

December 21, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Keith Crouch

382 - Kneel at the Cross

436 - Nearer, Still Nearer

671 - There's a Royal Banner

Opening Welcome and Prayer – Chris Travis

645 - The Old Rugged Cross

742 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Lord's Supper/Contribution –

Travis Shivers

523 – Our God He is Alive

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Heb. 12:1-2 – Tyler Hagler

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

438 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Else

Get Right Church

Closing Prayer – Brad Moser

Nursery – **Angie Hughes**

Greeter – **Becca Hagler**

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**

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE!

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

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

Understanding God's Hidden Wisdom and Revealed Truth

When we sing familiar hymns week after week, it's easy to go through the motions without truly considering the profound truths we're declaring. The third verse of "Our God He Is Alive" contains a powerful statement: "Secure is life from mortal mind, God holds the germ within his hand. Though men may search they cannot find, for God alone does understand"...the secret of life.

Science tells us that the human body contains approximately 60 trillion cells. Within each cell lies DNA—the control center that determines our eye color, hair color, height, and countless other characteristics. Scientists have now completely mapped the human genome, giving us unprecedented knowledge about our physical makeup.

But is DNA the "secret of life" that only God understands? Not at all. According to Hebrews 4:12, God's Word can divide between soul and spirit, between the physical and the eternal. We are spirits living in bodies—but how does that spirit get inside the body? How does it stay there? James 2 tells us that the body without the spirit is dead. Yet we have no understanding of how God places a spirit within a body, sustains that union, or calls the spirit home at death. This is the true secret of life that remains secure from mortal understanding.

Deuteronomy 29:29 declares, "The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us." God keeps many secrets: His specific plans for tomorrow, the details of His judgment and punishment, the exact location of heaven, and the full extent of His power. When Job challenged God, demanding answers for his suffering, God responded with questions that revealed the vast gap between divine and human understanding: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the Earth?" These questions highlight our complete inability to understand even the basic mechanics of creation, let alone the mind of the Creator.

While God keeps many secrets, He has chosen to reveal some that can radically change our lives. In Ephesians 3, Paul describes a "mystery"—something that was once secret but has now been made known. The secret? That Gentiles can be fellow heirs with Christ, partakers of God's promises through the gospel. This was hidden for generations but is now available to anyone who believes.

This week, embrace the humility that comes from recognizing God's infinite wisdom compared to our limited understanding. Instead of demanding answers to every question or trying to figure out all of God's ways, focus on what He has clearly revealed: His plan for your salvation and relationship with Him through faith in Jesus Christ.

The same God who holds the secret of life itself has revealed how you can belong to Him. That's not a secret—it's an open invitation waiting for your response.

Upcoming Events

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 – 7 PM 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.

1/9 – Lunch trip to Miss Lucille's Café in Clarksville weather permitting. We'll be leaving the building promptly at 10:20 am. There's a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Tonya if you have any questions.

1/15 – Red Cross Blood Drive

1/18 – Area Wide at Main Street Church of Christ in Springfield

1/28 - We will be packing Fuels bags in the old kitchen starting at 5:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to help serve a need in our community and a time of fellowship.

2/15 – Area Wide at Ashland City

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.

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.

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

Sherrie Cannon 12/24

Anniversaries

Donnie and Paulette Mitchell 12/23

Stats For 12-21

AM Worship – 123

Wednesday – 69

Contribution - \$6661.50

Weekly Budget - \$5731.00

Weekly Avg. – \$5449.28

\$1941.84 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...

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