

Throughout the month of November, we’ve been highlighting all we can be thankful for in Christ. This week I wanted to focus on our church family. What a blessing it is to have brothers and sisters in Christ who care about us, look out for us, and want what is best for us. While we may have friends and co-workers who are pleasant to be around or even friendly, we can know that our Christian family has our eternity in mind! What a blessing that is!

The New Testament repeatedly calls us to recognize our brothers and sisters in Christ not as mere acquaintances, but as precious members of one body, loved by God and essential to our spiritual growth. The apostle Paul begins many of his letters with thanksgiving for the local church. To the Philippians he wrote, “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3–5). Paul wasn’t thanking God for perfect people—he knew their struggles and imperfections—but every time he thought of this congregation, joy welled up in his heart because they were partners together in the mission of Christ.

In Romans 1:8 he writes, “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being talked about all over the world.” Their faith wasn’t private; it was visible, contagious, and world-famous in the early church. What an encouragement to realize that our little congregation, when we love and serve one another faithfully, can become a testimony that reaches far beyond McEwen!

The writer of Hebrews (10:24–25) urges us, “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”. Our church family is God’s appointed means to keep us pressing on in faith. Who has spoken a timely word of encouragement to you this year? Who sat beside you when you were grieving? Who prayed with you when you didn’t have words? These are not small things—they are evidences of God knitting us together as one body (1 Corinthians 12:12–27).

This Thanksgiving season, let’s thank God deliberately for the people sitting in our pews. Thank Him for the ones who teach our children, visit the sick, set up chairs, sing in the choir, and pray without ceasing. Thank Him for the teenagers, the elderly, and everyone in between. Thank Him for His grace that covers our failures and the love that keeps drawing us back together.

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.*

<i>{Recent Medical concerns/updates}</i>		<i>{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}</i>	
<i>*Retha Raye Mullinicks-in rehab @ Horizon, hopefully home by this wkend.</i>		<i>*Lacey Franklin-open heart surgery on Dec 1st.</i>	
<i>*Randy Capps-now home on hospice-CA</i>		<i>*Mike Gunn-should get to come hm after knee surg by 11/18</i>	
		<i>*Libby Bishop (Wade & Terri’s niece) emergent gallbladder sg</i>	

<i>THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER:</i>	
<i>*Kenny Fleming-currently home-Stage 4 Bone Cancer-trouble keeping pain in control</i>	
<i>*Lillian Childress-(Sherry Harvey’s aunt) finished radiation, upcoming check up.</i>	
<i>*Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA</i>	
<i>*Mack Winstead-CA-continued prayers</i>	
<i>*Hudson Jones-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine,Walnut St COC-Leukemia}</i>	
<i>*Robert Gardner(friend of Bill Williams) CA</i>	
<i>*Casey Vailes-(Ranae Duncan’s son) Cancer</i>	
<i>*Jimmy Phy-continued endurance with cancer</i>	
<i>*Houston Howell</i>	
<i>*David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder</i>	
<i>*Joel Flowers-(Joey’s dad) CA-home on hospice</i>	
<i>*Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart’s mom</i>	
<i>*Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA</i>	
<i>*Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments</i>	

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

*Andy Marlor	*Hattie Tate	*Betty Suddeath	*Al & Vicki Peek	*Marvin England	*Alton Gordon
*Claude Hurt	*Carlene Davis	*Rhonda Canada	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson	*Josh Barnett
*Marcia Simpson	*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Carolyn Wilson	*Steve Forster	*Scotty Palk
*Whitney(Bullion)Sager	*Shane Cobb	*Warren (Johnny) Proctor-back hm fr rehab.	*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen's sister)		
*Savannah Patrick-(Rhett's syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN					

<i><u>{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}</u></i>		<i><u>At Home in McEwen</u></i>	
<i>AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363</i>		<i>Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726)</i>	
<i>NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055-</i>		<i>JoAnn Haley</i>	
<i>Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly,TN 37185-</i>		<i>June Dreaden- Rm 204</i>	
<i>Magnolia Place-811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-</i>		<i>Jimmy Tyler-(room 106)</i>	
		<i>Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd</i>	
		<i>Robert & Bertha Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd.</i>	
		<i>Jimmy & Retha Raye Mullinicks-56 Mike St.</i>	

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS		
Thanksgiving Meal & Coat Giveaway Will be this Sat, Nov 22nd from 11:30-1:00. Please have food here between 9:30-10:30. There are some pans in the foyer & down- stairs you can pick up for your dish. Thank you.	Area Wide Singing We will be hosting the area wide singing this year on Friday, December 12th @ 7:00 PM. As Mark said, this is the first year no one else as been scheduled to host for the same night. So we may have several more than usual. Food Sign-up sheet will be posted soon.	Our Singing Night & meal will be this Wednesday, Nov 19th, instead of the 4th Wed night due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
Fruit Baskets will be prepared the week after Thanksgiving this year on Nov. 30th. You can be bringing fruit & goodies for, starting this Sunday the 23rd. Thank You.	Great Smoky Mtn Marriage Retreat February 11-15, 2026. For any of our married couples wanting to attend the elders have decided the registration cost will be covered. Please see Keith to register or for more info. This is a great opportunity for you & your spouse to be a part of.	We rejoice in the baptism of Cody Fleming , last Friday night. Be sure to welcome your new brother in Christ with love, encouragement & prayer.
Preparing Communion for 2026 There is a new sign-up list in the foyer please sign, if you can help with.		

IN F.O.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Our only youth activity for last week was our FAST Group get together on Wednesday night. We had 10 youth and 6 adults in attendance. We met at 5:15, loaded up the van and headed to Dairy Queen for a meal together. The kids seemed to enjoy their time together. This group of kids love to be together and that is very exciting for the future of our youth group.

Our upcoming activities for this week consist of FLAME getting together on Wednesday at 4:00. We will be helping get things ready for the Thanksgiving meal and Coat Giveaway. We will have our fellowship meal together at 5:15. Our only other event for this week is our youth devotional on Sunday night hosted by Jackie Potter. We will meet downstairs for a time of devotion and fellowship. In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, November 23rd 2025

WelcomeBilly Buttrey
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....John Hurt
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Keith Grigsby
Joe Smith Drew Buttrey
Mike Tyler Jimmy Suddeath
Glenn Ross Jesse Kilpatrick

Closing Prayer.....Mike Burns
Collect Cards.....Luke Jones
& Hudson Buttrey
Greeters.....Todd & Amy Mullinicks
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #2

Sunday 6PM November 23rd2025

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Barry Phy
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table..... John Potter
& Andrew Peyton
Closing Prayer.....Wade Tummins

Wednesday 6:30 PM, November 26th 2025

Lead Singing.....Bruce Mayfield
Prayer.....Ty Adams
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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OUR RECORDS for 11/16/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	120
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	201
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	108
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	107
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$10,013



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A Caring Church Lifting Up The CROSS And CROWN of CHRIST



Sunday Morning

"Upcoming Sermons"

Sunday Night

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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 will have cards to work on
this Wednesday night.}**