

# ASHLAND CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## You are invited to Join Us!!

**Worship @ 9:30 a.m.**  
**Bible Classes @ 10:45 a.m.**  
**(for all ages 2 thru adult)**

**Sunday Evening @ 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
**@ 7:00 p.m. (for all ages)**

- *Generosity:* They challenge greed and encourage us to be generous and welcoming.
- *Reconciliation:* They share God's powerful vision of unity among all people.
- *Loving Enemies:* They pass on Jesus' radical command to love everyone, even our enemies.

## Living It Out

Ultimately, our loyalty to Jesus shows when we listen to and apply the teachings He gave through His apostles. Before we can fulfill the Great Commission to "teach others to observe all that I have commanded you," we need to first be humble learners of those commands.

Today's challenge is to do more than just read the apostles' words; we're called to actively live them out. Approach Scripture with a humble heart, ready to learn, not just to confirm what we already believe. Take an honest look at your life, your relationships, your generosity, how you treat others, and identify where their inspired words challenge you most. Let's choose to intentionally "devote" ourselves to these truths, trusting that as we do, we're not just following old rules, but showing our loyalty to our living King, Jesus

## BIRTHDAYS

Phil Lunn - 7/4

## June 29, 2025

### Devoted: Why the Apostles' Teaching Still Matters

Have you ever wondered about our unique relationship with authority? From our early years, we learn to say "no," and as adults, we often hesitate when someone tells us what to do. However, we often eagerly seek out and willingly pay for advice from trusted experts. What makes the difference? We tend to listen when we believe someone has credibility, when what they teach relates to our lives, and when we can easily understand it.

This dynamic is exactly what we see in the early church. After Peter's powerful sermon on Pentecost, the new believers didn't just go their separate ways. Instead, Acts 2:42 tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

The word "devoted" indicates how committed they were; they persevered and made it a priority. Why? Because they recognized that the apostles had the authority, relevance, and clarity they needed to learn how to follow Jesus.

### An Authority That Points to Jesus

The apostles' authority wasn't based on their own cleverness or charisma. They

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were ordinary folks, or as the Apostle Paul described them, simple "jars of clay" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Their true value wasn't in the vessel but in the treasure they carried, namely, the message of Jesus Christ. Selected and empowered directly by Jesus Himself and filled with the Holy Spirit, they were tasked with teaching us what loyalty to King Jesus really means.

They shared with us what Paul called "a secret and hidden wisdom of God," truths about God's character and His plan for us that we could never uncover on our own. As Paul wrote, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined... these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit" (1 Corinthians 2:9-10). Trying to understand God's mind without their foundational teachings is like ignoring the very way God chose to reveal Himself.

### Their Words, Our World

Even though the apostles have been gone for almost 2,000 years, their writings in the New Testament continue to guide us. Their teachings are still the foundation for many practical areas of our lives:

- *Church Life:* Faith isn't a solo path; it's something we live out together.
- *Relationships & Marriage:* They give us clear guidance on healthy, godly relationships.

## NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 29: 5th Sunday Congregational Meeting & Luncheon**

**July 3: Summer Youth Series at Hilldale**

**July 6: Leadership Meeting**

**July 6: Shining Stars Luncheon**

**July 6: Independence Day Devotional & Fellowship**

**July 14: Crazy Kids Night**

**July 27: Back to School Blessing**

**LEADERSHIP MEETING** will be in the FLC at 8:00 am on Sunday, July 6.

**SHINING STARS** will have their monthly luncheon on Sunday, July 6 in the FLC following Bible Class. Lunch will be provided.

**SUMMER YOUTH SERIES** is on Thursday nights throughout the summer at various congregations throughout Middle Tennessee. The next one is on July 3 at Hilldale Church of Christ. We will be leaving the building at 6:15 pm for anyone who would like to attend. This will be a singing night, so anyone who enjoys singing is invited.

**INDEPENDENCE DEVOTIONAL & FELLOWSHIP** will be at 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 6 at the home of Tim & Angela Shivers. This will be in lieu of Sunday night Bible study. Please bring finger foods, chairs, and coolers of individual drinks.

## NEWS & EVENTS

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make VBS 2025 Faith at the Museum a HUGE success. Whether you helped decorate, took part in skits or worship, served as a guide, lead a stop on the museum tour, brought kids, provided food, or attended class, you played an important part in VBS this year and it would not have been the same without you. A total of 49 kids toured the Museum over the course of 5 nights, in addition to all of the adults who volunteered and attended the adult class.

**TODAY** - Following regular morning services, the Elders and leadership will give updates regarding different ministries, activities, and other information during a combined Bible class for teens and adults. Junior disciples and children's classes will meet. There will be a luncheon, meeting following the meeting. We will be taking photos for the online app and directory, as well as providing assistance for using the app and updating your information during the luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### June 22, 2025:

Worship AM & VBS - 133

Worship PM - NA

Saturday (VBS) - 68

Wednesday - 67

Contribution - \$5,231.00

Weekly Budget - \$5,731.00

Weekly Avg Contribution - \$5448.47

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**ELAINE GIBBS** is continues to recover at home.

**JUANITA GLASGOW** is recovering from pneumonia and congestive heart failure, and is at Vantage Pointe.

**MARY GOIDICH** (a friend of the Delashmitts) is recovering from pneumonia in a rehab facility.

**LAURA HARVEY** (a friend of Wayne & Darlene Pinckley) - Her surgery went well and she has a few more chemo treatments, before beginning radiation.

**PAUL MAHANEY, SR.**'s continues to recover from back surgery at home.

**DEMETRA O'NEAL**, Tommy Shannon's cousin, is at home and making progress in her recovery from a bad car accident.

**LARRY REEVES**, a friend of Mike & Ieva Peters, is in the hospital in with heart issues.

**GINA SHELTON**, a friend of Cindy Burney, is having lung issues and is hoping for a trial treatment.

**KRISTI WALTON**, a friend of Darlene and Wayne Pinckley, is battling breast cancer.

### SHUT-INS AT HOME, NURSING HOMES, & ASSISTED LIVING

**Louise Beshears** (Vantage Pointe),

**Janie Empson** (Vantage Pointe);

**Juanita Glasgow** (Vantage Pointe),

**Shirley Hamilton** (HC), **Linda Pewitt**,

**Preston & Dot Tucker** (Vantage Pointe, Room 414)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

**Cathy Bass** (a friend & colleague of Wayne Pinckley); **Darlene Baxter**; **Joe Bruggerman, Sr.** (the father-in-law of Laura Bruggerman); **Enzo Cameron** (the nephew of Angel Bebout); **Brian Cheek** (the nephew of Judy Hunter); **Barbara Craig**; **Joe Demonbreum**; **Janie Empson**; **Arline England**; **Linda Florke**; **Bruce Gibbs**; **Darrell Ray Gibbs** (the brother of Linda Ivey); **Elsie Gibbs** (the mother of Linda Ivey); **Mary Goidich**; **Kathy Gregory**; **Ricky Hackett** (son of Barbara Hackett); **Clysta Henson** (the sister of Tim Shivers and daughter of Linda Shivers); **J.W. Hymer** (the father of Raymond Hyber); **Clint Johnson**; **Cathy Larkins** (a friend of Linda Shivers); **Anita Lunn**; **Kim Mayberry**; **Donnie Mitchell**; **Julie Moody** (niece of Lanelle Craig); **Lola Moore** (Retia Desmond's mother); **Lynn Moreland**; **Char Nicholson**; **Ric Pleis** (the husband of Kathy Luper's friend); **Ricky Redmond**; **Shirley Redmond**; **Tammy Redmond**; **Jeffrey Reed** (the son of Gail Reed); **Robinson Family** (acquaintance of Brook Shivers in Oklahoma); **Dee Shivers**; **Janie Stone**; **Sally Stroud** (Vantage Pointe resident); **Doug Taylor** (the brother-in-law of Laura Bruggeman); **Lisa Taylor**; **Trudy Thrasher**; **Julie Tittle**; **Ridge Tittle** (the grandson of Julie Tittle); **Debbie Todd**; **Preston Tucker**; **Lynne West**

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### Order of Worship – 9:30 a.m.

Song Leader - Keith Crouch

866 - "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

839 - "When All of God's Singers Get Home"

647 - "The Love of God"

Prayer - Chris Travis

500 - "O Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

29 - "All to Jesus I Surrender"

Lord's Supper – Travis Shivers  
Contribution

Dismissal for Junior Disciples & Children's Contribution

217 - "He Loves Me"

Scripture - 1 John 1:5-10

Paul Mahaney, Jr.

Sermon - **Loyal to Doctrine**

Speaker - Mike Peters

85 - "Buried with Christ"

Shepherd's Prayer – Tim Shivers

Nursery Attendant - Kim LeGate

Greeter - Kerry Delashmitt

Junior Disciples (2 yrs - 3rd grade)

Will & Alicia Pendleton

**INTERNET PASSWORD**

Choose guest - 1John4:4

### Children's Bible Classes -

**10:45 a.m.**

Cradle Roll - Angela Shivers

2s' - 4s' - Edwin & Amanda

Rutherford

K - 5th Grade - Will & Alecia Pendleton

### Congregational Meeting

Combined adult & teen classes will meet in the auditorium.

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### Wednesday Night Classes –

**7:00 p.m**

Adult class (Auditorium) -

Donnie Mitchell

Men's class (basement) -

Tim Shivers

Ladies' class (basement) -

Tonya Crouch

2's & 3's (basement)

4's - Grade 3 (basement) -

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