

Back to School

As summer winds down, many families are turning their thoughts to going back to school. Time for new school supplies and planning class schedules. Time for fall sports to begin. It is a busy time of year! This time of year gives us a chance to think about our own spiritual education and our response to God as our Teacher.

From the very beginning, God has shown Himself as the teacher of His people. In the Old Testament, He gave clear instructions. Deuteronomy 6:6–7 says, “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.” The Lord wanted His words taught daily in the home.

The prophets reminded Israel to listen to God. Isaiah 30:20–21 speaks of the Teacher who does not hide. It says the people would hear a voice guiding them saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Like a teacher guiding her class down the hallway at school, God guides His children. And like that teacher in the hallway, God expects his voice to be heeded.

In the New Testament Jesus continued this work. He taught crowds on hillsides and in homes. Matthew 5 through 7 records the Sermon on the Mount, full of wisdom for kingdom living. His disciples called Him “Teacher.” After His resurrection He opened the Scriptures to his followers, showing how they clearly pointed to Him. The early church followed His example. Acts 2:42 tells us the believers “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching.” They learned together and grew strong. These first Christians serve as star students for us. Their simple faith, “following the pattern of sound words” (2 Timothy 1:13) show us what happens when people pay attention to the Teacher.

Today we have the same textbook, the Bible. When we say we want to “restore the church of the New Testament,” we mean that we must get back to the textbook. We reject teachings that contradict the simple New Testament plan and we return to the clear words of Scripture. 2 Timothy 3:16–17 reminds us, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Are we listening to the Teacher? It is easy to let other voices drown out His. School starts again, and our spiritual lessons continue too. We study to know God better. We learn to obey His commands. We watch the examples of faithful believers who went before us. Proverbs 1:5 says, “Let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.” The best students have humble hearts and are ready to learn. When we study scripture with open minds, God teaches us through its pages.

As the school year begins, let us encourage our young people in their studies. At the same time let us commit ourselves to learning from the Lord. Gather when Bible study opportunities are offered. Open the Scriptures daily. Share with others what God is teaching you in His Word.

The early Christians grew because they stayed close to the teaching. We can do the same. May we be faithful students who honor our great Teacher.

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] *Alneita Rye-better-request continued prayers [Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery/ *Debbie Gentry-back problems *Joe James-in St Thomas Midtown-prayers *Danny Dotson-heart procedure this wk for A-fib *Ann Berryman-out-pt srg 8/7 *June Brake-(Kristie Green’s mom) car wreck-broken shoulder keep in prayer *Aaron Sears (son of Tammy Sears)-procedures on Aug 4th-prayers

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER	
*Jimmy Phy-CA *Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment *Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA *Hudson Jones-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC-Leukemia) *Robert Gardner (friend of Bill Williams) CA *Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments *David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone’s dad)& Drew Swearns step-dad	*Marsha Patrick-radiation therapy *Casey Vailes *Chris McCurley-Walnut St coC *Bill Bieneman-(Mike Burns cousin)- - liver CA-lives in TX) *Brian Gill-CA *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 *Dwight Profitt-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	*Jerry Martin	*Faye Featherstone	*Becky Palk	*Carlene Davis	*Bonita Madewell	*Sherry Harvey	*Jim & Betty Suddeth	*Traci Adams	*Scottie Lashlee
*Jackie Harvey	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson	*Joe Wright	*Judy Simpson	*Joanie Coleman	*Clay Crafton	*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Scotty Palk	*Josh Barnett	*Lance Davis
*Frances Simpson	*Daniel McCarson	*Marcia Simpson	*Nancy Daniel	*Thelma Davidson	*J.C. Enlow’s son	*Claude Hurt	*Savannah Patrick-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN				

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}		At Home in McEwen	
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726-(Traci Adams dad)		Gary Davis-(now hm)-4126 Hurricane Ck Rd	
AscensionSt Thomas Three Rivers Rehab: 451 Hwy 13 Waverly Tn 37185: Jimmy Tyler-rm 101 & Wayne Jones-rm		Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street	
Humphreys County Rehab/NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185: Jane Ridings-rehab/rm 713 & (Sonya Rachford’s mom)-June Dreaden-room)		Jimmy Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd	
NHC-812 N charlotte St. Dickson, TN 37055: Alneita Rye-for rehab (Rm)		Joe & Betty James-keep in prayer-8516 Burleson Ln, Murfreesboro, TN 37129	
Waverly Hills Post Acute – 895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185: Bertha Bradford- room 102A			

ANNOUNCMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		
WE WILL BE HAVING A MEMBER APPRECIATION DINNER ON SATURDAY, AU- GUST 29TH FROM 5:00 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. <i>HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!</i>	Ladies: as we are about to finish up our current Tapestry Study, a new one will begin soon... We will be continuing with the 3 groups we already have: they usually meet every other week & are: 1. Sundays—meets around 4:00 PM 2. Tuesdays-meets at 6:00 PM 3. Wednesdays-meets at 9:00 AM if you would like to join a study group or need to chg to another group, just add your name to the group list you would like on the back table of the auditorium, or contact one of the Organizers on that list. The new study will be another Finer Grounds book: <i>Perfectd : a study of Hebrews.</i>	We want to rejoice with <i>Sarah Potter</i> & her sister <i>Karah Moore</i> who were both baptized last Tuesday night. Let’s be sure to encourage & welcome them to God’s family.
Our 2026 Summer Series Line-up: “The One Church: God’s Design, Christ’s Body: Eph 4:4-6		
AUG 5 TH	RICK BRUMBACK	CHRISTIAN CHAPEL
AUG 12	DONNIE DEBOR	RIPLEY(MS) COC
AUG 19	BRANDON BAKER	POPLAR GROVE COC
AUG 26	DEAN DUKE	BAKERVILLE COC

IN F.O.C.U.S.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

We wrapped up our summer Breakfast and Bible Studies last Tuesday at the Jones’s home. We enjoyed a great pancake breakfast and time of fellowship before our bible study together. I appreciate John doing the study as we opened God’s word and studied about Reverence. We had a group of 11 youth and 3 adults in attendance. I appreciate all the youth that came as we finished up a great summer of bible study. Our final youth activity for last week was the area wide devotional Thursday night hosted by the Waverly church of Christ. We enjoyed a wonderful period of worship together with singing and a great lesson from Steve Moore. Afterwards, we headed to their fellowship building for a meal together. We had a group of 10 youth and 2 adults in attendance. I am thankful for Waverly hosting the great event and for all who were in attendance. In Him, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 9th 2026

WelcomeEthan Tummins
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Andrew Peyton
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Jon Holland
Calvin Buckner Wayne Coates
Mike Burns John Hurt
Matthew Dotson Noah Stuart
Closing Prayer.....Mike Robertson
Collect Cards.....Jaxon Holt
& Stirling Hurt
Greeters.....Todd & Amy Mullinicks
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #4

Sunday 6PM August 9th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....W. R. Long
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Wade Tummins
& Mike Tyler
Closing Prayer.....Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, August 12th, 2026

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....Mark Forster
Adult Class..Summer Series Speaker)....Donnie Debor

** 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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Return Service Requested



*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 8/2/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	---	116
Sunday Morning Worship	---	211
Sunday Evening Worship	---	90
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	---	134
Sunday Contribution	---	\$10,194



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST

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

They **DEVOTED THEMSELVES** to the
apostles' teaching and to fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

ACTS 2:42

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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.?**