

January 4, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Chris Hughston

Let God Arise

756 - When we All Get to Heaven

299 - I Stand Amazed

Welcome and Prayer – Brad Moser

108 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

557 - Rock of Ages

Lord's Supper/Contribution –

Jerry Craig

850 – Father, I Adore You

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Acts 2:1-4 – Noah Shivers

Sermon: A Spirit-Filled People

- Mike Peters

843 - As the Deer Panteth for the Water

580 - Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Closing Prayer – Jeff Burney

Nursery – Sandy Cannon

Greeter – Darlene Pinckley

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

Saved to Serve (Aud.) – Mike Peters

**Y.M.C.A Class – Tyler Binkley, Will
Pendleton**

Chosen Sunday in the FLC – 5:00pm

Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30 PM

Auditorium –Mike Peters

Ladies Class – Brooke Shivers

2-3's - Becca Hagler

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

Teens - Seth Riley

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

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

What Does It Mean to Follow Jesus?

In Luke 14:25-33, Jesus addresses the great crowds following Him with words that shock us even today. He doesn't make discipleship sound easy or appealing. Instead, He draws a clear line between being part of a crowd and being a true disciple.

When Jesus says we must "hate" our family to follow Him, He's using comparison language. Our loyalty to Christ should be so intense that our devotion to everything else—even our closest relationships—looks like hatred by comparison. In first-century culture, family was everything. Yet Jesus demands priority over even these sacred bonds.

Today, Jesus might say: "If you don't hate your career, your wealth, your reputation—you cannot be my disciple." The question becomes: what are we placing limits on our loyalty to Jesus for?

Taking up your cross means more than enduring difficulty. The cross represented public shame and humiliation. Romans used crucifixion to shame those who refused loyalty to Caesar. Jesus asks if we're willing to be publicly embarrassed for Him. If not, we should reconsider our commitment.

Jesus uses two illustrations—building a tower and going to war—to emphasize counting the cost before following Him. This isn't meant to discourage us, but to ensure we understand the commitment. The cost includes potential loss of family relationships, being humiliated for faith, losing friends, sacrificing comfort, and being willing to give up everything.

Jesus concludes with perhaps His most challenging statement: "Any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." This doesn't necessarily mean literally giving away everything, but it does mean holding everything with an open hand—recognizing you're just a steward.

Here's the paradox: "Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Luke 9:24). When we try to preserve our life through self-protection, we lose what we're trying to save. But when we're willing to lose everything for Jesus, we truly find life.

By limiting our loyalty, we limit our life. We will only experience abundant life when we offer abundant loyalty. This week, examine your own commitment. Are there "as long as" conditions you've attached to following Jesus? What are you holding onto that you need to renounce?

The call to follow Jesus is costly, but the cost of not following Him is even greater.

Upcoming Events

1/4 - Leadership Meeting 8AM

1/4 – Shining Stars lunch in the FLC after class.

1/4 - Chosen Sunday — Join us at 5:00 PM in the FLC (not the auditorium) for sandwiches, fellowship, and a viewing of two episodes of *The Chosen*. We'll conclude with a guided discussion as we reflect on the life and ministry of Jesus together.

1/4 – Ladies meeting for our upcoming Ladies Day. We will meet briefly in the auditorium after class.

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.

1/11 – Connect Groups – No Sunday Evening Service

1/12 – Krazy Kids Night. Starting at 5:30 ending at 7 o'clock pm. 2 years old to 5th grade. Prepare for an indoor snowball fight. Meal provided.

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.

2/15 – Area Wide at Ashland City

3/7 – Ladies Day

News

We've received thank you notes from Ann Slocum, Melba Blue, Phil and Anita Lunn, and Jean Cannon for the Christmas bags. We also received a thank you note from Jerry and Sherry Drake for Christmas Anonymous. They were able to help provide 450 children in Cheatham County with Christmas gifts. These cards will be on the bulletin board in the foyer.

There's a lot of helpful information included in Lightpost for church members. If you need help to get in Lightpost, please see Tonya to schedule a time to work on it.

If you do not currently get the bulletin by email and would like to, please email Tonya to get added to the list.

There's a new Power for Today devotional book in the foyer for January, February and

Prayer Requests

Jimbo Hannah has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He will be starting radiation treatments after the first of the year. Five days a week for five weeks. Please continue to keep him in your prayers!

Mitch Ledman had a successful surgery and is recuperating at home.

Shut-Ins

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

Stats For 1-4

AM Worship – 127

Contribution - \$11235.00

Weekly Budget - \$5731.00

Weekly Avg. – \$5,364.04

\$11,297.84 will be going towards 2026 Missions

New Year, New Opportunities!

As we begin 2026, we're excited to announce several changes to help you grow in faith and fellowship:

Wednesday Night Time Change: Starting in January, our Wednesday evening services move to **6:30 PM** (from 7:00 PM).

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, Marilynn Delashmitt

New Sunday Morning Classes: Fresh Bible study opportunities are launching Sunday mornings in the auditorium.

Y.M.C.A. Class: Calling all young married couples! Join our new class designed specifically for navigating the early years of marriage while growing together in Christ.

Wednesday Night Bible Class: Join Mike in the auditorium for in-depth Bible study every Wednesday evening.

Mark your calendars and let's make 2026 a year of spiritual growth together!

We're excited to shine our first Member Spotlight on Daniel and Emma Arnhold!

They have been members since July 2025 after being introduced to our church family by Will and Alicia Pendleton.

Emma's favorite verse is Ephesians 2:10 and she loves the hymn Beyond the Sunset, while Daniel is encouraged by Philippians 4:4-7 and the song Reign in Me.

Daniel enjoys serving with our security team, where he's grateful to use his skills and knowledge, and Emma loves working with the children of our church—a passion she's had for years.

Fun facts: Daniel has perfected homemade pizza, and Emma is both a triplet and an identical twin!