

November 23, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Keith Crouch

544 Redeemed

708 Walking in Sunlight

780 Won't It Be Wonderful There

Opening Welcome and Prayer – Wayne Pinckley

48 Anywhere With Jesus

197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Lord's Supper/Contribution –

Cory Fuqua

11 Above the Bright Blue

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11 – Noah Shivers

Sermon: ~~What Does it Mean to~~ How Do I Submit to Elders? - Mike Peters

779 Without Him

1 A Beautiful Life

Closing Prayer – Travis Shivers

Nursery – Sherrie Cannon

Greeter – Tonya Crouch

Junior Disciples (2yr-3rd Grade)

Bible Class – 10:45 AM

Cradle Roll

2-4: 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 SERVICE TONIGHT!

Wednesday Bible Class – 7PM

Thanksgiving Devotional

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

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

What Does "Not Forsaking the Assembly" Really Mean?

The phrase "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" from Hebrews 10:25 has been quoted countless times, especially during challenging seasons when Christians couldn't gather physically. But are we using this verse correctly? Are we truly understanding what the Hebrew writer intended?

To understand what "forsaking the assembly" means, we must first understand who was receiving this message. The book of Hebrews was written to Jewish Christians who were struggling with deep discouragement. They were asking themselves: "What have I actually gained by following Jesus?" From their perspective, following Christ had brought them persecution, rejection, loss of family and friends, and material hardship. They were beginning to wonder if it would be easier to walk away.

Before addressing what Christians should do, the Hebrew writer reminds them of what they already possess in Jesus. Through Jesus' blood, we now have confidence to enter directly into God's presence. We're no longer outsiders—we're insiders in God's inner circle. And unlike earthly priests who serve temporarily, Jesus serves as our high priest eternally, interceding for us right now.

Based on what we have in Christ, the Hebrew writer gives three clear directives. First, draw near to God. There's a difference between attending worship and actually drawing near to God. You can sing songs without drawing near. The assembly helps facilitate this, but you must choose to do it—not just on Sundays, but every day. Second, hold fast to our confession. When you were baptized, you confessed that Jesus is the Son of God. Now hold tightly to that confession. Our confidence isn't in our ability to hold on, but in His ability to catch us because "He who promised is faithful." Third, consider how to stir up one another. This is where the assembly comes into focus. We're called to think about how to excite and encourage one another toward love and good works. This goes far beyond mere attendance.

The word "forsaking" is strong language—like telling a family member they've abandoned their family. This isn't about missing a service here and there due to circumstances beyond your control. It's about developing a pattern of abandoning your spiritual family.

The opposite of forsaking isn't just attending—it's committing. You can attend without being committed to stirring up and encouraging others. The Hebrew writer isn't satisfied with mere attendance. He's calling for active engagement in the lives of fellow believers.

This week, move beyond mere attendance to active commitment. Consider how you can encourage and stir up your fellow Christians toward love and good works. Look for opportunities to build up someone who might be discouraged.

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Upcoming Events

11/23 – Family Meeting with meal after class. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring sides and desserts.

11/26 – Thanksgiving Devotional

12/4 – Trip to Pattis 1880 Settlement for lunch.

12/6 - Breakfast with Santa. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. Please check to see where you might be able to serve.

12/6 – Evening with the Elves beginning at 5 – We will be serving hot chocolate/hot cider for this event.

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

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

3/7 – Ladies Day

News

The church has received a thank you card from Tyler and Kaylee Binkley. It will be posted out in the foyer.

Tonya will be set up in the FLC Sunday after classes to get information for Lightpost.

Or if you need help (or have questions) to get into Lightpost. There will limited copies printed and we'd like to make sure all information is correct before we do so.

I'm also missing several pictures. If you'd like to have your photo included, please see Tonya.

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

Judy Adams, aunt of Kayla Fuqua will be having open heart surgery Dec 3rd.

Wanda Crouch is having a Watchman procedure Thursday November 20th.

Kay Nicholson the father of Tommy Nicholson has been moved to Riverview (Formerly Hillcrest)

Shut-Ins

Louise Beshears (Vantage Point); Juanita Glasgow (Riverview Room 106); Linda Pewitt; Preston & Dot Tucker (Vantage Point Room 414)

Birthdays

Ieva Peters 11/23
Juanita Glasgow 11/27
Becca Hagler 11/28
Hammond Nicholson 11/29

Stats For 11-16

AM Worship – 130
Wednesday – 71
Contribution - \$7484.50
Weekly Budget - \$5731.00
Weekly Avg. – \$5425.04



Continued Prayers for...

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