

Marriage is a Gift from God!

This past weekend, six couples from McEwen attended a weekend marriage seminar that Walnut St. church of Christ hosted. What a great blessing it was to hear a biblical perspective on marriage! While the world continues to mock monogamy, it was very refreshing to hear words of encouragement and strategies to help strengthen our marriages. If you’re married, I’d encourage you to take advantage of opportunities like these. If you’re not, I’d ask you to be an encouragement to those in our church family who are. It’s not easy, but with God’s help and a little encouragement, we can all help each other get to heaven!

What does the Bible say about marriage?

The Bible is full of wisdom on marriage, portraying it as a sacred covenant (Malachi 2:14) designed by God for companionship, mutual support, and reflecting His love. From its first pages, Scripture emphasizes marriage as a divine institution that honors God when lived out faithfully. Let’s examine what marriage means and how we can apply these truths in our lives today. Each verse reminds us that strong marriages aren’t built on fleeting emotions or cultural trends but on God’s unchanging principles.

Genesis 2:24 declares, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” The Creation story points out the unity and permanence of marriage. It teaches that husbands and wives are to prioritize their spouse above all other earthly relationships, forming a new, inseparable bond.

In **Matthew 19:6**, Jesus says, “So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” Addressing questions about divorce, Jesus emphasizes that marriage is a holy union orchestrated by God, not a contract to be broken. It encourages couples to work through challenges with forgiveness and perseverance, seeking God’s guidance to heal and restore rather than divide.

Ephesians 5:25 instructs, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.” Here, Paul draws a parallel between marital love and Christ’s sacrificial love for the church. This passage highlights the husband's role in leading with humility and self-giving devotion, not dominance. It challenges men to nurture and protect their wives. For wives, the surrounding verses encourage respect and submission, creating a cycle of mutual honor that strengthens the home.

These passages paint a picture of marriage as a reflection of God's love—committed, sacrificial, joyful, and pure. They aren’t just ancient words; they’re practical guides for navigating the joys and trials of married life. As we reflect on the recent seminar and these biblical truths, let’s commit to supporting one another in our congregation. Let’s pray for the marriages in our congregation and share encouraging words. Marriage isn’t always easy, but it’s a special way that God can shape us to be more like Christ. By leaning on His Word and our church family, we can build marriages that glorify Him. If you'd like resources for further study or upcoming events, let me know!

On Our Prayer List... Bertha Bradford-not doing well-new ph# 931-209-2252 Wesley Parrish-keep in prayer-no visitors@ this time
W.R. & Louise Long Sarah Parnell Marvin England Hattie Tate
Jerry & Kathy Martin Betty Suddeath Al & Vicki Peek Jim Tyler



<u>SURGERIES:</u> Michelle Lashlee-biopsy on 7/23 Traci Adams-home recovering fr surg	
*Lemuel Palk-(Ruth Banes & Hattie Tate's brother)home recovering from	THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER
*Barry Coleman-(friend of Marsha Patrick) bypass surg last Thursday	*KENNY FLEMING-CA meds/*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments
*Tim Smith (Toad's son) home recovering fr back surg.	*LILLIAN CHILDRESS-(Sherry Harvey's aunt) Lung CA
*Debbie Warren-keep in prayer Scottie Lashlee-several health issues	*DALE STREET-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA
*Claude Hurt-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers	*HOUSTON HOWELL-CA +tic bite infection
*Virginia Cherry-(John Jones grandmother)now in rehab/*Brian Gill -tumor	*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy's son) pancreatic cancer
*Jo Hall(Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler's sister) heart issues	*MACK WINSTEAD-CA-requesting prayers
*Devin Keith-(Morgan Peyton's brother) currently home with follow-up Dr. appts	*HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)
*Mike Gunn- now home recovering	*BETTY JAMES-having tests
*Steve Peyton-been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State	*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder
*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison's grandmother) requesting prayers.	*DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN'S NIECE)-CA
*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments	*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler's)terminal CA
*Helen Damesworth- in Belle meade rehab	*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart's mom
*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington's sister) having problems from lupus	*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA
*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek's family) having problems from lupus	*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy's neighbor)CA -currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers
*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England's brothers)/Marcia Simpson(Mike Burns aunt)	*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan's son)also has cancer
*Whitney(Bullion)Sager -home recovering	*LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) restarted chemo
*Alyssa Gold(R.Proctors Niece)	*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
*Shane Cobb-continuing to havemedical issues./Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn	*ALAN JONES - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments
	*DAVID STOKES-(Jordan Stokes & Carly Stones Dad) & (Drew Swears step-dad)

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204

AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall-hasn't been feeling well (Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad

NHC-812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes-R127

AT HOME: JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS	
 SUPPLY GIVEAWAY FRIDAY, JULY 25TH 5:30PM TO 7:00 PM MONEY DONATIONS MAY BE GIVEN TO KEITH, TERRI OR TERESA	 Give from the heart. Donate blood and help save lives. Blood Drive-will be here Monday, July 28th, 2025 from: 1:30pm to 5:30pm *To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: McEwenCommunity
LEAD LIKE THE LORD Wednesday Night - this will be our last lesson/speaker for this series! July 16th -Mark Forster-Hbw Do You Define Success?	
We will have a meal on Wednesday, July 23rd @ 5:15 before our singing. Desserts would be appreciated.	
YOUTH Rafting trip this weekend -July 18-20 th , all going, please meet here at the building at 8:30AM on Friday.	

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

Our youth had a few activities to be a part of this past week. It all began on Thursday with our Breakfast and Bible Study. We had a group of 10 youth and 3 adults in attendance. Once again we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast prepared by Laurie followed by our bible study. We are continuing to study from the book of Mark and each study has been a blessing. That wasn’t the only activity for Thursday however. That evening we headed to Crieve Hall church of Christ for their Summer Youth Series. Brayden invited us to be a part of their evening and I’m thankful we did. We had a group of 9 youth and 3 adults in attendance. Our final activity was our youth devotional Sunday night. We had 10 youth and 7 adults in attendance. We enjoyed a devotional period of singing and a lesson followed by a great meal and time of fellowship. It was a great night with great people!

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, July 20th 2025

WelcomeJim Suddeath
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Wayne Coates
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Bruce Mayfield
Glenn Ross Wade Tummins
Chad Vaughn Mike Burns
Matthew Dotson Joe Smith
Closing Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Collect Cards.....Colt Stanfill
& Abel Tummins
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth
Security.....Team #4

Sunday 6PM, July 20th 2025

Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
Prayer.....Jesse Kilpatrick
Sermon.....John Jones
Lord's Table.....Caleb Coates
& Ty Adams
Closing Prayer.....Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, July 23rd 2025

Lead Singing.....Bill Williams
Prayer.....Andrew Peyton
Adult Class.....Singing Night

**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 7/13/2025

Sunday Morning Bible School	— — — — —	115
Sunday Morning Worship	— — — — —	190
Sunday Evening Worship	— — — — —	102
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study	— — — — —	123
Sunday Contribution	— — — — —	\$8,730



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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

HUSBANDS
Love ^{your}
wives
even as Christ also loved the
CHURCH
and gave himself for it

EPHESIANS 5:25

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EVANGELISM PROGRAM

Continue to be:

1. Praying for those we are studying with
2. Continuing to provide new {Contact's} cards for us to reach out to

**(Team 2 - no cards to work on this
Wednesday night.)**