

June 28, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Keith Crouch

500 – O Thou Fount of Every Blessing

501 – O Worship the King

859 – He Paid a Debt

Welcome and Prayer – Tim Shivers

975 – Thank You, Lord

924 – I Am Mine No More

Lord's Supper/Contr. – Will Pendleton

790 – Wonderful Love of Jesus

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: 1 Peter 3:21-22 – Noah Shivers

Sermon: Why Be Baptized? - Mike Peters

380 – Just As I Am!

672 – There's a Holy and Beautiful City

Closing Prayer – Jeff Burney

Nursery – Heather Haislip

Greeter – Mallory Travis

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

The Book God Breathed – Auditorium –
Mike Peters

Y.M.C.A – Young Married, College and
young Adults – Tyler Binkley and Will
Pendleton

Wonderful Wednesday 6:30 PM

Song Leader – Chris Travis

**Wed. Night Opening Prayer – Nick
Hagler**

Unstoppable (Aud.) – Joe Bogle

**Wed. Night Closing Prayer – Wayne
Pinckley**

2's-K – Emma Arnhold

1st-5th Grade – Seth Riley

Sunday Night Schedule

6/28 – Chosen in FLC – 5PM

7/5 – Independence Devotional

**7/12 – Connect Groups (no evening
service at the building)**

7/19 – Chosen 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

Brad Moser - (863) 860-1767

Wayne Pinckley - (931) 263-4060

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

What Does Baptism Really Mean?

Baptism is one of the most discussed and debated topics in Christianity. But what does the Bible actually say about it? A closer look at the original Greek words and the word pictures Scripture uses reveals something powerful: in God's eyes, baptism is the conduit through which His grace and forgiveness flow into a person's life.

In the New Testament, two Greek words look almost identical but carry different meanings. *Baptismos* means "washing" or ceremonial cleansing. *Baptisma* means immersion and is the word we translate as "baptism." In Mark chapter 7, the Holy Spirit uses both words almost interchangeably. This tells us that in God's mind, baptism is equivalent to a washing.

Three Greek words confirm that baptism is a cleansing. *Nipto* refers to washing a part of the body. In John 9:7, Jesus tells the blind man to "go wash in the pool of Siloam." In Ephesians 5:26, Paul writes that Christ cleansed the church "by the washing of water with the word." *Luo* refers to bathing the whole body. In Acts 22:16, Ananias says to Paul: "Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins." *Pluno* refers to laundering. In Revelation 7, the great multitude "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." All three words point to the same truth: baptism in God's eyes is a cleansing.

Three word pictures confirm baptism as the conduit of cleansing. First, justified. Romans 5:9 says we are "justified by his blood." But in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, after listing serious sins, Paul says: "Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified." Both the blood and baptism are connected to justification. Second, purified. First John 1:7 says the blood of Jesus "cleanses us from all sin," and Acts 22:16 connects that purification to baptism. Third, sanctified. Hebrews 10:29 connects sanctification to the blood, and 1 Corinthians 6:11 connects it to baptism.

This is the key takeaway: the blood of Jesus is the how. Baptism is the when. The blood of Jesus is what actually cleanses. Without the blood, there is nothing to believe in, nothing to repent toward, and baptism would only get you wet. But the blood of Jesus reaches a person's life at a specific moment, and that moment is baptism. You need the how and the when together. Baptism is not a work that earns salvation. It is the conduit through which God's grace and forgiveness flow into a person's life.

If you have never been baptized, consider what is holding you back. And if you know someone carrying the weight of their past, remember: "Such were some of you." God no longer sees them through the lens of who they were. Neither should we.

Events

7/5 – Independence Devotional and Fellowship at the home of Tim and Angela Shivers starting at 6 o'clock. Please bring finger foods, desserts, chilled drinks and lawn chairs. There will be a slip in slide for the kids.

7/5 - Shining Stars lunch in the FLC after class.

7/5 - Leadership (Elders, Deacons and Ministers) meeting in the FLC at 8AM. Please make plans to attend. If you cannot make it, please let one of the elders know.

7/12 - Bebout Connect Group will meet immediately following Bible classes at the home of Tim and Angel Bebout.

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

7/23 – Lunch trip to Bell Buckle, TN. We will be leaving at 9:30 am. This is for all ages.

8/1 – Back 2 School Youth Rally. Staying Faithful 10am – 2pm. Guest Speaker Jerry Elder. Please start inviting youth and friends you know.

News

If you have not been getting the bulletin and you would like to receive it, please email 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

Renee Crawford was discharged after a procedure. She has been in Virginia. Dave is now with her, and they will be coming home soon. Prayers for a safe journey home and for the upcoming surgery once she gets home.

Charles Drake is in the memory care unit at The Village in Bellevue. Nancy Drake is struggling with multiple health issues.

Shut-Ins

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

Birthdays

Nina Huffines 7/3
Phil Lunn 7/4

Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 150
Wednesday PM – 63
Contribution - \$4358.00
Weekly Budget - \$5731
Weekly Average - \$5111.77

Member Spotlight

Melba Morris Blue

Melba is the widow of Milton (Tony) Blue, and they were married 68½ years. She is the daughter of Baxter and Agnes Morris and has called this church her home since she was 13 years old.

Melba has traveled to all 50 states, often due to Tony's work, and enjoyed volunteering in hospitals along the way. She was always grateful when a congregation of the Lord's Church was nearby.

Her favorite verse is Romans 8:28. A fun fact about Melba: she once attended an Elvis Presley concert! And many others.

Melba has served by preparing food for those in need and is known as a faithful card sender and encourager. Her faith reminds her daily that God cares for her through His many daily blessings.

“God loves us, and the best is yet to come!”

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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, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilynn Delashmitt, Chuck Couture, Creig McGlaughlin

My Worship Notes



Listen and write down notes from today's singing and sermon!

Name: _____

Date: _____

Circle one: **Sunday** **Wednesday**

Circle one: **Morning** **Evening**

Songs we sang: No. No. No. No. No.

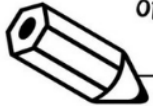
My favorite song we sang: _____



LISTEN TO THE SERMON! Make a MARK FOR each TIME you hear:

BIBLE	GOD	JESUS	LOVE
CHRISTIAN	VERSE	HEAVEN	PRAY

Write down the LESSON TITLE
OR BIBLE VERSES!



Draw a picture FROM the LESSON



Ashland City Youth Weekly Update



July 6th Spark Kids Night 5:30-7:00. 2 years old - 5th grade.

July 12-17 - Church Camp at Valley View in Greenbrier. This is for grades 3-12. See me for any questions.

The Youth Camping trip for 6 - 12 grade has been moved to July 23-25. Please let me know as soon as possible if your kids can go.

August 1 & 2 - Back to School Bash and Blessing. Be on the lookout for more information!

Please be sure to RSVP to me at 740-710-6863 or on the Lightpost app for all events, so we can get an accurate headcount. If you are not receiving alerts on Lightpost, or if you are having any other Lightpost issues, please see Seth.