

Fall Family Retreat

Have you signed up yet for the Fall Family Retreat? Remember, this isn't a youth group only event. Anyone from our church family is welcome and you'll be glad you attended! I love both fall and family. Put them together and you know it's going to be something special. As the busyness of summer gives way to a slower pace, many families find themselves spending more time together. Cooler temperatures invite us outdoors to enjoy hayrides, pumpkin patches, football games, corn mazes, and colorful walks beneath changing leaves. These seasonal traditions remind us of one of God's greatest gifts: the family. From the very beginning, God established the home as the foundation of human society. After creating Adam and Eve, "God blessed them" and entrusted them with building families that would fill the earth (Genesis 1:28). Marriage and family were not human inventions. They were part of God's perfect design. As wonderful as our biological families are, Scripture also teaches that every Christian belongs to an even greater family—the family of God. When Jesus was told that His mother and brothers were looking for Him, He replied, "Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Matthew 12:50). Jesus, by putting God's family over his physical family, highlighted the eternal family created through faith. The early church understood this truth well. Believers gathered in one another's homes, shared meals, prayed together, and cared for each other's needs (Acts 2:42–47). They rejoiced together, mourned together, and encouraged one another through life's changing seasons. Can we legitimately say that we are following the "family" aspect of the New Testament pattern? Paul described the church as "the household of God" (1 Timothy 3:15). We are not merely people who attend the same building once a week. We are brothers and sisters united by the blood of Christ. Some among us have large families, while others live alone. Some are newly married, others are widowed. Some have children at home, while others have grandchildren or great-grandchildren. Yet in Christ, each person is a valuable member of God's family. Just as healthy families require love, patience, forgiveness, and communication, so does the church. Paul urged believers to "bear with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you" (Colossians 3:13). He also encouraged us to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). As you enjoy family activities this fall, thank God not only for those who share your home, but also for those who share your faith. Reach out to someone who may be spending the season alone. Invite a visitor to lunch. Encourage a child. Listen to an older Christian's advice. Every act of hospitality strengthens the bonds of our spiritual family. May our church be known as a place where people don't simply attend, they belong. For "so then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but... members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).

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 **Annette Davis** - series condition in ICU @ St. Thomas **Upcoming Surgeries / Recovery**
Morgan Peyton-had to have another ER visit last wk-ok now. **Emma Flowers**- (Joey & Erica's dght) broke her ankle
Lily Potter-(John & Sarah's baby girl) had emergent issue over the weekend-thankfully ok now. **Betty Langford** (Erica's mom)home fr hosp stay

Those being Treated for Cancer
Jimmy Phy - CA **Dwight Proffitt** - cancer, prayers
Dale Street - (N. Buttrey grandfather) **Patsy Kolbe**-(Annette Petty's Aunt) lung CA **Mack Winstead** - CA - continued prayers
Hudson Jones -(2yr old-Walnut St COC-Leukemia) **David Nowlin** - CA treatments - WcoC elder
Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA **Jackie Borders** - Lauren Stuart's mom
David Stokes - (Jordan Stokes & Carly Stone's dad) **Robert Gardner** (friend of Bill Williams)
Chris McCurley - Walnut St coC **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** **Jess Dugan**

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

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/ Rehab **Homebound: in McEwen / Outside McEwen**
• **Humphreys Co. Rehab/NH (Waverly)** **Jane Ridings** (rm 713) **Gary Davis**-4126 Hurricane Ck Rd. **Betty James**
• **Wayne Jones & June Dreaden** (Sonya Rachford's mom) **Jimmy Mullinicks** - 56 Mike St. 8516 Burleson Ln.,
• **Magnolia Place** - **Jimmy Tyler**-room 106 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

Our Fall Family Retreat
will be October 16th-18th @
Nathan Bedford State Park.
Everyone is welcome, so come join
us for some fun & fellowship along
with an uplifting soul renewal in
the look & feel of God's gift of fall &
in His glorious word!
Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

*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 Dawneport
will be the speaker.
We plan on taking the
van which will leave @
8:00 am.*

Care, Concern & Congrats

Bridal Shower
In honor of
Eva Bailey,
bride elect of
Ethan Forster
this Sunday, October 11th
from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Location: Downstairs.
The couple is registered at
Amazon.

Also Congrats to
**John Collin & Addie
Mullinicks** who were
married on Sept. 5th.
There is a basket set-
up in the back of the
auditorium to use to
shower them with
gift cards a new
married couple
could use.

IN FOCUS - Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

October is here and Fall is in the air. My favorite season of the year is upon us and that is exciting!! We had our first devotional in October on Sunday night. After Sunday night service we loaded up and headed to the home of Mike and Beth Robertson. It was a beautiful night, so we headed outside for a time of singing and a devotional thought from Mike. Afterwards we headed back in for a great meal & time of fellowship. We had a group of 14 youth and 11 adults in attendance!! I appreciate Mike & Beth for opening their home. There's not a better way to end a Sunday then spending time with your church family. Our two big events in the month of October are our Family Retreat and our Trunk or Treat. There are sign-up sheets for both events in the foyer, please be sure to sign-up if you can help with or attend. In Him, Keith

PRIVELEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Welcome	Thomas Cook
Song Leader	Mark Forster
Opening Prayer	Jacen Robertson
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	Barry Phy
Calvin Buckner	Mike Burns
Jon Holland	Noah Stuart
Jack Grigsby	Mike Tyler
Closing Prayer	Mike Robertson
Card Collectors	Colt Stanfill
	& Abel Tummins
Greeters	Corky & Lillie Grigsby
Cup Collectors	Youth
Security	Team #3

Sunday, 6:00 p.m., October 11th, 2026

Song Leader	Mark Forster
Prayer	Mike Tyler
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	W R Long
	Carter Howard
Closing Prayer	Jimmy Suddeath

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Oct. 14th, 2026

Song Leader	Andrew Peyton
Prayer	Bill Williams
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 be 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.

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also online on the
church website!**



OUR RECORDS FOR 10/4/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	73
Sunday Morning Worship	146
Sunday Evening Worship	78
Wednesday Bible Study	110
Sunday Contribution	\$9,380



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A Caring Church Lifting Up the CROSS and CROWN of CHRIST

Consequently, you are no longer
foreigners and strangers, but
fellow citizens with God's people
and also members of his
household, built on the foundation
of the apostles and prophets, with
Christ Jesus himself as the chief
cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20 NIV

Schedule of Services

Sunday

<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>9 a.m.</i>
<i>Worship</i>	<i>10 a.m.</i>
<i>Evening Worship</i>	<i>6 p.m.</i>

Wednesday

<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
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Elders

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

Deacons

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

Staff

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

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a (Mission Reprt) from John & Erin,
there are some copies on the back
table in the audirorium.***