

This month we’ve been focused on the reasons we have to be thankful in our weekly bulletins. Today I’d like to wrap up our reasons to be thankful with this: **In Christ we have a purpose.**

It is astonishing to me to see the lengths people will go to try and find some purpose for their lives. People chase promotions, followers on social media, exciting experiences, or political causes—anything that might tell them, “This is why you’re here.” Yet, so many still feel hollow. The world offers a thousand answers, but none of them last. They shift with culture, age, and circumstance. Only the gospel gives a purpose that cannot be taken away.

When Jesus called His first disciples, He didn’t offer them a five-year plan or a personality assessment. He simply said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matthew 4:19). That invitation was both a command and a promise: your life from this moment forward has meaning because I will give you purpose. Later, speaking to the crowds, He declared, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). Purpose, in Scripture, is never some thing we come up with on our own; it is Someone we follow.

Paul understood this better than anyone. Once a fierce opponent of Christ, he met the risen Jesus on the Damascus road and found his purpose in “the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Philippians 3:8). In Ephesians he writes to ordinary believers—people with jobs, families, and struggles—and tells them they are “God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

The roles that God gives us may not be considered exciting in the world’s eyes, but they are no less valuable in God’s. Sometimes it looks like raising children in the fear of the Lord, showing patience to a difficult neighbor, or praying for the youth group and their continued faithfulness. But every one of those moments matters eternally because they are done in Christ and for Christ. As Paul reminds us, “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31). Even the smallest act, offered to Him, carries everlasting weight.

So this Thanksgiving, we give thanks not only for blessings received but for a God-given purpose. The world may tell you your worth is tied to productivity, but Jesus says your worth is tied to Him. You are His. You belong to the One who defeated death, who is making all things new, who has gone to prepare a place for you (John 14:2–3). And until He returns or calls you home, He has work for you to do!

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} *{Upcoming Surgeries-Recovery}*

***Randy Capps**-CA-home on hospice
***Bertha Bradford**
***Lacey Franklin**-open heart surgery on Dec 2nd.
***Scotty Palk**-neck surgery on Dec 3rd


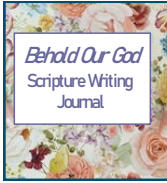

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER:
***Kenny Fleming**-currently home-Stage 4 Bone Cancer-please keep in yr prayers
***Lillian Childress**-(Sherry Harvey’s aunt) , upcoming check up. Ck see if CA gone
***Dale Street**-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA
***Mack Winstead**-CA-continued prayers
***Hudson Jones**-(2yr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

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

***Hattie Tate** ***Betty Suddeath** ***Al & Vicki Peek** ***Marvin England** ***Mike Gunn** ***Margie Gunn**
***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**-(Rhetts syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette,TN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks to everyone for all your help with the Thanksgiving Meal & Coat Giveaway!!! And to everyone have a safe &	Fruit Baskets will be prepared & ready to be delivered on Nov. 30th. Please be bringing fruit & goodies.	Ladies: If you’re interested in joining us in doing the Ruffled Mango Scripture writing and want a notebook, the cost is (\$31.50). Please see Erin to order, & remember You can still participate without the book.
 Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting – Sunday, Dec 7th @ 5:00 PM.	Area Wide Singing We will be hosting this year on Friday, Dec 12th @ 7:00 PM. As Mark said, this is the first year no one else as been scheduled for the same night. So we may have several more than usual. Food Sign-up sheet now in the foyer. Thank You	
Golden Age Banquet Will be held Saturday, Dec 13th @ noon @ Samuel’s in Waverly. Is for ages 55 & up, please sign the list in the foyer by Dec 3rd if you plan to go.	Great Smoky Mtn Marriage Retreat February 11-15, 2026. information about the speakers & schedules are on the back table in the auditorium. If you would like to attend, your tuition cost will be covered. See Keith to	 Red Cross will be here on Monday, Dec 1st fr 1:30-5:30

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

The holiday season is upon us, and the kids are out of school for the week. They are getting a much-needed break before the final few weeks of the first half of the school year. Because of the holiday break, we will not have any youth activities for this week. I know our youth will have a great week spending time with family. I do want to be sure to encourage everyone to be at worship Sunday night November 30th for our 5th Sunday service. Our young men will be leading the service. They always do a great job. I hope you will plan to come and encourage them.

As for our activities last week, we began on Wednesday night. Some of our youth came together to help get things ready for the Coat Giveaway and Thanksgiving meal. I appreciate the help they provided. On Sunday we had our final devotional for the month. We had 9 youth and 11 adults in attendance. John Potter handled the devotional thought for us and he did a great job. Jackie Potter provided the food, and it was great! I appreciate all that they did to make it a wonderful night!
In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, November 30th 2025

WelcomeMike Tyler
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Danny Dotson
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Wade Tummins
Dwight Stuart Barry Phy
Billy Buttrey Matthew Dotson
Jack Grigsby John Potter

Closing Prayer.....Mark Forster
Collect Cards.....Slate Berryman
 & Colt Stanfill
Greeters.....Lee & Kelsey Rose
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #3

Sunday 6PM November 30th2025

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Mike Robertson
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table..... Jesse Kilpatrick
 & Jacen Robertson
Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Tyler

Wednesday 6:30 PM, December 3rd 2025

Lead Singing.....Andrew Peyton
Prayer.....Bill Williams
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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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.*

The MESSENGER is online!
Visit the church website
to view!



OUR RECORDS for 11/23/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	122
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	187
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	??
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	125
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$8,130



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Grief Support WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 6

10:00 AM – Noon

- * What does grief look like? Is this normal?
- * Why do I feel guilty, and when will it stop?
- * How can I be logical when I'm so emotional?

LUNCH PROVIDED – (from noon-1:00)

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

- * How long does this last?
- * How do I move forward in my new life?
- * What does successful grief look like

Sunday, December 7

10:00 AM – JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

**Bear Ye One Another's Burdens:
Helping Those Who Are Grieving**



ABOUT THE PRESENTER

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Sundays
9:00 AM-bible class
10:00AM-worship
6:00PM-worship
Wednesdays
6:30 PM-bible class

For more information on
this event you can contact
our office @ 931-582-6130
or follow us on facebook.

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 no cards to work on this Wednesday night.}

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