

November 16, 2025

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Tyler Binkley

Let God Arise

Firm Foundation

867 - Humble Yourselves

Opening Welcome and Prayer – Jeff Burney

934 – Hosanna

How Deep the Father's Love

Lord's Supper/Contribution –

Seth Riley

345 - It is Well with My Soul

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Heb. 10:19-25 – Will Pendleton

**Sermon: Am I Forsaking the Assembly?
- Mike Peters**

924 - I Am Mine No More

Someday

Closing Prayer – Brad Moser

Nursery – Sandy Cannon

Greeter – Renee Crawford

Junior Disciples (2yr-3rd Grade)

Bible Class – 10:45 AM

Cradle Roll

2-4: Edwin & Amanda Rutherford

K-5th: Brad & Thea Moser

6th-12th: Seth Riley

Nehemiah (Auditorium) – Wayne Pinckley

Against the Grain (Class behind Auditorium) – Mike Peters

5PM SERVICE TONIGHT

Wednesday Bible Class – 7PM

Auditorium

Men's Class – Mike Peters

Ladies Class – Brooke Shivers

2-3's:

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

Teens: Seth Riley

Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4

Visitors, please use this QR code to let us know you are here.



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

Do I Need to Go to Church to Be a Christian?

This is a question most of us have wrestled with at some point. Maybe you love Jesus, read your Bible, pray regularly, and try to live by Christian values—but you're not sure about the whole church thing. Perhaps you've been hurt by church experiences or wonder if you can just follow Jesus on your own. Before we can answer whether we need church, we need to understand what church actually is. Many of our assumptions about church might be holding us back from seeing its true purpose.

The church is not just an activity to attend, an organization to support, or a building for religious ritual. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car. And the church certainly isn't perfect—it's filled with imperfect people who sometimes make mistakes and cause hurt.

So what is the church actually? According to Ephesians 3:10, God's purpose is "to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places." We live in a divided world where rulers and authorities—both human and demonic—have a vested interest in keeping people separated. The church is God's answer to this division, demonstrating His wisdom by uniting people who would otherwise remain apart.

Ephesians 2:14-16 explains that Christ "united Jews and Gentiles into one people" and created "one new people from two groups." The church isn't just a collection of individuals—it's a single, unified body made up of believers from every nation, ethnicity, and generation. Here's a crucial truth: we are "reconciled to God in one body through the cross." We're either reconciled to God together or not at all. There's no such thing as being reconciled to God by yourself, outside of the church body.

Ephesians 4:2-3 calls us to walk "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." This means the church isn't just about spending time with Christians you like or agree with. It's about learning to love people who are sometimes hard to love.

Asking "Do I need to go to church to be a Christian?" is like your arm asking "Do I need to go to the body?" Your arm doesn't go to your body—it belongs to your body. Similarly, church isn't something you attend; it's something you belong to.

Being a Christian is about both believing and belonging. God unites you with Himself through Jesus, but He also unites you with other believers in the local church and with Christians worldwide. When we live out this unity, we display God's wisdom to a watching world.

Upcoming Events

11/16 – Area Wide at Hillcrest. The van will be leaving at 4:00.

11/23 – Family Meeting with meal after class. The church will provide fried chicken. Please bring sides and desserts.

11/26 – Thanksgiving Devotional

12/4 – Trip to Pattis 1880 Settlement for lunch.

12/6 - Breakfast with Santa. Sign up sheets are in the foyer. Please check to see where you might be able to serve.

12/6 – Evening with the Elves beginning at 5 – We will be serving hot chocolate/hot cider for this event.

3/7 – Ladies Day

News

If you need help to get into Lightpost, please text or email Tonya.

We are working to get correct/updated information into Lightpost. There will be a copy of the directory, birthday and anniversary lists in the foyer. Please check and make notes of any changes that need to be made. I'm also missing several pictures. If you'd like to have your photo included, please see 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

David West came home from the hospital on Sunday. Most likely the AFIB was caused by an infection he had in his foot.

Phil LeGate he's at home recuperating.

Kay Nicholson the father of Tommy Nicholson has been moved to Riverview (Formerly Hillcrest)

Shut-Ins

Louise Beshears (Vantage Point); Juanita Glasgow (Riverview Room 106); Linda Pewitt; Preston & Dot Tucker (Vantage Point Room 414)

Birthdays

Jesse Guy 11/16

David West 11/18

Kim Mayberry 11/21

Tracie Mayberry 11/22

Anniversaries

Jesse and Abbey Guy 11/16

Stats For 11-16

AM Worship – 139

Wednesday – 75

Contribution - \$5195

Weekly Budget - \$5731.00

Weekly Avg. – \$5379.28



Continued Prayers for...

Darlene Baxter, Joe Bruggeman, Sr.; Barbara Craig, Joe Demonbreum, Ricky Hackett, J.W. Hymer, Anita Lunn, Kim Mayberry, Char Nicholson, Trudy Thrasher, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilynn Delashmitt, Melinda Riley