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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)

June 29, 2025:

Worship AM - 132
Sunday School - 67
Worship PM - NA
Wednesday - 60

Contribution - \$4,783.25
Weekly Budget - \$5,731.00
Weekly Avg Contribution - \$5,422.88

Notes:

July 6, 2025

Fellowship in the Light: Embracing God's Grace

Imagine the most wonderfully unfair deal in history: Jesus, the perfect Son of God, took our punishment on Himself so we could receive His incredible reward. This beautiful mystery is the cornerstone of our faith. To help us understand it, the Apostle John, one of Jesus' closest friends, wrote a letter with three heartfelt goals: "that your joy may be full," "that you may not sin," and "that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 1:4, 2:1, 5:13). The secret to all these is deepening our fellowship with God.

This fellowship isn't something we can create on our own; it's an invitation from God Himself. John explains this by saying, "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). This means our connection with Him, and with each other, thrives when we choose to walk in His radiant truth. Our unity as believers isn't about shared opinions but about our shared relationship with Him.

What happens, though, when we, as people of the light, stumble? Many of us tend to think of salvation like a ping-pong game; we're saved, then lost, then saved again with each sin and confession. But John paints a more reassuring picture in 1 John 1:7: "If we walk in the light, as he

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is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin."

Here, "purifies" points to an ongoing process, like windshield wipers clearing a rainstorm. For those walking in the light, Jesus' blood is constantly cleansing us. This isn't a license to sin, but a promise of ongoing security. It's about staying in faith, not constantly re-surrendering.

This truth can change how we see sin. John warns us against rebellion ("If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves," 1:8) and stubbornness ("If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar," 1:10). Both attitude systems break our fellowship with God. The better way is honest confession; the kind that comes from love, not fear. When we walk in the light, we confess because we love the Father, realize we've disappointed Him, and want to restore our close relationship.

So, this week, let these truths sink deep. Let's stop acting as if we need to re-earn God's forgiveness after every mistake. Instead, live confidently, knowing that walking in the light means trusting in the ongoing cleansing power of Christ's blood. Let your confessions come from a heart eager to draw closer to the God who loves, accepts, and has already forgiven you. That's the heart of genuine fellowship.

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5: Scoops & Scriptures

July 6: Leadership Meeting

July 6: Shining Stars Luncheon

July 6: Independence Day Devotional & Fellowship

July 10: Summer Youth Series at Crieve Hall

July 13: Bebout CONNECT Group

July 14: Krazy 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 montly luncheon on Sunday, July 6 in the FLC following Bible Class. Lunch will be provided.

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. There will be slip and slides for the kids after the devotional. A van will be leaving the church building at 5:30 for any that would like a ride. Tim & Angela's address is 1312 Floyd Hudgens Rd., Ashland City, TN 37015.

ONLINE DIRECTORY PICTURES will be taken in the FLC after Bible Class this Sunday. If they have not already done so, each Elder and Deacon needs to have an individual photo made. Please see Tonya Crouch if you have any questions.

NEWS & EVENTS

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES is on Thursday nights throughout the summer at various congregations throughout Middle Tennessee. The next one is on July 10 at Crieve Hall Church of Christ. We will be leaving the building at 5:45 pm for anyone who would like to attend. This will be a singing night, so anyone who enjoys singing is invited.

BEBOUT CONNECT GROUP will meet at 5:00 pm on Sunday, July 13 at the home of Tim & Angel Bebout. Everyone is welcome.

SINGING IN THE HALLWAY will be on Friday, July 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement hallway. Eat before you come. Bring your own beverage and cough drops.

KRAZY KIDS NIGHT will be from 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, July 14 in the FLC.

BIRTHDAYS

Jennie Cornell - 7/6

Emilia Hughston - 7/7

Finley Mayberry - 7/8

Jenny Simpkins - 7/8

Nora Grace Shivers - 7/10

Bo Cornell - 7/11

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Norma Behsears - 7/8

Jerry & Lanelle Craig - 7/9

PRAYER REQUESTS

CAROLYN CROUCH fell on June 26 and broke a hip. She is recovering from hip surgery.

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

391 - "Let Me Live Close to You"

510 - "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

200 - "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!"

Prayer - Seth Riley

444 - "Nailed to the Cross"

810 - "Jesus Loves Me"

Lord's Supper – Cory Fuqua

Contribution

Dismissal for Junior Disciples &
Children's Contribution

575 - "Shelter in the Time of Storm"

Scripture - 1 John 2:1-4

R. D. Huffines

Sermon - **Committed to Obeying God's
Commands**

Speaker - Mike Peters

929 - "Glorify Your Name"

Shepherd's Prayer – Wayne Pinckley

Nursery Attendant - Sandy Cannon

Greeter - Janie Stone

Junior Disciples (2 yrs - 3rd grade)

Brad & Thea Moser

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

6th - 12th - Seth Riley

Adult Classes

- Kneeling at God's Throne: What Happens When I Pray
Mike Peters (Basement)
- Study of Angels
Tim Shivers (Upstairs Classroom)
- Ezekiel
Wayne Pinckley (Auditorium)

Sunday Evening - No evening

Bible study tonight in lieu of the devotional at Tim & Angela Shivers

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) -

Tyler Binkley & Kaylee Penick

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