"To the Ends of the Earth"

The first Sunday in November is recognized by the McEwen congregation as "Missions Sunday,"an important day to remember Christ's command to take the gospel to every nation. It is an opportunity to pray for missionaries, give towards the good work that our congregation supports, and renew our own commitment to the Great Commission.

This congregation has a rich history of missions support and preachers who have spent time as missionaries. Names like Earl Edwards and Jim Suddeath have spent time in the pulpit in McEwen as well as in the mission field. While we rightly honor these faithful servants, our biblical understanding of missions starts at the very beginning of time. It begins with God Himself.

From the opening pages of Scripture, God reveals His heart for all peoples. When He called Abraham, He promised, "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Genesis 12:3). Israel was chosen not simply to receive God's blessings, but to become a light pointing the nations to Him. The prophets repeatedly looked forward to the day when all peoples would worship the Lord. Isaiah declared, "I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). The Psalms echo the same theme: "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" (Psalm 96:3).

That mission reached its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. He came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), breaking down the barriers that separated Jew and Gentile. After His resurrection, Jesus gave His followers their marching orders: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19–20). Before ascending into heaven, He promised, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The book of Acts is the story of that mission unfolding. The gospel spread from Jerusalem to Antioch, through Asia Minor and Greece, and eventually to Rome. Ordinary believers carried the good news wherever they went. That mission has never ended.

Not everyone can move across the ocean, but every Christian has a role in God's mission. Some go. Others pray faithfully and give generously. Still others welcome missionaries, encourage them, and share the gospel in their own neighborhoods.

Paul asked, "How are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?" (Romans 10:14–15). The gospel cannot be shared unless there are people who are willing to go and others who are willing to send them.

One day the mission will be complete. In Revelation, John saw a heavenly multitude "from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages" standing before God's throne, worshiping the Lamb (Revelation 7:9). What a glorious picture! The work we support today points toward that coming day.

This Missions Sunday, pray for those who have left home to proclaim Christ. Support them generously. Share your own faith courageously. Above all, remember that missions is not merely a church program. It is the mission of God, who "desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

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

Morgan Peyton- continued prayers

Upcoming Surgeries / Recovery

Joyce Long-been in-Horizon since Tuesday flu-Pneumonia / **Louise Long**-been in hosp due to falls-now home

Diane Baker(PG coc- surg

Donna Dominck & Sharon Burns(both are Mike Burns cousins) needing prayers

Sandra Stafford(Ruby Dell's sister) back

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
Patsy Kolbe-(Annette Petty's Aunt) lung CA
Dwight Profitt - 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 currently with Ongoing Medical Issues

W. R. Long **Bonita Madewell** **Al & Vicki Peek** **Sherry Harvey** **Betty Suddeath** **Becky Palk** **Emma Flowers**

Jess Dugan-better/now home **Chase Lewis** **Doug Simpson** **Judy Simpson** **Joanie Coleman** **Clay Crafton** **Krista Campbell**

Alyssa Gold **Josh Barnet** **Lance Davis** **Claude Hurt** **June Brake** **Aaron Sears** **Pam Forster**

Frances Simpson **Marcia Simpson** **Shane Cobb** **Jessica Ahne** **Kay Monroe** **Shirley Banes** **Zachary Behr**

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)** **Jane Ridings (now room 310)** **Wayne Jones**
- **Magnolia Place - Jimmy Tyler-room 106**
- **NHC (Dickson) - Alneita Rye-room 405**
- **Waverly Hills Post Acute (Waverly)- Bertha Bradford** (rm 102A)

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

NOVEMBER'S UPCOMING EVENTS:

CANCELLED ~~Nov 7th~~ 231 Trash Pick-as been **CANCELLED**

Sunday, Nov 8th @ 7PM Ladies Christmas party & gift exchange. Please bring a $10-$12 gift & finger foods.

Wednesday, Nov 11th @ 11:30am -"Veteran's Day"recognition

Saturday, Nov 14th from 11:30-1:00-Thanksgiving Meal & Coat Giveaway (this year a week early).

Sunday, **Nov.29th** -after evening service, fruit baskets will be ready to be picked up for delivery.

Please check out sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for help with our Thanksgiving Meal..

There is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer now for the Lord's supper prep for 2027.

Care, Concern & Congrats

Our sympathy & prayers to the family of ***Alneita Rye*** of our congregation who passed away on November 2nd. Services are undetermined at time of printing.

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

We had two big events this past weekend with our Trunk or Treat and our youth devotional Sunday night. It all began Friday night with our annual Trunk or Treat. I didn't get an exact count, but we are guessing around 400-500 people came through the event. We had around 16 trunks decorated, all in their own very unique way. I appreciate each person that decorated their trunks and handed out candy. We also had some help in other ways, like popping popcorn, refilling candy bowls, and just greeting our visitors. It was a great night! Our final activity for the weekend was our youth devo Sunday night. We left here @ at 5:00 and headed to the home of Derek & Kelly Berryman. As always, they were great hosts!! We began with a wonderful meal of pork chops, chicken legs, and all the fixings! After supper we had our devotional period together followed by dessert and a great time of fellowship. We appreciate the Berryman's opening their home to us. It was a great weekend! In Him, Keith

PRIVELEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, November 8th, 2026

Welcome	Jon Holland
Song Leader	Mark Forster
Opening Prayer	Andrew Peyton
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	Jim Suddeath
Wayne Coates	Corky Grigsby
Gerald Curtis	Robert Proctor
John Hurt	Billy Buttrey
Closing Prayer	Bruce Mayfield
Card Collectors	James Potter & Jaxon Holt
Greeters	Hattie Tate & Annette Petty
Cup Collectors	Youth
Security	Team #2

Sunday- 6:00 p.m.,Nov. 8th ,2026

Song Leader	Mark Forster
Prayer	W. R. Long
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	Danny Dotson
	Matthew Dotson
Closing Prayer	Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Nov 11th, 2026

Song Leader	Jacen Robertson
Prayer	Mark Forster
Sermon/Lesson	Bruce Mayfield

* If you are unable to serve in your scheduled appointment, please contact Gerald Curtis-(txt @ 931-219-7777) or Wade Tummins @ (931 209-6291) in advance.
*If changes need to made in scheduling, please contact Jimmy Phy.

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Return Service Requested

YouTube

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 11/01/2026

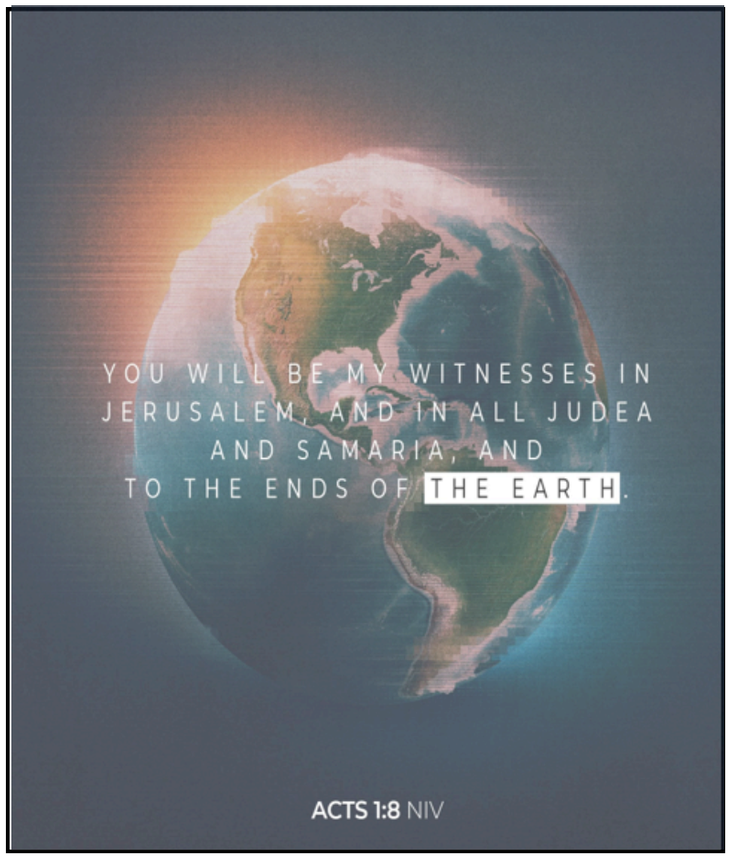
Sunday Morning Bible School	118
Sunday Morning Worship	185
Sunday Evening Worship	89
Wednesday Bible Study	108
Sunday Contribution (Mission Sunday)	$55,580



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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.*

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

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Ministers	-	*Every Member!*
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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.