

The Sun's Perfect Power: A Testimony to God's Precise Design

I hope your A/C is working! It's going to be a scorching week of summer and I hope we're all prepared for it. I went out in the sun a little too long yesterday and today I'm feeling "extra crispy." I should have listened to my wife's advice about sunscreen! As much as we talk about the heat, worry about getting sunscreen on the kids, and run to the shade during the summer, have you ever stopped to consider how amazing the sun is that our God has created for us?

The sun is an extraordinary power station. At roughly 93 million miles away, it bathes our planet in just the right amount of energy to sustain all life. Every second, it releases an immense amount of energy. Earth receives only a tiny fraction of this energy that drives photosynthesis, powers weather patterns, ocean currents, winds, and the water cycle. Without it, plants couldn't grow, we'd have no food or oxygen, and Earth would be a frozen, lifeless rock.

What's truly remarkable is how perfectly positioned our planet is in what scientists call the "habitable zone." If Earth were just a little closer to the sun, the increased heat would likely make much of the planet uninhabitable, pushing temperatures beyond what life as we know it could endure, similar to the scorching conditions on Venus. On the other hand, if Earth were only a bit farther away, global temperatures would plummet, leading to widespread freezing, ice-covered oceans, and conditions too harsh for complex life to thrive, much like a permanent deep ice age. This precise distance isn't random chance; it reveals the intentional hand of our Creator. The sun doesn't just provide light and warmth—it enables the delicate balance that makes life possible every single day.

Scripture reminds us of this perfect design. Psalm 19:1 says "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork," and Jeremiah 31:35 reminds us that it was the Lord "who gives the sun for light by day..."

These verses point to a God who didn't just create the sun as an afterthought, but as part of a wise, life-sustaining system. He cares for the smallest details of His creation, just as He cares for us. Jesus Himself pointed to the Father's provision in nature: "Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?" (Matthew 6:26).

As we sweat through this summer heat, let it serve as a reminder of God's provision. The same God who set the sun at exactly the right distance to nurture life on Earth is the One who watches over every detail of your life. He invites us to trust in His perfect design—not just for the universe, but for our daily physical and spiritual needs in Christ.

May this warm week draw us closer to the One who made the sun and who offers us the light of His presence. Stay cool, stay safe, and give thanks for our great God!

On Our Prayer List... *May we always be using God's blessing & power of prayer for one another: Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them they should always pray & not give up. Luke 18:1.

{Recent Medical concerns/updates/}
 *Jim Tyler-in Centennial for a pacemaker.
 *Faye Featherstone-had a heart procedure, now home
 *Brad Harrub-had to have a cardiac stent recently
 *Tabitha Sneed-improving-continue in prayer

{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery/}
 *Jackie Harvey & Sherry
 *Clay Crafton(Kathy Martin's bro-in-law)serious hlt issues
 *Michelle Lashlee-recovering fr out-pt surgery hlt issues due to an alpha gal issue.
 *Beau Bryan-of our community-serious hlt issues

{THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER/}
 *Jimmy Phy-CA
 *Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment
 *Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA
 *Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA
 *Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments

*Marsha Patrick-radiation therapy
 *Casey Vailes
 *Chris McCurley-Walnut St coC
 *Hudson Jones-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,Walnut St COC-Leukemia)
 *Brian Gill-CA-treatments
 *Mack Winstead-CA-continued prayers
 *Houston Howell
 *David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder
 *Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart's mom
 *Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA
 *Jerry Honea -cancer, prayers

Listed below are those that are continuing to have on-going medical issues that are in need of our prayers.

*W. R. & Louise Long *Hattie Tate *Al & Vicki Peek *Kathy Martin *Jerry Martin *Mary Mulliniks
 *Bonita Madewell *Becky Palk *Jim & Betty Sudeath *Chase Lewis *Doug Simpson *Joe Wright *Judy Simpson
 *Sue Edmission *Alyssa Gold *Scotty Palk *Margie Gunn *Josh Barnett *Lance Davis
 *Frances Simpson *Carlene Davis *Daniel McCarson *Marcia Simpson *Nancy Daniel *Claude Hurt *Thelma Davidson
 *Savannah Patrick-(Rhett's syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN *Rita Oliphant

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab/}
 AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad)
 Magnolia Place- 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-Jimmy Tyler-(room 106)
 Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-Bertha Bradford-rm 102A
 Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185- Gary Davis-in rehab there room 717
 & June Dreaden-(Sonya Rachford's mom) continued prayers for her & Sonya & family.

At Home in McEwen
 Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd
 Robert Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd.
 Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street

Outside McEwen
 Joe & Betty James-keep in prayer
 8516 Burlison Ln, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Acension Saint Thomas-451 TN-13, Waverly, TN 37185- Wayne Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

You are all invited to a "Going Away Party" for "Rebecca Potter"
 on Sunday, July 5th from 12:00-4:00 here @ the building. Rebecca has taken a new music director/teaching position @ Chester County High School in Henderson, thus we are sad to say will be leaving us & McEwen. This will be a casual event, if you would like to help with this event you could bring an appetizer to share!

We are excited to announce that 'Corky & Lillie Grigsby' has placed membership here with us. Be sure to let them know how happy we are to have them be a part of our (God's) family here @ McEwen.

Our sympathy & prayers to recent families who have lost loved ones [some who are within our congregation]- those are:

*Janet Saint-(niece of Jimmy Long, Nancy Long & Jean Buttrey)
 *Sandra Lane-(Robert's Proctor's aunt)
 *Rita Fitzgerald-(Mike Adams aunt)
 *Carolyn Wilson-Madison (Wilson) grandmother/Mike Burns cousin
 *Pam Smith-of this community

IN.F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation



Our Leatherwood Bible Camp Week!!!!

Continued prayers for all our campers & workers this week!!

Thanks, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 5th 2026

Welcome Wayne Coates
Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
1st Prayer..... Joe Smith
Sermon..... John Jones
Lord's Table..... Billy Buttrey
 Glenn Ross Terry Parchman
 Robert Proctor Daniel Curtis
 Jack Grigsby Wade Tummins
Closing Prayer..... Keith Grigsby
Collect Cards..... Abel Tummins
 & Luke Jones
Greeters..... Thomas & Ayla Cook
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups..... Youth
Security..... Team #4

Sunday 6PM July 5th, 2026

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer..... Dwight Stuart
Sermon..... John Jones
Lord's Table..... John Potter
 & Jimmy Suddeath
Closing Prayer..... Jim Suddeath

Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 8th, 2026

Lead Singing..... John Hurt
Prayer..... Ethan Tummins
Adult Class..... John Jones

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

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

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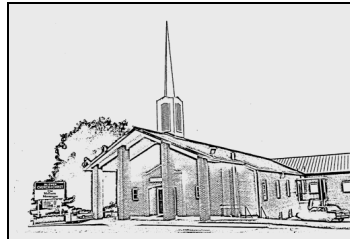
*If you are unable to attend any service please tune in to our Facebook page or our YouTube page to watch the services. This is NOT a replacement for the command to assemble together as Christ's Body, but a tool for those who may be homebound/shut-in or sick.

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to view!



OUR RECORDS for 6/28/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	120
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	205
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	98
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	112
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$7,943

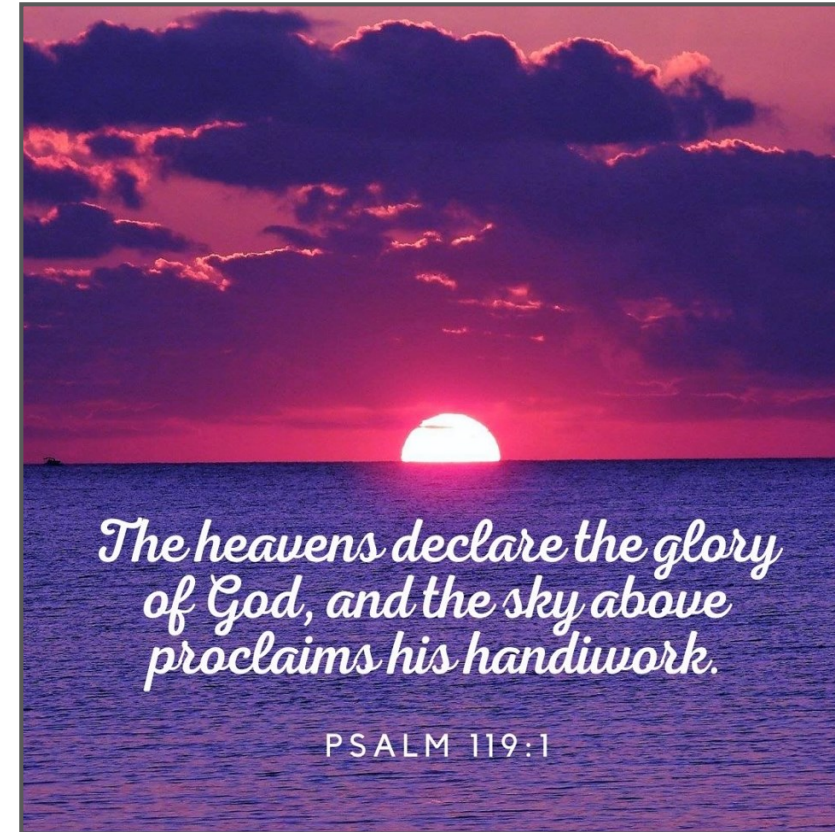


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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
 Worship..... 10:00am
 Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study..... 6:30pm

Elders:

Calvin Buckner

Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield
 W.R. Long 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

EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. To provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to.

Team - 1 there may be cards to work
 on downstairs this Wednesday night.

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