

**November 9, 2025**

**9:30 AM Worship**

**Song Leader – Chris Travis**

682 – To God Be the Glory

755 – When the Roll is Called Up Yonder

898 – Unto Thee, Oh Lord

**Opening Welcome and Prayer – Tim Shivers**

213 – He Gave Me a Song

874 – Jesus Is Lord

**Lord's Supper/Contribution –**

**Cory Fuqua**

Only a Holy God

Dismissal to Junior Disciples

**Reading: Eph. 4:1-3 – Tyler Hagler**

**Sermon: Do We Have to 'Go To Church?' - Mike Peters**

655 – There's a Fountain Free

839 – When All of God's Singers Get Home

**Closing Prayer – Wayne Pinckley**

Nursery – Tracie Mayberry

Greeter – Nina Huffines

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

**Bible Class – 10:45 AM**

Cradle Roll

2-4: Edwin & Amanda Rutherford

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

6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: Seth Riley

Nehemiah (Auditorium) – Wayne Pinckley

Against the Grain (Class behind Auditorium) – Mike Peters

**NO 5PM SERVICE TONIGHT**

**Wednesday Bible Class – 7PM**

Auditorium

Men's Class – Mike Peters

Ladies Class – Brooke Shivers

2-3's:

4's-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Tyler and Kaylee Binkley

Teens: Seth Riley

**Internet Guest Password: 1John4:4**

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## Where Does Your True Loyalty Lie?

In our politically charged world, we often get caught up in earthly allegiances without considering a more fundamental question: What city do we truly belong to? The word "politics" comes from the Greek word "polis," meaning city. Before we can understand our politics, we must first understand our polis—our true citizenship.

One of the major themes in Revelation is a call for Christians to resist loyalty to earthly cities in favor of loyalty to a heavenly one. Throughout this prophetic book, we see the contrast between Babylon the Great (representing corrupt earthly powers like Rome) and the New Jerusalem (representing God's eternal kingdom). Jesus calls His people to "come out of her"—to stop giving loyalty and allegiance to corrupted earthly cities. Instead, our loyalty should belong to the city that is to come: the New Jerusalem.

John sees "a new heaven and a new earth" where the separation between heaven and earth disappears. The sea (representing chaos, storms, and death) will be no more. This isn't about escaping to heaven—it's about heaven and earth being reconciled. The most important aspect of the New Jerusalem isn't streets of gold or pearly gates—it's that "the dwelling place of God is with man." God will wipe away every tear, and death itself will die. Cancer, disease, pain, and all sources of suffering will pass away.

For Christians, our goal isn't to die and go to heaven. Our hope is that death will die and be destroyed. Our ultimate hope is resurrection—that Jesus will come, raise the dead, and we'll live forever in a world where heaven and earth are united.

This city is described as 1,500 miles in every direction—large enough to cover the entire Roman Empire. Most importantly, it's big enough for people of every nation, tribe, and language. The nations will bring their glory into the city. Everything good from every culture will be part of this multinational, multiethnic, multilingual, multicultural city.

In the New Jerusalem stands the Tree of Life from the Garden of Eden. Its leaves are "for the healing of the nations"—bringing healing to all peoples who have hurt, hated, and warred against each other.

Only those who have "washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb" and follow Him wherever He goes will enter. But the invitation is free—the water of life is offered without price because Jesus has already paid it. The Spirit and the bride say "Come!" to anyone who is thirsty.

This week, examine where your true loyalty lies. Are you living as a citizen of the New Jerusalem, or are you too caught up in the politics and powers of earthly cities? The New Jerusalem isn't just our future hope—it's meant to shape how we live today.

## Upcoming Events

11/10 - Crazy Kids Night 5:30 pm to 7. This is for ages 2 years old through 5th grade.

11/12 We will be packing Fuels bags in the old kitchen starting at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to help serve a need in our community and a time of fellowship.

11/13 – Lunch Trip to Que'd Up 615 in Pleasant View. There's a signup sheet in the foyer. It's open to anyone that wishes to go. The church van will leave promptly at 10:45 am. (The date has been changed)

11/14 – Family game night starting at 6. Everyone's invited, please bring finger foods, a friend and games.

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.

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.

## 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 copies 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.

## Prayer Requests

David West has been admitted to Centennial for AFIB. He's undergoing testing to figure out what's causing the issue.

Phil LeGate had back surgery on Monday. The surgery went well and he's at home recuperating.

## Shut-Ins

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

## Birthdays

Nadene Moon 11/9

Chris Hughston 11/13

Angela Shivers 11/14

## Anniversaries

Chris and Stephanie Travis 11/14

## Stats For 11-09

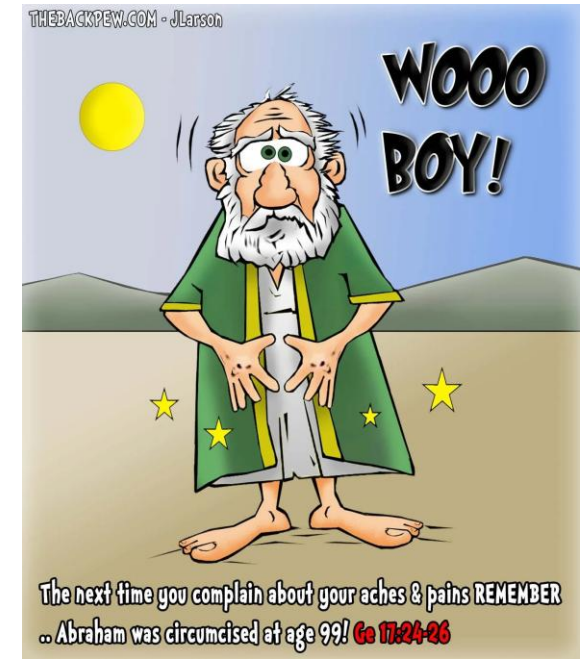
AM Worship – 126

Wednesday – 48

Contribution - \$5309

Weekly Budget - \$5731.00

Weekly Avg. – \$5412.62



## 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, Marilyn Delashmitt, Melinda Riley