

**April 19, 2026**

**9:30 AM Worship**

**Song Leader – Keith Crouch**

531 – Praise the Lord

679 – They'll Know We Are Christians

647 – The Love of God

**Welcome and Prayer – Travis Shivers**

132 – Does Jesus Care?

742 – When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

**Lord's Supper/Contr. – Wayne Pinckley**

823 – Heaven's Jubilee

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

**Reading: Acts 9:1-6 – Seth Riley**

**Sermon: Recruited - Saul**

**- Mike Peters**

255 – I Am Resolved

859 – He Paid a Debt

**Closing Prayer – Nick Hagler**

**Nursery – Lanelle Craig**

**Greeter – Laura Bruggeman**

**Junior Disciples (2yr-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)**

**Bible Class – 10:45 AM**

**Cradle Roll – Angel Bebout**

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

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

**K-5<sup>th</sup> - Brad & Thea Moser**

**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - 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**

**4/19 – Chosen Sunday Ep. 5 in  
FLC @ 5pm.**

**4/26 – Chosen Sunday Ep. 6 in  
FLC @ 5pm**

**5/3 - Chosen Sunday Ep. 7 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**

**Bruce Gibbs - (615) 330-7144**

**Brad Moser - (863) 860-1767**

**Wayne Pinckley - (931) 263-4060**

**Tim Shivers – (615) 627-8710**

**Chris Travis – (931) 206-0699**



# Ashland City Church of Christ

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

## **When Jesus Breaks Down Barriers: Finding Your Place in God's Family**

Have you ever felt like you were on the outside looking in? Like you were technically part of a group but couldn't quite experience the full benefits of belonging? To be marginalized means being unable to experience the benefits of belonging—that heartbreaking feeling of being pushed to the edges where you can't fully participate or feel accepted.

In Acts chapter 8, we find Philip being sent to Samaria after persecution scattered the early Christians. This wasn't just any ordinary destination—Samaria represented centuries of division and hatred. The Samaritan people had been rejected by the Jewish community for hundreds of years. When the Jewish people rebuilt Jerusalem and the temple, the Samaritans wanted to help but were told, "You have no portion with us. You don't belong."

But Philip brought a different message. Acts 8:6-8 tells us the crowds paid attention to Philip, and when they saw the signs he did and heard his message, "there was much joy in that city." Through Philip's ministry, God was saying to these marginalized people: "I haven't forgotten you. I love you, and I want you to be part of what I'm doing in the world."

After the success in Samaria, God had another assignment for Philip. An angel told him to go to a desolate road from Jerusalem to Gaza. Philip left the crowds and success to meet one person—an Ethiopian eunuch who was multiply marginalized. He was Ethiopian, physically altered to serve in the queen's court, and according to Deuteronomy 23, excluded from the assembly of God's people. Despite loving God and traveling to Jerusalem to worship, he was kept at the margins. When Philip approached, he heard the man reading from Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The Ethiopian's response reveals a crucial truth: "How can I, unless someone guides me?" Lost people need more than just a Bible—they need saved people to use the Bible to guide them to Jesus. They need relationship, not just information.

The Ethiopian was reading Isaiah 53 about a suffering servant. Philip explained this was Jesus—the one who suffered the ultimate act of empathy, saying to marginalized people everywhere: "I will suffer with you and for you so that you can belong." When they came to water, the Ethiopian asked, "What prevents me from being baptized?" For so long, many things had prevented him from approaching God—his ethnicity, nationality, physical condition. But Philip's answer was clear: if you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, nothing prevents you from experiencing belonging.

After being baptized, the Ethiopian "went on his way rejoicing." Someone in your life right now is longing to belong. Will you guide them to Jesus?

4/19 – There will be a bridal shower for Lilly Pendleton and Eli Belew in the FLC from 1:30 – 3:30. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

4/19 – There will be a VBS meeting right after classes in the auditorium.

4/23 – Supper trip to Beacon Light Tea Room in Bon Aqua, TN. The van will be leaving promptly at 3:00pm.

4/26 – There will be a diaper baby shower for Krystin and Chris Hughston in the FLC from 2-4.

*There will be no Connect groups meeting in May.*

5/3 - Shining Stars lunch in the FLC after class.

5/3 - 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.

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.

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

5/17 – Praise in the Park @10:30AM (Previously known as Mayday)

5/22 – Spark Kids Devotional

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 for VBS in the foyer on the bulletin board and in Lightpost.

Please make sure you are checking Lightpost for notifications for upcoming events, sign up sheets, and assignments.

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.

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



## Prayer Request

Please keep Kay Nicholson and Family in your prayers.

Jimbo Hannah is at home but still having trouble with breathing.

Sue Hannah the sister of Jimbo Hannah is in the hospital at St. Thomas. She has covid and RSV.

## Shut-Ins

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

## Birthdays

Drake Hughes 4/19

Tyler Binkley 4/20

Luke Hughes 4/20

Kinsey Magsam 4/20

## Anniversaries

Tim and Angel Bebout 4/20

Chris and Krystin Hughston 4/21

Jerry and Sherry Drake 4/22

## Stats For Last Week

AM Worship – 135

Sunday PM - 42

Wednesday – 50

Contribution - \$5163.34

Weekly Budget - \$5731.00

Weekly Average - \$4917.82

## Member Spotlight

Janie Stone, I'll have been here 36 years in October. My husband Joe and I married in 1990. AC was the one and only church I went to since it's the closest to home and I was welcomed there.

I love to sing, especially the old songs that I grew up with. That feeling of familiarity and sometimes remembering the song leader I'm reminded of, from years ago, is precious to me.

Joe and I adopted our daughters in 2000 when they were 3 and 5. Though Joe is gone now, I am thankful to have my daughters and the family we have built over the years.

Because of challenges of family responsibilities over the years, I wasn't always able to serve in the church as I would have liked. Now I have the time and opportunities to help wherever I am needed and am very thankful for that. I don't want to be the leader, but I am ready and willing to do whatever is needed.

Even though life is full of challenges, a grateful heart helps you keep looking for the good in whatever the Lord brings your way. That's part of what I am trying to teach my grandchildren.

Lean on the Everlasting Arms and your brothers and sisters. It is a humbling and awesome experience!

## Continued Prayers for...

Kay Nicholson, Jimbo 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, Marilyn Delashmitt