

May 10, 2026

9:30 AM Worship

Song Leader – Chris Hughston

595 - Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

598 - Standing on the Promises

580 - Since Jesus Came into My Heart

Welcome and Prayer – Paul Mahaney Jr.

438 - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

557 - Rock of Ages

Lord's Supper/Contr. – Jeff Burney

669 - This Is My Father's World

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

Reading: Psalm 57 – Noah Shivers

Sermon: Persevering Through Trials

- Mike Peters

730 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

682 - To God Be the Glory

Closing Prayer – Keith Crouch

Nursery – Laura Bruggeman

Greeter – Sherrie Cannon

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 - Auditorium

**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

**5/10 – No Evening Service -
Mother's Day**

**5/17 – No Evening Service -
Praise in the Park**

5/24 – Chosen Ep. 8 in FLC

**5/31 – No Evening Service –
Family Meeting**

Pulpit Minister

Mike Peters - (901) 334-6772

Family Minister

Seth Riley - (740) 710-6863

Secretary

Tonya Crouch – (615) 710-7841

Elders

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

Understanding the Purpose and Destiny of Our Physical Selves

In a world that often treats the human body as disposable or merely functional, Christianity offers a radically different perspective. The Bible teaches us that our bodies are not trash to be discarded, but treasures to be redeemed.

Think about recycling bins—we separate items that are worthless trash from those that can be redeemed and used again. This simple distinction reveals something profound about how God views our physical bodies. Unlike ancient Greek philosophers who saw the material world as inherently evil, or Gnostic heretics who believed salvation meant escaping our physical existence, Christianity declares that our bodies are good, valuable, and redeemable. The material world is fallen and broken, yes, but it's not worthless.

Throughout Scripture, we see God's concern for human bodies through miraculous healings. In Acts 9, Peter healed Aeneas, who had been paralyzed for eight years, and raised Tabitha from the dead. Peter didn't dismiss physical suffering as unimportant. He didn't say the church only cares about spiritual matters. When Tabitha died, the believers didn't celebrate her "escape" from her physical body. They mourned because they understood that death isn't natural—it's not how things were supposed to be. These healings are previews—movie trailers—of what's coming for all of God's people. Our bodies will be resurrected, transformed, and made immortal. No more sickness, pain, or death. This isn't about escaping our bodies but about our bodies being completely redeemed and restored.

Paul gives us clear direction in Romans 6:13: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." When we're baptized into Christ, our entire body—not just our spirit—is united with Jesus. Every part of us becomes a sacred tool meant to be used for God's glory. Romans 12:1 tells us: "Present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God." God doesn't just want our thoughts, feelings, or intentions. He wants our whole selves—our hands, feet, eyes, mouth, everything.

How we think about the body directly impacts how we treat the body—both our own and others'. The Corinthians had adopted a utilitarian view of the body, thinking they could do whatever felt good because the body was just temporary. Paul corrected this: "The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body."

Paul's statement that "the Lord is for the body" was revolutionary. God is pro-human body. He chose human bodies as temples for His Spirit. He became incarnate in a human body. He plans to resurrect and transform our bodies for eternity. This week, commit to honoring God with your entire body. Your body is not trash—it's a treasure that God wants to redeem completely.

There will be no Connect groups meeting in May.

5/10 – Muffins for Moms and Coffee (For all Ladies) starting at 8:30 in the FLC.

5/11 – Tonya will be in the FLC for 9am to 12pm to help with Lightpost if you need some assistance or have questions.

5/11 – Spark Kids Night is for kids ages 2 through 5th grade! Join us from 5:30–7:00 PM for a fun night—dinner is provided.

5/14 - 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.

5/16 – Wildfire Youth Devotional at Bruce and Elaine Gibbs.

5/17 – Praise in the Park at 10:30am we will be meeting at River Bluff Park (Previously known as Mayday)

5/22 – Spark Kids Devotional

5/23 – Cleanup/workday at the building 9am to 12pm.

5/24 – Senior Sunday for Lila Hughes. There will be a table in the foyer.

5/28 - Lunch Trip to Ethridge, TN. We will be making stops at multiple places so make sure to wear your walking shoes and bring cash.

5/31 - Family Meeting with meal following Bible class in the FLC. The church will provide taco meat. Please bring sides and desserts.

News

There are signup sheets in Lightpost. Please check to see if there's somewhere you can jump in to help.

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 Requests

Prayers for the family of Paulette Mitchell.
Her brother-in-law passed away May 2.

Shut-Ins

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

Birthdays

Kayla Fuqua 5/13
Tonya Crouch 5/15
Dee Shivers 5/16

Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 131
Sunday PM - 25
Wednesday – 68
Contribution - \$6290
Weekly Budget - \$5731
Weekly Average - \$4937.19

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The famous question is asked for the first time.

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, Char Nicholson, Trudy Thrasher, Ridge Tittle, Dee Shivers, Marilynn Delashmitt