

September 27, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Keith Crouch

841 – Sing and Be Happy

219 – He’s My King

351 – Jesus Is Coming Soon

Welcome and Opening Prayer – Nick Hagler

970 – Step by Step

876 – Jesus, Name above All Names

Lord's Supper– Tim Shivers

Communion Servers –

John Pendleton, Riley Bennett

Randy Moon, Don Moreland

929 – Glorify Your Name

Contribution

975 – Thank You, Lord

48 – Anywhere with Jesus

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Acts 14:19-22 – Hunter Haislip

Sermon: Villains: Mob of Lystra

Mike Peters

740 – What Will You Do with Jesus?

833 – Ring Out the Message

Closing Prayer – Jeff Burney

Nursery – **Angela Shivers**

Greeter – **Haislip Family**

Bible Class – 10:45 AM

Junior Disciples (2yr-3rd Grade)

Cradle Roll – **Angel Bebout**

1-2 years old - **Angie Hughes**

3-4 years old - **Edwin & Amanda Rutherford**

K-5th - **Brad & Thea Moser**

6th-12th – **Wayne Pinckley**

Auditorium – Mike Peters

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

Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30 PM

EVERYONE will meet in the auditorium at 6:30 for a brief time of fellowship and worship before classes start!

Adult Class – **Mike Peters**

Class Behind Aud. - **Donnie Mitchell**

Ladies Class – **Tonya Crouch**

2's -K

1st – 5th Grade – **Wayne Pinckley**

6th – 12th Teens – **Brad Moser**

Pulpit Minister

Mike Peters - (901) 334-6772

Secretary

Tonya Crouch – (615) 710-7841

Elders

Jeff Burney - (615) 618-3886

Brad Moser - (863) 860-1767

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

When Religious People Become the Villain

A single piece of straw weighs almost nothing. Drop it on someone and they barely notice. But compress millions of pieces together and you have a one-ton hay bale that can crush the life out of a person. People work the same way with sin. One person acting alone may seem harmless, but when many people unite around something destructive, the collective weight can be devastating, and each individual piece could honestly say, "I'm not crushing anyone," completely unaware of the combined impact.

In Acts 13, Paul preaches in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia and tells the Jewish community something uncomfortable: the very people in Jerusalem who heard Scripture read every Sabbath, who were religious and devoted, failed to recognize the Messiah and condemned Him. They were afraid of being led astray by a false messiah, and in that fear, without humility or love, they became the villains of the very story they thought they were protecting.

Paul is not telling this story to shame them from a distance. He is telling it as a warning. If it happened to them, it can happen to us.

The first week Paul preached, the crowd begged him to come back. But the next Sabbath, when the Gentiles showed up too, jealousy took over. People who wanted more of the gospel one week began contradicting and reviling Paul the next, simply because outsiders were being welcomed into blessings they considered their own. Jealousy and the gospel do not mix. Jealousy chokes the word before it has a chance to take root.

Paul and Barnabas responded with boldness, turning to preach to the Gentiles instead, and those who heard it rejoiced. The closed door in one place simply became an open door somewhere else. The angry crowd did not stop there. They incited persecution and drove Paul and Barnabas out of the district. Yet Luke tells us the disciples were left "filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit." The crowd could drive them out. It could not steal their joy.

There are two dangers every believer faces from an angry crowd: being provoked to jealousy, when we prioritize our own interests over our neighbors, and being robbed of joy, when we let the anger around us define our emotional state. Every scroll through social media or angry headline carries that same pull.

This week, notice the voices trying to incite you. Notice when jealousy creeps in toward people you should be welcoming instead. Make a deliberate choice each day to refuse both jealousy and stolen joy, because Jesus has already won.

Events

9/27 – MAGI Boxes Family packing project. Please bring your favorite finger food, side and dessert. We’d like everyone (of all ages) to come and be a part of this! We’ll be meeting directly after Bible classes in the FLC.

9/30 – 5th Wednesday night singing in the auditorium for all ages at 6:30.

10/4 - Shining Stars lunch in the FLC after class.

10/7 - 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 is a great opportunity to have some quality fellowship and a fun way to help serve our community.

10/11 – Bebout Connect Group will be meeting at Tim and Angels home immediately after Bible Class.

10/11 - Travis Connect Group will meet from 5-7 pm at the home of Chris and Stephanie.

10/16 – Family Movie night at Keith and Tonya’s house weather permitting.

10/18 - Area Wide at Sycamore Church of Christ at 5pm (topic POV). All that would like to (of all ages) are encouraged to attend.

10/22 - Lunch trip to the Nashville Farmers Market. We will be leaving promptly at 10:15 am. This is for all ages that would like to come.

10/24 – Trunk or Treat more details to come.

News

We rejoice to announce that Chris Haislip was baptized 9/19/26.

Camp Hope 2027" There will be a Latvia Camp Hope 2027 interest meeting on September 27th at 1pm here at the building via Zoom. Please see Wayne, Kaylee or Tyler for more details!

It’s time for MAGI boxes! You can pack an individual box or boxes. Boxes are available in the foyer. Packed boxes are due back at the building by September 27th.

A packing list is available in Lightpost.

Prayer Requests

Terry Boyd a friend of Cindy Burney’s had a successful triple bypass. He is home now and doing well.

Birthdays

Mike Peters 9/27
Judy Hunter 9/28
Harrison Stilwill 9/30
Abbey Guy 10/01

Anniversaries

Kerry Marilyn Delashmitt 9/27

Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 123
Wednesday PM – 50
Contribution - \$4850.00
Weekly Budget - \$5,731
Weekly Average - \$5,559.14

Final total for MAGI \$4,290.00!

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

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Sunday Night Schedule

- 9/27 - MAGI Boxes Packing (no evening service)
- 10/4 – Chosen in FLC – 5PM
- 10/11 – Connect Groups (no service at the building)
- 10/18 – Sycamore Chapel Area Wide (no evening service at the building)

Shut-Ins

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

Continued Prayers for...

Rex Davis, Charles and Nancy Drake, 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, Marilyn Delashmitt, Chuck Couture, Creig McGlaughlin