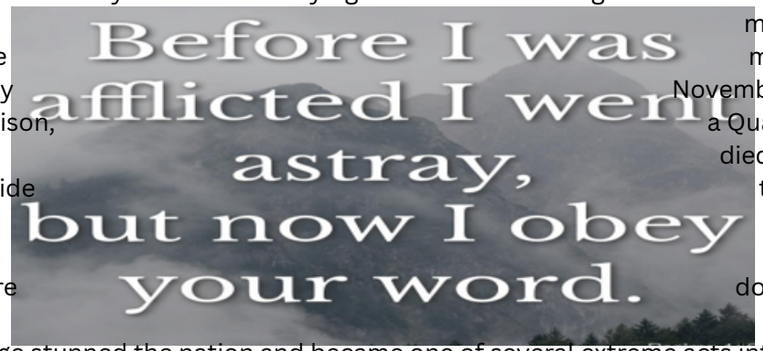
Do you Think He's Trying to Tell Us Something?



History records many dramatic protests. One of the most shocking occurred on this day November 2nd, 1965) when Norman Morrison, a Quaker opposed to the Vietnam War, died after setting himself on fire outside the Pentagon. Moments before, he set his eleven-month old daughter out of harm's way before dousing himself with kerosene and igniting the fatal blaze. The image stunned the nation and became one of several extreme acts intended to awaken the public conscience during that turbulent era. Whether you agree with his politics or not (and certainly as Christians we wouldn't agree with his actions), there's no doubt in anyone's mind that Norman Morrison was trying to tell us something. Morrison's demonstration reveals something about human nature: sometimes people resort to increasingly dramatic measures because they feel no one is listening.

That raises an important spiritual question: What does God have to do to get our attention? Throughout Scripture, God speaks in many ways. He reveals Himself through creation: "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). He speaks through His written Word, which is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16). He speaks through faithful preaching, wise counsel, and answered prayers. Yet, people often ignore Him.

The prophets repeatedly warned Israel, but many refused to listen. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, saying, "How often would I have gathered your children together... and you were not willing!" (Matthew 23:37). Even after witnessing countless miracles, many still hardened their hearts. The writer of Hebrews urges believers, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts" (Hebrews 3:15). Notice the urgency. God calls us to respond today—not someday.

Sometimes God uses blessings to draw us closer. At other times He allows trials that expose our need for Him. C. S. Lewis famously observed that pain can be God's megaphone to a deaf world. Scripture teaches something similar: "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word" (Psalm 119:67).

God's goal is never our suffering for its own sake. Rather, He lovingly calls His children back to Himself before greater consequences come. Like a caring Father, He disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12:6).

If you've been putting off obedience, reconciliation, forgiveness, or a deeper commitment to Christ, don't wait for a louder wake-up call. God has already spoken through His Son. Hebrews begins by declaring, "In these last days he has spoken to us by his Son" (Hebrews 1:2).

One of the greatest evidences of God's power is a transformed heart. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28). May we be people who listen carefully to God's voice while it is called "today," responding with faith, humility, and joyful obedience.

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

Joshua Griffin(friend of Traci Adams family)prayers for upcoming heart surg
Sharon Burns & Donna Dominic (both cousins of Mike Burns) both in need of prayers
Frank Gugelchuk(Michelle Lashlee's dad) prayers-having several medical concerns

Morgan Peyton- continued prayers

Upcoming Surgeries / Recovery

Jimmy Tyler-out-pt last week-went well

Sherry Harvey-out-pt procedure on 11/9

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

Those being Treated for Cancer

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. & Louise Long	**Becky Palk**	**Al & Vicki Peek**	**Betty Suddeath**	**Bonita Madewell**	**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) Jane Ridings (now room 310) (in Waverly) Wayne Jones**
- **Magnolia Place - Jimmy Tyler-room 106**
- **NHC (Dickson) - Joyce Long-rehab -room 126**
- **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:

Saturday, Nov 14th (this Saturday from 11:30 -1:00)-Thanksgiving Meal & Coat Giveaway - still in need of food & some workers for both the coat-giveaway & the meal: sign-up list in foyer. Thanks.

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

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

Care, Concern & Congrats

Our sympathy & prayers to Carter Howard on the loss of his g-grandfather who passed away on Nov 4th.

YOUTH

FLAME- will be this Wednesday night starting @ 5:15. We will be helping to prepare for the Thanksgiving meal & coat giveaway.

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

We didn't have any youth activities last week, but we do pick things back up this week. Our first youth activity will be FLAME on Wednesday night at 5:15. We will be helping get things ready for the Thanksgiving Meal and Coat Giveaway which is this coming Saturday. We will also have food provided before our mid-week bible study begins. Our next activity will be Saturday and as I have already mentioned, it is our Thanksgiving Meal and Coat giveaway. It begins at 11:30 and ends at 1:00. I encourage all our youth to come out and help in some way. There will be plenty of things to do, from helping serve food, to helping with coats, to helping clean up afterwards. If you have any questions about this event, please let me know.

In Him, Keith

PRIVELEGED TO SERVE

Sunday, November 15th, 2026

Welcome	Mike Burns
Song Leader	Mark Forster
Opening Prayer	Jacen Robertson
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	Andrew Peyton
Thomas Cook	Jon Holland
Derek Berryman	Phillip Shanks
Wendell Monroe	Drew Buttrey
Closing Prayer	Barry Phy
Card Collectors	Stirling Hurt & Luke H. Wright
Greeters	Wade & Terri Tummins
Cup Collectors	Youth
Security	Team #3

Sunday- 6:00 p.m.,Nov. 15th ,2026

Song Leader	Mark Forster
Prayer	Mike Robertson
Sermon	Keith Grigsby
Lord's Table	Wayne Vaughn
	John Hurt
Closing Prayer	Joe Smith

Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Nov 18th, 2026

Song Leader	Jimmy Long
Prayer	Dwight Stuart
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 11/082026

Sunday Morning Bible School	117
Sunday Morning Worship	212
Sunday Evening Worship	98
Wednesday Bible Study	121
Sunday Contribution	$8,948



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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

Staff

Ministers	-	*Every Member!*
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Youth	-	*Keith Grigsby*
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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

John & Erin's 2nd Mission Report is now avaliable If you have not received by email , there are some copies on the back table in the audirorium . Continue to keep all of them & their efforts in yr prayers.