

Have we forgotten that the church of Christ is unique?
John Jones

One truth that we cannot overemphasize is that the church of Christ is unique in the religious world today. We claim to be the church you can read about in the Bible because we follow what we see as a pattern in the New Testament for the establishment of the Christian church. We meet together on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7) , sing songs of praise to God without instrumental musical accompaniment (Ephesians 5:19), give of our means to support the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:1–2), offer prayers to God (1 Timothy 2:1), and hear a message from God’s word (Acts 2:42). We do these things because this is what the early church did in their worship. We recognize the apostle’s doctrine of male spiritual leadership (1 Corinthians 14:33–34) but also appreciate the roles of service our hard-working women provide the church (Titus 2:3–5). We follow the pattern of each congregation having elders who lead the local church to follow Jesus (1 Timothy 3:1–6). We emphasize, scripturally, that baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). These biblical principles make us unique in the religious world today!

The ability to provide a scripture reference behind each of the spiritual activities we do is very important to us. We believe in biblical authority that comes from recognizing the Lord’s authority in the running of His church. He purchased it with his own blood (Acts 20:28), He built it (Matthew 16:18), and He is its head (Ephesians 5:23), therefore He commands and we obey. But those commands are given in a spirit of love because He knows what is best for us. When we obey Him, we recognise His love for us and respond submissively to Jesus because we love Him (John 14:15).

Unfortunately, I’ve recently seen some of our members act like the church of Christ is just one among many denominational options or, sadly, that their membership is only tied to where their parents raised them. I’m worried that we may be turning into the Israelites in Judges 2:10 - “And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.” I’ve heard some recently explain that former members here are now attending with the Baptists or Methodists and, instead of expressing deep sadness over this, act as if its better to be worshipping in falsehood than not at all. Don’t get me wrong, we love everyone. But our love for them ought to be shown in a deep concern for their souls. If we believe all churches are essentially the same, other than some minor differences, we have completely missed the point. Jesus built one church and disunity among Christians is condemned (1 Corinthians 1:10). Jesus calls all Christians to a unity that is founded upon the truth of His word (John 17:17, 20–23). If we give up on that, can we really claim to be Christ followers?

Do we know who we are and what we stand for? Do we understand the ‘restoration plea’? Are we still interested in Christian unity from a ‘back to the Bible’ perspective? Let’s encourage our brethren about makes us unique and invite everyone we know to join us in the ongoing work of restoration: restoring individuals to God and restoring the church to the pattern the apostles show us clearly in the pages of the New Testament.

On Our Prayer List... Linda Rodgers-@ Tracey’s house, still very sick, waiting to hear fr scan
Wesley Parrish-continuing at home-keep in yr prayers-still request no visitors
W.R. & Louise Long
Al & Vicki Peek
Betty Suddeath
Jerry Martin Jim Tyler Bertha Bradford-home -new ph# 931-209-2252 Marvin England Hattie Tate
SURGERIES: Kathy Martin- had nerve repair surg on 7/31 Michelle Lashlee-biopsy good, on bedrest

*Norman Gentry-having shoulder replacement surg on Aug 27th.
*Bristol Christian-3 yr old-heart surg went well 5065 Little Blue Ck Rd,Mcewen
*Gary Pace-(Geraldine Curtis brother)@Waverly Hills Nursing Hm-need prayers
*Barry Coleman-(friend of Marsha Patrick) bypass surg last Thursday
*Thelma Davidson-(Gwen Bullington’s sister) now ICU in Columbia-keep in yr prayers
*Scottie Lashlee-very good Drs report *Brian Gill-tumor-surgery
*Claude Hurt-in hosp-not doing well requesting prayers
*Jo Hall(Jimmy & Ronnie Tyler’s sister) heart issues
*Devin Keith-(Morgan Peyton’s brother)currently home with follow-up Dr. appts
*Mike Gunn- now home recovering *Betty James-home recover fr hosp stay
*Steve Peyton-been diagnosed with Cirrhosis of the liver-running tests to see if a good candidate for a liver transplant.In Washington State
*Carolyn Wilson-(Madison’s grandmother) requesting prayers.
*Josh Barnett-(Charlotte Heights CoC Minister)benign brain tumor@treatments
*Helen Damesworth- in Belle meade rehab
*Steve Rayburn-requesting prayers for upcoming shoulder surgery.
*Chase Lewis-(Vicki Peek’s family) having problems from lupus
*Doug Simpson-heart -(Ruby England’s brothers)/Marcia Simpson(Mike Burns aunt)
*Whitney(Bullion)Sager -home recovering *Alyssa Gold(R.Proctors Niece)
*Shane Cobb-continuing to havemedical issues./Carlene Davis/Margie Gunn
*Savannah Patrick-(Rhett’s syndrome-Marsha Patrick’s granddaughter-she loves cards)
C/O Jaimie Patrick—111 McJury Lane, Lafayette, TN 37083

THOSE DEALING/BEING TREATED FOR CANCER
*KENNY FLEMING—CA meds/*JIMMY PHY-CA treatments
*LILLIAN CHILDRESS-(Sherry Harvey’s aunt) Lung CA
*DALE STREET-(N. Buttrey grandfather)CA
*HOUSTON HOWELL-CA +tic bite infection
*ROY DELOACH, JR-(Roy’s son) pancreatic cancer
*MACK WINSTEAD-CA-requesting prayers
*HUDSON JONES-(2yr old son of Dan & Catherine, Walnut St COC- has Leukemia)
*DAVID NOWLIN-CA treatments-WCOC Elder
*DONNA BURNS-WAYNE&ANN BERRYMAN’S NIECE)-CA
*WANDA DOBBINS-(kin to Tyler’s)terminal CA
*JACKIE BORDERS- Lauren Stuart’s mom
*ROBERT GARDNER(Friend of Bill Williams) CA
*RANAE DUNCAN-(Bo&Amy’s neighbor)CA –currently had to be hospitalized while on vacation-asking for prayers
*CASEY VAILES-(Ranae Duncan’s son)also has cancer
*LARRY HAYES-(fr Waverly COC) in remission
*MAGGIE WRIGHT-(friend of N. Buttrey) chemo
*ALAN JONES - 4 Esophageal CA-taking treatments
*DAVID STOKES-(Jordan Stokes & Carly Stones Dad) & (Drew Swearns step-dad)

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME: Humphreys County NH 104 Fort Hill Rd., Waverly, TN 37185June Dreaden- Rm 204
NHC—812 N.Charlotte, Dickson,TN 37055- JoAnn Haley / Doris Stokes-R127
AHC Decatur County-726 Kentucky Ave, Parsons,TN 38363-Wyle Marshall-(Rm 726)-Traci Adams dad
AT HOME: WESLEY PARRISH- 166 Parrish Lane/ROBERT&{BERTHA} BRADFORD – 347 Brown Mill Rd
JIMMY MULLINICKS-56 Mike Street/JANE RIDINGS-172 Indian Ck Rd/ ELTON SMITH-7731 Hwy 70E

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Our 2025 Mid-Week Summer Series

In Christ Alone

August 6thSpencer Davidson, Nashville COC
August 13th.....Matt Cook, Stantonville COC
August 20th..... Dan Chambers, Concord Rd COC
August 27th.....Josh Ketchum, Beacon COC



Our Meal in August

will be a “Meet, Eat, then Meet Again” after the meal @ 12:15–Nb 6:00 PMservice that night. Our young men will be conducting the 2nd service.

“Teachers Appreciation Banquet”
Saturday, August 23rd @ noon @ Samuels on the Sq
*Sign up list in the foyer.

Speaker: Bill Williams

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

Saturday, August 16th
4-8 p.m.

Supper Provided!

Back to School

Speaker: Lonnie Jones
“Stay in Your Lane, Bro”
Lessons on Emotion & Self Control



RSVP: 931-582-6130
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday, August 10th 2025

Welcome	John Potter
Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
1 st Prayer.....	Ronnie Tyler
Sermon.....	John Jones
Lord's Table.....	Gerald Curtis
	Derek Berryman Danny Dotson
	Wendell Monroe Robert Proctor
	Matthew Dotson Jesse Kilpatrick
Closing Prayer.....	Mike Burns
Collect Cards.....	Colt Stanfill & Abel Tummins
Greeters.....	Not at this time
Nursery.....	Not at this time
Collect Cups.....	Youth
Security.....	Team #2

Sunday 6PM, August 10th 2025

Lead Singing.....	Mark Forster
Prayer.....	Barry Phy
Sermon.....	Brayden Grigsby
Lord's Table.....	Terry Parchman & Mike Robertson
Closing Prayer.....	Jack Grigsby

Wednesday 6:30 PM, August 13th 2025

Lead Singing.....	John Hurt
Prayer.....	Bill Williams
Adult Class.....	{Summer Series }.....Matt Cook
	{Tonight: The Power of Christ Alone}

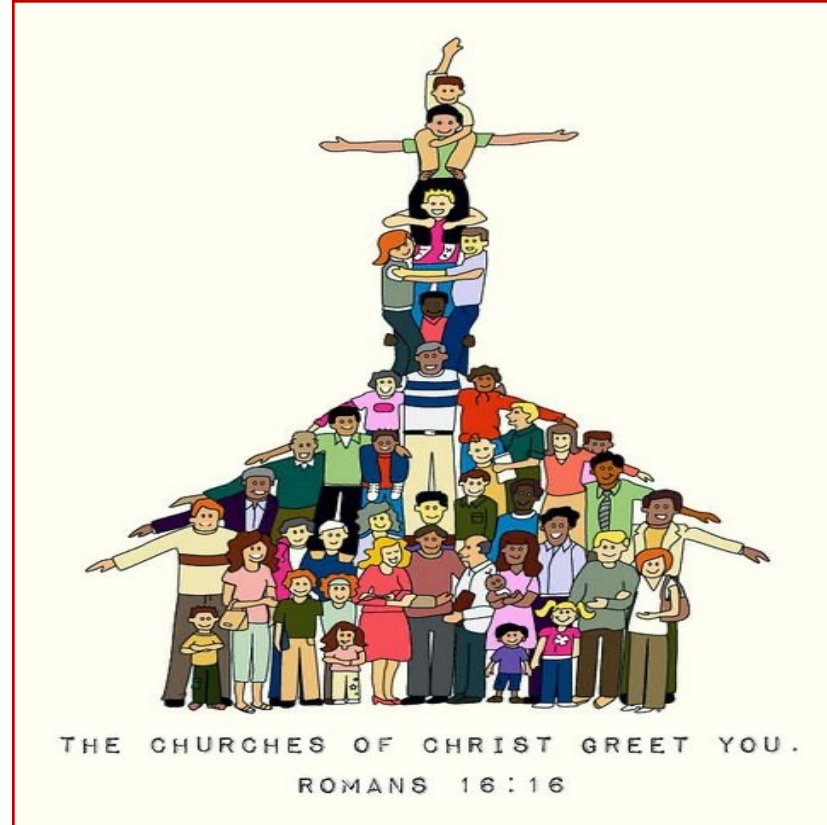
**If you are unable to serve.....please contact
Wade Tummins in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)*

**If changes need to be made in scheduling please
contact Jimmy Phy.*

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Sunday Morning Bible School — — — — —	106
Sunday Morning Worship — — — — —	179
Sunday Evening Worship — — — — —	100
Wed-Mid-Week Bible Study — — — — —	116
Sunday Contribution — — — — —	\$8,381



Ministers ----- Every Member
Pulpit ----- John Jones
Youth ----- Keith Grigsby
Secretaries ----- Terri Tummins
Teresa Fleming

{Team 1 - will have cards to work on this Wednesday night.}

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