

Where is God when we feel uncertain? We've all faced times in life when we didn't know what the future held nor what His plan could be. At other times, we felt we knew exactly what God had in store for our lives and then something drastically different happened. At these moments, we are left feeling unstable and insecure. We ask the hard questions: "Has God done this?" "Where is God right now?" "What is His plan?" but aren't sure of the answers. These questions don't mean that our faith is weak. They mean that our faith is strong and when we're suffering, the first place we look is our God.

In times of heartbreak and confusion, Scripture offers a tender promise: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (Psalm 34:18). God does not stand at a distance while we weep. He draws near to us. Two men from the Bible knew this truth personally: Job and David. Their stories remind us that uncertainty is not evidence of God's absence; it is often the very place where His nearness becomes most real.

Job's life collapsed overnight. Job lost his children, his wealth, his servants, and finally his own body to painful sores. Friends arrived only to accuse him of secret sin. Even his wife urged him to curse God and die. Sitting in ashes, scraping his skin with broken pottery, Job cried out: "Why have You made me Your target?" (Job 7:20). He questioned everything, yet he never stopped looking toward God. In the end, the Lord spoke—not with easy answers, but from the whirlwind, reminding Job of His power and intimate care. God had never left. He was present in the silence, in the questions, and in the restoration that followed. Job emerged with double what he had lost, but more importantly, he met God in a deeper way than comfort could ever have provided.

Centuries later, a young shepherd named David found himself on the run from King Saul, who hunted him like an animal. Anointed to be the next king, David instead hid in desert caves, writing desperate prayers in the dark. In one cave, he poured out his heart: "When my spirit grows faint within me, it is You who know my way... I cry to You, Lord; I say, 'You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living'" (Psalm 142:3, 5). David felt forgotten and afraid, yet God was not slow or distant; He was sheltering David. Saul's pursuit ended, and David eventually sat on the throne.

Both men teach us that God's closeness is not reserved for the strong or the certain. It is for the grieving parent, the unemployed, the betrayed spouse, the anxious teenager—anyone whose heart feels anxious. When we cannot see the path ahead, He is already walking it with us. Our questions do not offend Him; they invite Him nearer. In the middle of uncertainty, we can echo David's words and Job's endurance: "Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him" (Job 13:15). The God who was near to them is near to us. He sees every tear and hears every unspoken cry. Even when we cannot understand His plan, we can trust Him. The brokenhearted are never alone. God is right there, holding what we cannot hold, until the day He brings us to a place where there will be no more tears.

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}**

***Keith Grigsby**-keep in yr prayers in Horizon with Pneumonia/flu ***Bonita Madewell**-prayers for hit issues. ***Ty Adams**-knee surgery-April 2nd
***Sue Hill**-in Horizon with BP issues ***Becky Palk**-keep in yr prayers ***Scotty Palk**-back surg on April 2nd
***Marsha Patrick**- continue in yr prayers more Dr appts this week.

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER:

*Jimmy Phy -CA	*Chris McCurley -Walnut.ST COC	*Brian Gill -CA-treatments
*Lillian Childress -successful radiation treatment	*Casey Vailes	*Mack Winstead -CA-continued prayers
*Dale Street -(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA	*Houston Howell	*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)
		*Jerry Honea -cancer-prayers

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

*Jim & Betty Suddeath	*Hattie Tate	*W. R.&Louise Long	*Gary & Pam Davis	*Al & Vicki Peek	*Jerry Martin
*Wade Tummins	*Carlene Davis	*Chase Lewis	*Doug Simpson	*Joe Wright	*Judy Simpson
*Sue Edmission	*Alyssa Gold	*Carolyn Wilson	*Scotty Palk	*Margie Gunn	*Josh Barnett
*Shane Cobb	*Larry Fuqua	*Claude Hurt	*Marcia Simpson	*Nancy Daniel	*Thelma Davidson

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

{Assisted Living/Nursing Home/Rehab}

AHC Decatur County -726 Kentucky Ave,Parsons,TN 38363 Adams dad) NHC -812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055	Wyle Marshall -(Rm 726) (Traci)	At Home in McEwen
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
Waverly Hills Post Acute -895 Powers Blvd, Waverly, TN 37185- Bertha Bradford -rm 102A / Gary Pace		Robert Bradford -347 Brown Mill Rd.
		Jimmy Mullinicks -56 Mike Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Spring Meeting
 Begins this Sunday, April 5th
 thru the 8th with lessons on
{Jesus: Light, Liberty & Life}
 Sunday morning-John Jones.
 Then Sunday night @ 6:00
 PM & Monday-Wednesday
 @ 7:00 PM our speaker will
 be Issac Bourne.
 *Flyers are on the back table you can
 use to invite others & there will be
 no meal this Sunday, due to Easter.

**Elders, Deacons, Minsters—{Men's
 Business Meeting} this Sunday @ 5 PM.**

**Card Encouragement Program—First special
 thanks to Rhonda Suddeath for overseeing all
 these years & for all who have sent cards**
**We now have an (alphabetical) system set-up
 in the back of the auditorium which will work
 both ways 1) for you to put your encourage-
 ment/birthday cards in & 2) for each of us to
 check periodically since we may have a card
 there. This program has been such a
 blessing, lets continue to make it work!**

PLEASE JOIN US
 FOR A LADIES EVENT
 APRIL 18TH, 2026
 4 PM

Growing in God's Grace
 WITH GUEST SPEAKER
Dwina Willis

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE TWO LESSONS,
 DINNER, AND AN ACTIVITY.

MCEWEN CHURCH OF CHRIST

There are flyers on the back table
 you can use to invite other Ladies &
 upcoming food sign-up lists in foyer.

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



***Keith is currently sick in the hospital, please keep him in your prayers!!!**
 This was from Keith last Monday; This coming Saturday, April 4th @ 10:00
 am. Brunch first! Please bring food to share for brunch as we enjoy a meal
 together before the hunt. Also please bring pre-filled eggs or there are plas-
 tic eggs downstairs you can get & fill & bring back! Can't wait to see you
 there!! {We are still having, but if you could help with would be great!!}

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, April 5th 2026

WelcomeDwight Stuart
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Danny Dotson
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Wade Tummins
 Derek Berryman Jon Holland
 Billy Buttrey Thomas Cook
 Jack Grigsby Mike Burns
Closing Prayer.....Jim Suddeath
Collect Cards.....Colt Stanfill
 & Abel Tummins
Greeters.....Ronnie & Wanda Tyler
Nursery..... *Not at this time*
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #1

Sunday 6PM April 5th 2026

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Mike Tyler
Sermon.....Issac Bourne
Lord's Table.....Bary Phy
 & Ethan Tummins
Closing Prayer.....John Hurt

Wednesday 6:30 PM, April 8th 2026

Lead Singing.....Jacen Robertson
Prayer.....John Potter
Adult Class.....Issac Bourne

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 3/29/2026

Sunday Morning Bible School	-----	121
Sunday Morning Worship	-----	198
Sunday Evening Worship	-----	96
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	-----	104
Sunday Contribution	-----	\$8,281



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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
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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 there may be cards to work on this Wednesday night.