

Discovering More of God's Truth

On October 12, Americans observe Columbus Day, remembering Christopher Columbus’s 1492 voyage across the Atlantic. Although history continues to examine Columbus’s accomplishments and shortcomings, his journey remains one of history’s most significant voyages of discovery. It expanded the known world for many Europeans and opened the door to centuries of exploration, settlement, trade, and cultural exchange.

Discovery has always captured the human imagination. We are fascinated by treasure maps, distant lands, and scientific breakthroughs. God created us with curious minds that long to learn.

That desire for discovery should also characterize our spiritual lives.

The Christian faith is not about discovering “new” doctrines that no one has ever known before. Jude urged believers to “contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3). God’s truth does not change. His Word is complete, trustworthy, and sufficient. Yet, although God’s truth never changes, our understanding of it should continue to grow.

The psalmist prayed, “Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law” (Psalm 119:18). Those wondrous things were already there—they simply needed to be discovered. As we read Scripture year after year, familiar passages often reveal fresh insights because the God’s Word continues to teach us.

Peter encouraged Christians to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Paul prayed that believers would be “filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding” (Colossians 1:9). Spiritual maturity is a lifelong journey of learning.

Sadly, some Christians stop exploring. After years of reading favorite passages, they assume they already know all there is to know. But God’s Word is like a deep mine whose riches can never be exhausted. Every time we go down into the mines of God’s Word, we discover new treasures and new veins to explore where even more beauty awaits. Every careful study uncovers new applications, richer connections, and a greater appreciation for God’s character and His plan for His people.

The Bereans set an excellent example. Rather than accepting Paul's teaching blindly, they “examined the Scriptures daily” (Acts 17:11). Their eagerness to search God’s Word was praised and we would do well to emulate their example.

As we remember great voyages of discovery, let us renew our commitment to explore the greatest treasure ever given, the Scriptures. Jesus declared, “Your word is truth” (John 17:17). Every page reveals more of God’s holiness, His mercy, His justice, and His redeeming love through Christ.

Perhaps this autumn is the perfect time to begin a new Bible-reading plan, join us for Sunday or Wednesday night Bible class for the first time, or study a book of the Bible you’ve never examined carefully before.

The greatest discoveries are not found across oceans or on distant continents. They are found in knowing Christ more fully. Paul counted everything else as loss “because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8). May that be our greatest pursuit.

By: John Jones



PRAYER LIST

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.” - James 5:16

Recent Medical Concerns / Updates

Dennis Spann-(Kim Forster’s dad)in Vanderbilt in series condition

Krista Campbell-(Thomas & Ayla’s 15 yr old niece)will have a tumor & cyst removed on 10/19-prayers for recovery & no cancer will be found)

Jess Dugan-(Kerri Wheeler’s uncle) back in ICU-not doing well-prayers

Those being Treated for Cancer

Jimmy Phy - CA

Dale Street - (N. Buttrey grandfather)

Hudson Jones -(2yr old-Walnut St COC-Leukemia)

Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA

David Stokes - (Jordan Stokes & Carly Stone’s dad)

Chris McCurley - Walnut St coC

Upcoming Surgeries / Recovery

Morgan Peyton- continued prayers)

Emma Flowers- (Joey & Erica’s dght)still in alot of pain fr ankle repair surg.

Dwight Proffitt - cancer, prayers

Mack Winstead - CA - continued prayers

David Nowlin - CA treatments - WcoC elder

Jackie Borders - Lauren Stuart’s mom

Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams)

Bill Bieneman - (Mike Burns cousin)

Maggie Wright - (friend of N. Buttrey) CA

Those with Ongoing Medical Issues

W. R. & Louise Long

Bonita Madewell

Al & Vicki Peek

Sherry Harvey

Betty Suddeath

Becky Palk

Jackie Harvey

Chase Lewis

Doug Simpson

Judy Simpson

Joanie Coleman

Clay Crafton

Alyssa Gold

Josh Barnett

Lance Davis

Claude Hurt

June Brake

Aaron Sears

Frances Simpson

Marcia Simpson

Shane Cobb

Jessica Ahne

Kay Monroe

Savannah Patrick - (Rhett’s syndrome - Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick - 111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/ Rehab

Humphreys Co. Rehab/NH (in Waverly)

Magnolia Place - Jimmy Tyler-room 106

NHC (Dickson) - Alneita Rye-room 405

Waverly Hills Post Acute (Waverly)- Bertha Bradford (rm 102A)

Jane Ridings (now room 310)

Wayne Jones

Homebound: in McEwen / Outside McEwen

Gary Davis-4126 Hurricane Ck Rd.

Jimmy Mullinicks - 56 Mike St.

Betty James

8516 Burleson Ln., Murfreesboro,TN 37129

MILITARY:

Dalton Palk-just shipped out- with navy for a 10 mth tour-his wife & 3 kids @ 1910 Historic Decatur Rd, San Diego, CA 92106. Prayers & cards for comfort & safety.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

hello FALL

Our Fall Family Retreat

this weekend, October 16th-18th

@ Nathan Bedford State Park,

for all who have signed up.

Let us pray for the safety & spiritual growth for each one in attendance. Know it will be a blessing to be there!

REMEMBER OUR COMMUNITY TRUNK OR TREAT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, OCT 30TH FROM 6:00-7:30, SIGN-UP LIST IN THE FOYER FOR ALL WHO CAN DECORATE A TRUCK. PLEASE BE BRINGING CANDY & LEAVE DOWNSTAIRS.

Ladies, if you would like to attend White Bluff COC ladies day on Saturday, Oct 24th, there is a sign-up sheet & flyer in the foyer. JJ Davneport will be the speaker. We plan on taking the van which will leave @ 8:00 am

Our sympathy & prayers to Sonia Rachford & family on the loss of her mom “June Dreaden” her service was held on 10/9. Also for the loss of Cynthia McCaslin (Louise Long’s sister-in-law) & Cecil Jamison & Annette Davis.

IN FOCUS

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

It is a beautiful Fall Monday morning. Fall break has come to an end and the kids are back at school. Due to fall break and several of our families taking time away, we did not have any youth activities last week. But we are back at it this week and it all begins on Wednesday night with FLAME at 5:15. Food will be provided.

Our big event for the weekend is our Fall Family Retreat. We have 50 people signed up to go. We will head out from the building on Friday at 4:15. Our weekend will be filled with devotionals, singing, games, food, and great fellowship! I’m looking forward to making great memories with great people.

In Him, Keith

PRIVELEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, October 18th, 2026

Welcome	Billy Buttrey
Song Leader	Mark Forster
Opening Prayer	Ethan Tummins
Sermon	Mike Tucker
Lord's Table	Dwight Stuart
Wayne Coates	Danny Dotson
Drew Buttrey	Thomas Cook
Robert Proctor	Wade Tummins
Closing Prayer	Wayne Berryman
Card Collectors	Jaxon Holt
	& Stirling Hurt
Greeters	Mike & Beth Robertson
Cup Collectors	Youth
Security	Team #4

Sunday- 6:00 p.m.,October 18th,2026

Song Leader	Mark Forster
Prayer	John Potter
Sermon	Mike Tucker
Lord's Table	Corky Grigsby
	Jack Grigsby
Closing Prayer	Glenn Ross

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Oct. 21st, 2026

Song Leader	Bill Williams
Prayer	Ronnie Tyler
Sermon/Lesson	Bruce Mayfield

* If you are unable to serve in your scheduled appointment, please contact Wade Tummins in advance (931-209-6291).

*If changes need to made in scheduling, please contact Jimmy Phy.

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Return Service Requested



If you are unable to attend any service, please tune in to our Facebook page or YouTube channel to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's body, but a tool for those who may be homebound, shut-in or sick.

**The MESSENGER is
also online on the
church website!**



OUR RECORDS FOR 10/11/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	105
Sunday Morning Worship	185
Sunday Evening Worship	94
Wednesday Bible Study	110
Sunday Contribution	\$8,308



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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9 a.m.
Worship	10 a.m.
Evening Worship	6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
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Elders

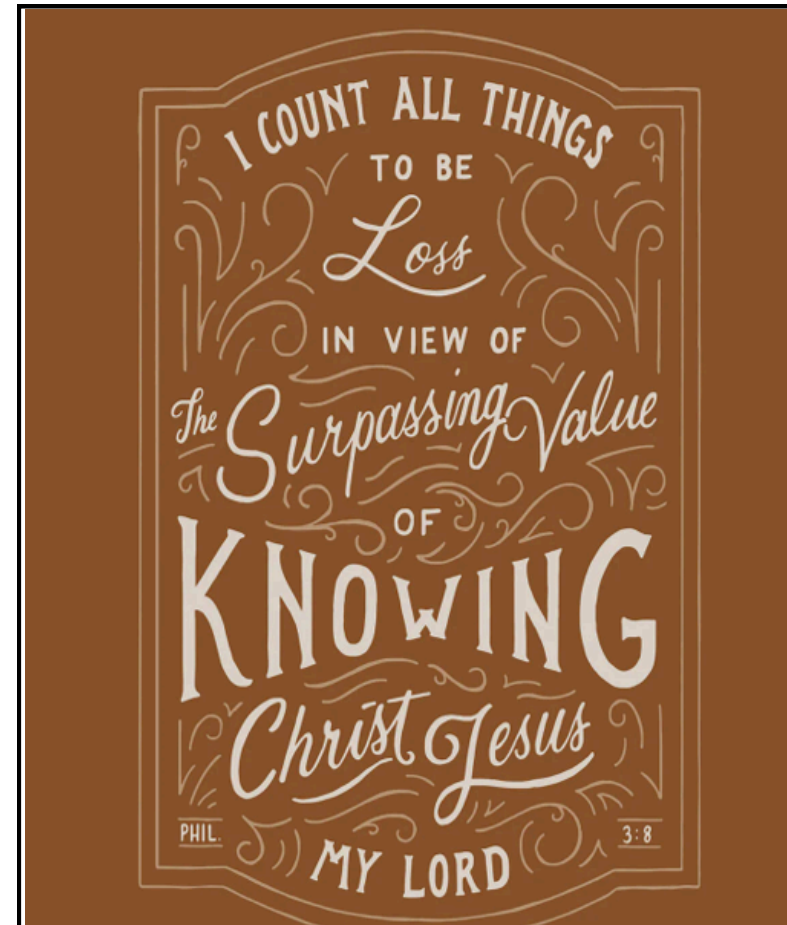
Calvin Buckner
Billy Buttrey
W. R. Long
Bruce Mayfield
Mike Robertson

Deacons

Derek Berryman	Mike Burns
Wayne Coates	Mark Forster
John Hurt	Barry Phy
Robert Proctor	James Ridings
Joe Smith.	Dwight Stuart
Ethan Tummins	Wade Tummins
Ronnie Tyler	

Staff

Ministers	-	Every Member!
Pulpit	-	John Jones
Youth	-	Keith Grigsby
Secretaries	-	Terri Tummins Teresa Fleming



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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

If you have not received by email a (Mission Reprt) from John & Erin, there are some copies on the back table in the audirorium.

Continue to keep all of them & their efforts in yr prayers.