

April 12, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Tyler Binkley

717 - Victory in Jesus

Prince of Peace

238 - Holy, Holy, Holy!

Welcome and Prayer – Jeff Burney

Blessed Be Your Name

622 - Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lord's Supper/Contr. – Wayne Pinckley

732 - We Praise Thee, O God

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Acts 8:35-39 – Connor Hagler

Sermon: Recruited - Phillip

- Mike Peters

584 - Softly and Tenderly

839 - When all of God's Singers Get Home

Closing Prayer – Paul Mahaney Jr.

Nursery – Sandy Cannon

Greeter – Kerry Delashmitt

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

Unity (Aud.) – Tim Shivers

**Y.M.C.A – Young Married, College and
young Adults – Mike Peters**

Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30 PM

James: Pure Religion (Aud.) –Mike Peters

Class Behind Aud. - Donnie Mitchell

Ladies Class – Brooke Shivers

2's-3's – Emma Arnhold

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

Teens - Seth Riley

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

Sunday Night Schedule

**4/12 – Connect Sunday/No
Services in Auditorium**

**4/19 – Chosen Sunday Ep. 5 in
FLC @ 5pm.**

**4/26 – Chosen Sunday Ep. 6 in
FLC @ 5pm**

Pulpit Minister

Mike Peters - (901) 334-6772

Family Minister

Seth Riley - (740) 710-6863

Secretary

Tonya Crouch – (615) 710-7841

Elders

Jeff Burney - (615) 618-3886

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Brad Moser - (863) 860-1767

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

Take Up Your Cross: What God Really Wants for You

Growing up, many of us believed that God wanted us to be happy and be good. Some lean more toward "God wants me to be happy"—nice vacations, nice house, nice car. Others lean toward "God wants me to be good"—just don't do the really bad stuff. As long as we're being good, God is pleased with us pursuing comfort, pleasure, and wealth. After all, doesn't God want us to be happy?

But I want to suggest a change in that phrase: God wants me to follow Jesus. That's what God wants for you—to follow Jesus. And that's much different than "God wants me to be happy and be good." Sometimes following Jesus means sacrificing temporary happiness. And following Jesus is a whole lot more than just "being good."

Here's what Jesus says: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

We've romanticized the cross, turning it into jewelry and decoration. But in the first century, nobody had romantic ideals about a cross. A cross was an instrument of torture and execution. When Jesus said these words, He was saying, "If you follow me, I'm going to be executed on a cross, and there's a very real possibility you will be too." Step one of discipleship is to take up your cross, embrace your instrument of execution, and die to yourself.

Stephen understood this. He was recruited to help widows, performed signs and wonders, talked about Jesus, and did good. People hated it. They arrested him, brought him before the Sanhedrin, and stoned him to death. So much for the prosperity gospel. What God wanted for Stephen wasn't happiness and comfort—God wanted Stephen to follow Jesus.

But here's the paradox: the only way to really live is to die. Following Jesus frees us from the anxious toil of self-preservation. How much of our life is spent worried about things that won't last—our reputation, our wealth, our comfort? Jesus says if you follow Him, you're going to lose your life, but you're really going to find it.

Imagine what you could do if you stopped anxiously trying to preserve yourself. Imagine how you could love people—your family, your church—even when they're not loving you back. Jesus frees us from this anxious toil. He's got you. If we lose our life for His sake, that's when we truly find it.

That's what faith is all about. Take up your cross and follow Him.

Upcoming Events

4/12 – There will be a baby shower for Abbey and Jesse Guy in the FLC from 2-4. They are registered at Amazon.

4/12 – Bebout Connect Group will meet immediately following Bible classes at the home of Tim and Angel Bebout.

4/12 – Travis Connect Group will meet from 5-7 pm at the home of Chris and Stephanie Travis.

4/13 – Krazy Kids night 5:30 to 7pm. Ages 2 years old to 5th grade. Food will be provided.

4/15 - We will be packing Fuels bags in the old kitchen starting at 5:30 pm. Please enter through the side door under the office steps. This a great opportunity to fellowship and help kids in our community.

4/16 - There will be a food delivery from Second Harvest foodbank at 11:00 if you'd like to come help unload. They will be at the back entrance.

4/19 – There will be a bridal shower for Lilly Pendleton and Eli Belew in the FLC from 1:30 – 3:30. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

4/23 – Supper trip to Beacon Light Tea Room in Bon Aqua, TN. The van will be leaving promptly at 3:00pm.

4/26 – There will be a diaper baby shower for Krystin and Christopher Hughston in the FLC from 2-4.

5/3 - Shining Stars lunch in the FLC after class.

News

There's a thank you note from the family of Gail Reed in the foyer on the bulletin board.

Please make sure you are checking Lightpost for notifications for upcoming events and assignments for church assignments.

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.

Prayer Request

Mary Dunn the Great Aunt of Dreama and Joseph (Dos) Franklin is in the Hospital with diverticulitis.

Jimbo Hannah is in the hospital on a bypass machine to help with blood gasses and to help him breath.

Melinda Riley will be having chemo treatments every other week.

Kay Nicholson home is in home hospice. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Shut-Ins

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

Birthdays

Paul Mahaney 4/12
Jerry Hardaway 4/14
Don Beshears 4/15
Stephanie Bennett 4/17
Sherry Drake 4/17

Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 176
Sunday PM - 14
Wednesday – 55

Contribution - \$6597.00
Weekly Budget - \$5731.00
Weekly Average - \$4900.28

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Continued Prayers for...

Jimbo 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, Marilyn Delashmitt