

**May 17, 2026**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**Song Leader – Tyler Binkley**

Shout Hallelujah

It Is Well with My Soul

I've Got Peace Like a River

**Welcome and Prayer – Tim Shivers**

438 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

557 - Rock of Ages

**Lord's Supper/Contr. – Jeff Burney**

Break My Heart

In Need

In Christ Alone

**Reading: Psalm 119 – Wayne Pinckley**

**Sermon: Persevering Through  
Temptation - Mike Peters**

To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

Our God, He is Alive

**Closing Prayer – Nick Hagler**

**Fellowship lunch and activities to follow.**

**If you have outdoor games, please feel  
free to bring them.**

### **Sunday Night Schedule**

**5/17 – No Evening Service -  
Praise in the Park**

**5/24 – Chosen Ep. 8 in FLC**

**5/31 – No Evening Service –  
Family Meeting**

#### **Pulpit Minister**

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

## **Finding Strength in the Storm**

Life is full of unexpected storms, and as families, we face the delicate balance between protecting our loved ones and preparing them for the realities they'll encounter. The book of Psalms offers timeless wisdom that can help us navigate this tension while building resilience in our homes.

Every parent, grandparent, and family member faces a fundamental tension: we want to protect our children from pain, but we also need to prepare them for life's inevitable challenges. Overprotection can sometimes leave children underprepared for the difficulties they'll face. The Psalms provide wisdom, offering both protection and preparation for whatever life may bring.

Psalm 57 begins with David seeking refuge during one of the most difficult periods of his life. In verse 1, he writes: "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge. In the shadow of your wings I will take refuge till the storms of destruction pass by." The Psalms teach us a crucial truth: storms are not a matter of "if" but "when." Life will bring challenges, trials, and painful experiences. Surprised people tend to make very poor decisions. When we're caught off guard by life's difficulties, we often react out of fear, anger, or desperation. But the Psalms shape us to anticipate challenges while also knowing where to turn when they come.

In Psalm 57:2-3, David declares that God "will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness." We cannot discern God's nature by looking at our circumstances alone. Our situations may be difficult, painful, or confusing, but God remains good regardless of what we're experiencing. We know these truths are reliable because God has already demonstrated His faithfulness through Jesus Christ.

David also describes feeling surrounded by enemies whose "tongues are sharp swords." We all face situations where people mistreat us. While we want to protect our families from such experiences, we must also prepare them for this reality. The Psalms provide calm assurance: those who set traps for others will fall into their own traps. Evil is ultimately self-destructive and cannot win. Even while describing his difficult circumstances, David bursts into praise: "Be exalted, O God, above the heavens." The Psalms teach us to deal with life as it is while anticipating what will be. David declares: "My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast." We can only have steadfast hearts when they're anchored to the steadfast love of the Lord.

This week, commit to making the Psalms a regular part of your family's routine. Remember that every family has its storms, but every storm has its end. The Psalms teach us to anticipate storms so we're not surprised, and to anticipate deliverance so we don't despair.

*There will be no Connect groups meeting in May.*

5/22 – Spark Kids Devotional in the FLC 5:30 pm.

5/23 – Cleanup/workday at the building 9am to 12pm.

5/24 – Senior Sunday for Lila Hughes. There will be a table in the foyer.

5/28 - Lunch Trip to Ethridge, TN. We will be making stops at multiple places so make sure to wear your walking shoes and bring cash.

5/31 - Family Meeting with meal following Bible class in the FLC. The church will provide taco meat. Please bring sides and desserts.

6/2 – 6/6 - Summerfest 6pm nightly. We need folks to help with this. There's sign up sheets in Lightpost if you can help with this.

6/6 – VBS workday starting at 10 am meet in the FLC to start.

6/7 – 6/11 – VBS 6 to 8pm nightly. There's sign up sheets for that in the foyer and in Lightpost.

## News

There are signup sheets in Lightpost. Please check to see if there's somewhere you can jump in to help.

### Calling All Parents!

Seth will be at the building every Wednesday night at 6:00 to give the kids time to work on their memory work. This will include Bible verses and other memory verses.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Seth.

**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](mailto:accocsec@gmail.com) or text to 615-710-7841**

**Thank you.**

## Praise

Taylor Caldwell (a friend of Mercedes) was baptized Wednesday night May 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Prayer Requests

Ms. Juanita Glasgow is at St. Thomas Mid Town. She had a pacemaker put in Monday afternoon.

Ms. Doris Sanders is having some blood pressure issues.

Chuck Couture (friend of Tyler Binkley) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Creig McGlaughlin (family friend of Tyler Binkley) and member at Bearwallow Road Church of Christ is having open heart surgery.

## Shut-Ins

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

## Birthdays

Amy Pendelton 5/17  
Emma Arnhold 5/18  
Chris Haislip 5/20  
Hunter Haislip 5/21  
Tyler Hagler 5/23

## Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 160  
Wednesday – 58  
Contribution - \$4181  
Weekly Budget - \$5731  
Weekly Average - \$4897.39

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## Continued Prayers for...

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, Char Nicholson, Trudy Thrasher, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilynn Delashmitt