Fuqua had a successful double bypass. She's at home recovering.

Shut-Ins

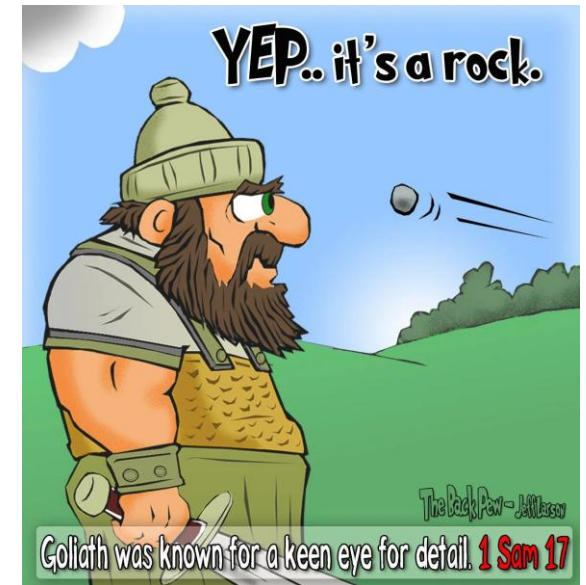
Louise Beshears (Vantage Point); Juanita Glasgow (Vantage Point Room 423); Linda Pewitt; Preston & Dot Tucker (Vantage Point Room 414); Kay Nicholson (Riverview)

Birthdays

Andrea Pewitt 12/14
Jason Cannon 12/17
Jayden Nicholson 12/17

Stats For 12-14

AM Worship – 123
Wednesday – 71
Contribution - \$6742.34
Weekly Budget - \$5731.00
Weekly Avg. – \$5397.08
\$1011.34 will be going towards 2026 Missions



The Elders would like to take a special collection throughout the month of December to raise additional funds for mission work. We have set a goal of raising \$20,000 for missions. Anything given above and beyond our weekly budget will go towards this goal. There will not be a separate collection taken. Please add any additional gifts to your normal weekly contribution method.

Continued Prayers for...

Darlene Baxter, Joe Bruggeman, Sr., Joe Demonbreum, Ricky Hackett, J.W. Hymer, Anita Lunn, Kim Mayberry, Char Nicholson, Trudy Thrasher, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilynn Delashmitt, Melinda Riley