

Who's Driving?

John Jones

On December 20th, 2025 a man named David Moss completed the first coast-to-coast fully autonomous drive across America. He left Los Angeles, California and 2 days and 20 hours later arrived in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. That's an impressive drive for anyone, but what made history was the fact that David never touched the steering wheel. His entire traverse across our beautiful country was done by the computer in his electric vehicle. It even drove him to 23 charging stops along the way. He just got out and plugged in his car! It seems like we are living in the future. The flying cars of the Jetsons in 2062 still seem a long way off, but maybe not!

Reading this news made me remember a popular bumper sticker from years past which read, "Jesus is my Co-Pilot." That has a good ring to it, but when we consider its message a bit further, I think its message is something like this: "I'm driving my life where I want to go and Jesus is right here in the passenger seat giving me some good travel advice." I suppose that's a nice sentiment...until we hit rough terrain. What about the times when we are completely lost and don't know which way to go? Or when we're tired and can't drive anymore? I don't want Jesus offering sage advice, I need Him driving!

In those stormy moments of life—the unexpected detours, the fog of uncertainty, or the weariness of traveling life's highway—we need more than a co-pilot. We need Jesus at the helm, fully in control. The hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," written by Edward Hopper in 1871, captures this perfectly:

"Jesus, Savior, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee;
Jesus, Savior, pilot me."

Jesus is not just a helpful advisor. He is the Master who calms the storm and guides us safely through. In Matthew 8:23–27, when a furious storm arose on the sea of Galilee, the disciples woke Jesus in panic: "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Who better to pilot us through this world than the one who created it?

David Moss trusted his vehicle's computer to navigate thousands of miles without intervention. How much more can we trust the One who created the hills, the seas, and our very souls? In 2026, as we face new journeys, let's move Jesus from the passenger seat to the driver's seat. Surrender control, find His voice in His Word, and trust in His guidance. He is the wondrous Lord who will bring us safely home. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5–6).

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

*W. R. Long-had to have a short hosp stay, now at home, keep in yr prayers

*Gary Davis-continued prayers his health continues to improve

*Jim Suddeth-continuing at home with new meds & a monitor

*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen's sister)-in Centennial due to infection-please keep in prayer

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER

*Jimmy Phy-CA

*Houston Howell

*Brian Gill-CA-treatments

*Lillian Childress-successful radiation treatment

*Casey Vailes

*Mack Winstead-CA-continued prayers

*Dale Street-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA

*Vicki Donegan-taking treatments-needs prayer

*Hudson Jones-{2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC-Leukemia}

*David Nowlin-CA treatments-WcoC elder

*Robert Gardner(friend of Bill Williams) CA

*Jackie Borders-Lauren Stuart's mom

*Alan Jones-esophageal CA-treatments

*Maggie Wright -(friend of N. Buttrey) CA

*David Stokes-(Jordan Stokes& Carly Stone's dad)& Drew Swearns step-dad

*Debbie Gafford-(friend of Diane Curtis)

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

*Sarah Bell

*Hattie Tate

*Al & Vicki Peek

*Betty Suddeath

*Diane Curtis

*Jerry Martin

*Claude Hurt

*Carlene Davis

*Chase Lewis

*Doug Simpson

*Sue Edmiston

*Alyssa Gold

*Carolyn Wilson

*Mike Gunn

*Scottie Lashlee

*Shane Cobb

*Larry Fuqua

*Janie Brown

*Savannah Patrick-(Rhett's syndrome-Marsha Patrick's granddaughter-she loves cards) c/o Jamie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN

*Josh Barnett

*Joe Wright

*Margie Gunn

*Warren(Johnny) Proctor *Marcia Simpson

Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons, TN 38363

Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726) (Traci Adams dad)

NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson, TN 37055

Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd. Waverly, TN 37185-**June Dreden**- Rm 204

Magnolia Place- 811 W. Main St, Waverly, TN 37185-**Jimmy Tyler**-(room 106)

Waverly Hills Post Acute-895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185-**Bertha Bradford**-rm 102A / Gary Pace

At Home in McEwen

Jim & Jane Ridings-172 Indian Ck Rd

Robert Bradford-347 Brown Mill Rd.

Jimmy Mullinicks-56 Mike Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies Tapestry Study Groups

Ladies, if you have signed up to be in one of the new study groups, the books are now on the back table. You will need to check your name off the lists when you pick up.



Ladies of Leatherwood's Annual Retreat
February {27-28}, 2026
Cost \$40.00
Speaker Judy Hinson
Flyers with more info on

We are Thankful & Blessed to share God's recent blessings within our congregation:

*The baptism of Celeste Birchett on Feb 8th. along with our brothers & sisters in Christ who have recently placed membership here:

*Tabitha Petty, along with Tristan, Paityn & Kenlee

*Dot Cathey

*Ray & Celeste Birchett

*Jon & Judy Holland

Let's be sure to let them know how happy we are each of them are here & to welcome & encourage them into the Lord's family & work here at McEwen.

IN FOCUS.

Faith, Obedience, Character, Unity, Salvation

Below is a list of upcoming youth events. If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

- FLAME - Wednesday 11th at 5:15
- CYC meeting -Wednesday 11th after bible study. We will meet in the fellowship room
- Devotional- Sunday Night Feb. 15th hosted by Wayne and Heather Coates
- FAST Group – Wednesday Feb. 18th 5:15
- Challenge Youth Conference – Friday Feb. 20th-Sunday Feb. 22nd
- Deadline to Sign up for the Youth Retreat – Sunday March 1st
- Youth Retreat Meeting – Wednesday night March 4th after bible class

Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, February 15th 2026

Welcome	Keith Grigsby
Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
1 st Prayer.....	Dwight Stuart
Sermon.....	John Jones
Lord's Table.....	Bruce Mayfield
Billy Buttrey	Drew Buttrey
Phillip Shanks	Wendell Monroe
Terry Parchman	Jack Grigsby
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Jim Suddeath
Collect Cards.....	Colt Stanfill & Abel Tummins
Greeters.....	Wayne & Heather Coates
Nursery.....	Not at this time
Collect Cups.....	Youth
Security.....	Team #4

Sunday 6PM February 15th 2026

Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
Prayer.....	Carter Howard
Sermon.....	John Jones
Lord's Table.....	Danny Dotson & Jesse Kilpatrick
<i>Closing Prayer</i>	Ronnie Tyler

Wednesday 6:30 PM, February 18th 2026

Lead Singing.....	John Hurt
Prayer.....	Andrew Peyton
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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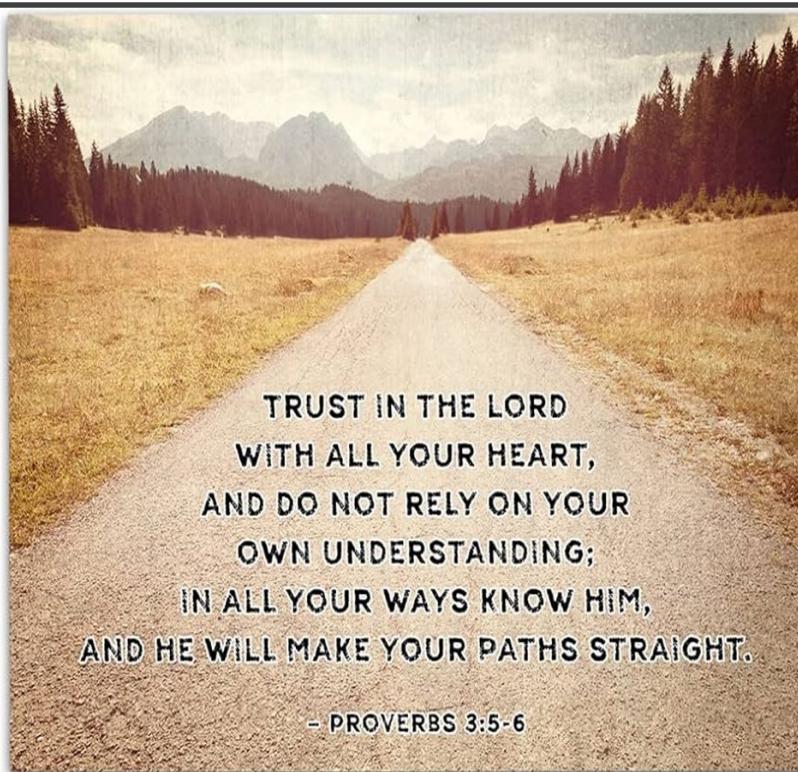


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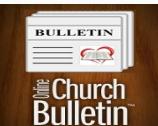
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to view!



OUR RECORDS for 2/8/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School -----	126
Sunday Morning Worship -----	201
Sunday Evening Worship -----	92
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study-----	59
Sunday Contribution-----	\$19,153

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
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Elders:

Calvin Buckner	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 - 3 there may be cards to work on this Wednesday night.}