

PRIVELEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Welcome	Mike Robertson
Song Leader	Mark Forster
Opening Prayer	Dwight Stuart
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Wade Tummins
Gerald Curtis	Todd Mullinicks
Chad Vaughn	Jon Holland
Jesse Kilpatrick	Billy Buttrey
Closing Prayer	Joe Smith
Card Collectors	Slate Berryman & Colt Stanfill
Greeters	Derek & Kelly Berryman
Cup Collectors	Youth
Security	Team #1

Sunday 6 p.m., August 23rd, 2026

Song Leader	Mark Forster
Prayer	Ty Adams
Sermon	John Jones
Lord's Table	Andrew Peyton & Barry Phy
Closing Prayer	Mike Tyler

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., August 26th, 2026

Song Leader	Jacen Robertson
Prayer	Danny Dotson
Sermon	{Summer Series} Dean Duke

* 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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also online on the
church website!**



OUR RECORDS FOR 8/16/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	130
Sunday Morning Worship	197
Sunday Evening Worship	99
Wednesday Bible Study	130
Sunday Contribution	\$9,116



The MESSENGER

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Week of August 16th, 2026 A Caring Church Lifting Up the CROSS and CROWN of CHRIST

*8 For by grace you have been
saved through faith; and that
not of yourselves, it is the gift
of God; I not as a result of
works, so that no one may
boast. 10 For we are His
workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared
beforehand so that we would
walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:8-10

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

Weekly Information

Free, but not Cheap
John Jones

Did you know that August 17th is recognized as “National Thrift Shop Day”? I don’t know about you, but Erin and I really appreciate finding hidden treasures at bargain prices. I can’t say our kids especially enjoy it, but we’ve been known to stop by Goodwill and look to see what types of things have been undervalued. Many of us enjoy the thrill of discovering something valuable for just a few dollars. Whether it’s a vintage piece of furniture, a favorite book, or a nearly new jacket, there’s something satisfying about getting far more than what we paid for. Most people love a good deal.

In some ways, finding a good deal reminds me of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ, God offers forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life. Salvation is given freely by grace. As Paul reminds us, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9).

What an incredible “deal”! Yet while salvation is freely given to us, it was anything but cheap.

Our salvation came at an immeasurable cost to Jesus Christ. Peter writes, “You were ransomed... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot” (1 Peter 1:18–19). The cross reminds us that our redemption was purchased through Christ’s suffering and death. Isaiah foretold this centuries before: “He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities... and with his wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

Nor should we think that receiving God’s grace requires nothing from us as recipients. While we can never earn or deserve salvation, God has always called people to respond to His grace in trusting obedience. Noah built the ark by faith (Hebrews 11:7) and Israel marched around Jericho in obedience before the walls fell (Joshua 6). Their obedience did not earn God's favor, but it demonstrated faith in His promise to save.

The same is true of the gospel today. To accept God’s grace, we must obey His commands. Jesus declared, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). We know, of course, that our obedience doesn’t end at baptism. Jesus said, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). Paul urged Christians to “present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship” (Romans 12:1). God’s grace is free, but we must accept it on his terms.

In Christ, we have received what we could never afford and never earn. As Paul beautifully declares, “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15). May we never take that gift for granted, but instead respond with hearts full of gratitude, lives marked by faithful obedience, and praise for the Savior who paid the price we never could. I’ll take that deal!



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

Morgan Peyton - continuing to have severe sickness during pregnancy- prayers it will be better soon.

Jessica Ahne - prayers for upcoming Dr. app & tests results

Jimmy Tyler - We love you Jimmy!

Upcoming Surgeries / Recovery

Ann Berryman - home recovering

Those being Treated for Cancer

Jimmy Phy - CA

Dale Street - (N. Buttrey grandfather)

Hudson Jones -(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC–Leukemia)

Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA

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

Chris McCurley - Walnut St coC

Bill Bieneman - (Mike Burns cousin)

Marsha Patrick - finished radiation

Mack Winstead - CA - continued prayers

David Nowlin - CA treatments - WcoC elder

Jackie Borders - Lauren Stuart’s mom

Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams)

Maggie Wright - (friend of N. Buttrey) CA

Jerry Honea - cancer, prayers

Dwight Profitt - cancer, prayers

Those with Ongoing Medical Issues

W. R. & Louise Long

Bonita Madewell

Al & Vicki Peek

Sherry Harvey

Jim & Betty Suddeath

Kay Monroe

Walter Holland

Jackie Harvey

Chase Lewis

Doug Simpson

Judy Simpson

Joanie Coleman

Clay Crafton

Aaron Sears

Alyssa Gold

Josh Barnet

Lance Davis

Archer Schindel

Claude Hurt

June Brake

Frances Simpson

Daniel McCarson

Marcia Simpson

Thelma Davidson

J.C. Enlow’s son-in-law

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

Assisted Living / Nursing Home / Rehab

AHC Decatur Co. (Parsons) - Wyle Marshall - Room 726 - Traci Adams’ dad

Ascension St. Thomas Three Rivers (Waverly) - Jimmy Tyler (rm 101) & Wayne Jones

Humphreys Co. Rehab/NH (Waverly)- Jane Ridings (rm 713) & June Dreaden (Sonya ’s mom)

Magnolia Place - Jimmy Tyler-is now back .

NHC (Dickson) - Alneita Rye

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

Homebound in McEwen

Gary Davis - 4126 Hurricane Creek Rd.

Jimmy Mullinicks - 56 Mike St.

Outside McEwen

Joe & Betty James - 8516 Burleson Ln., Murfreesboro, TN 37129

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

We will be having a Member Appreciation dinner on Saturday, August 29th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Here at the building.

Please sign the list in the foyer if you are able to attend, by Aug 23rd. There is also a food sign-up sheet for some side items.

Our last lesson in our Summer Series will be next Wednesday night, August 26th with Dean Duke from Bakerville

We will be having our 5th Sunday Meet, Eat & Meet again on Aug 30th. Please bring a dish & stay & fellowship with us

Care, Concern & Congrats

Be sure & welcome Annette Petty! She placed membership here with us this last week. We are thankful to have her back with us!!!

Please keep all our 1st time college students & our returning students in your prayers, for their safety, success & continued spiritual growth.

IN Focus

- Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our activities for last week began on Wednesday night with FLAME. We met at the building at 5:00. We separated the guys and girls, and Laurie took the girls out to eat and I took the boys out to eat. Afterwards, Laurie took the girls to get some items for a care package for one of our members. We all had a great time together. Our final activity for last week was our get together Friday night at Laurie and I’s house. The activity for the night was “Make your own pizza night”! It was a big success as everyone made their own personalized pizza. We had 17 young people and 6 adults in attendance. I am glad that we were able to have one last event before our college kids headed off to school. Our only youth activity for this week is our youth devotional hosted by Todd and Amy Mullinicks.

In Him, Keith