Order of Worship

Song: #718 We Shall Assemble

Call to Worship

Song: #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Song: #315 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Lord's Supper

Song: #709 How Sweet, How Heavenly

Offering

Offering Song: #717 We Will Stand

Song: #719 Love One Another

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:21-26

Sermon "Therefore Be Reconciled"

Song: #948 I am Resolved

Family Time

Song: #711 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "Paul's Missionary Journeys and Churches He Established" with Jerry Fields

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

www.williamsburgcoc.org



Elders

Robert Beasley lim Bishop **Jerry Fields Bob Martin Anthony Ricks**

Minister

Archie R. Green

Secretary

Nancy Gilliam Email: ngilliam@williamsburgcoc.org Phone: 757-253-5662

Hrs: Tues - Fri 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

For The Record

Sunday Morning Worship Sunday Morning Bible Study 82 Sunday Evening Worship N/A Wed. Morning Bible Study Wed. Evening Bible Study Contribution Average 2023 N/A 46

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Class—I I:00 a.m. Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m. Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m. Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

> Williamsburg Church of Christ 227 Merrimac Trail, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (757) 253-5662

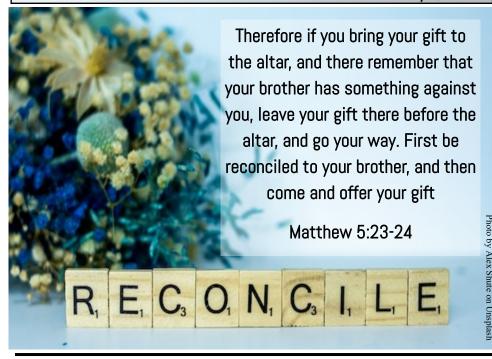
Find Us Online: www.williamsburgcoc.org





Volume 9 Issue 1

January 7, 2024



We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like lesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

"Leave Your Gift At the Altar"

So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

"I just can't worship there anymore."

We hear as a justification by some who leave to go worship elsewhere. The discord they feel in the church has become so great that they feel the only option they have left is to move to another congregation.

This is not always an option though. The next closest congregation for some is miles and miles away, so what happens is a different sort of separation. They just avoid those who have caused them trouble.

It is true that separation can lead to peace (in a sense). You can't argue when you don't talk. The problem is that Jesus hasn't given us that luxury. We cannot divorce ourselves from our spiritual family.

"But when I'm around that person I really can't worship at all," one may protest. Jesus only response would be to say you can't worship anywhere without first trying to reconcile.

Jesus would tell us that we do not even need to worry about worship. We shouldn't engage in even one act of worship before we've picked up the phone and called, or gone across the auditorium to talk to the person we've offended or who has offended us.

God desires mercy, not sacrifice.

Father, may we come before your presence this morning with clean hands and pure hearts so that you might accept our sacrifice to you.

- David Maxson

Happy Birthday

Nicole Hundley 12/31, Jim Landrom 1/4, Pearle Johnson 1/8, Beth Broxton 1/13, Keith Bucknam 1/13, Rene Kassing 1/28,

Wedding Anniversaries

Gene & Mary Balthaser 1/8, Anthony & Toya Ricks 1/19, George & Annie Washington 1/31

Church Family New

Congratulations!—Gene and Mary Balthaser will celebrate 70 years of marriage on Monday, January 8th. Their loving devotion to God and each other is an inspiration to all. Happy Anniversary, Gene & Mary!

Deepest Sympathy—We extend our deepest sympathy to the Willis family in the passing of Jim Willis. Jim was a former member and a kind and faithful servant of the Lord who worked closely with the children and teens in our congregation. Kevin and Alan's home addresses have been posted on the office bulletin board.

Volunteers Needed for Audio/Video Team—If you would like to join the Audio/Video team, please meet with Bro Chris Gary and Sis Tiffany Powers at the front of the auditorium at the close of this morning's service.

New Class Starts Today - A new Young Adult class for ages 20-40 led by Joe Garcia and Grat Tucker will begin today.

Reading Assistant Program (RAP)—RAP (Reading Assistance Program) welcomes your children for reading help! We have been in-serviced by Reading Specialists from William and Mary and want to put our training to use! If you would like your child to have some extra reading help, register by calling 757-253-5662. We meet at the building on Wednesdays between 4pm-6pm. Questions? See Beth Broxton

Congregational Meeting—There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, January 14th, following morning services, to present the 2024 Deacons.

Craft Day—Please bring lunch and a crafting project and meet at noon in the fellowship room for fellowship and fun. See Pat Little for more information.

Men's Breakfast—All men are invited to breakfast at the Williamsburg Cracker Barrel Restaurant at 9:30 am on Saturday, January 13th. See Tom Little for more info.

Neighborhood Evangelism—Join us in reaching out to the surrounding neighborhoods at 11:30 am on January 13th. See Chris Gary for more info.

Tuesday Ladies Bible Class—There will be a Ladies Bible Class at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 16th at the home of Tes Martin. Please see Tes Martin for more information.

Men's Bible Study—There will be a Men's Bible Study at 6 pm on January 12th at the home of Jerry Fields. Please let Jerry know if you plan to attend.

Saturday Ladies Class—A bi-weekly Ladies Class will meet in the fellowship room beginning Saturday, January 20th, at 10 am. Contact Sabrina Logan for more info.

Williamsburg & Peninsula coC Youth Devo—We will co-host the Youth Devo here on January 26th from 6:30–8:30 pm. See Jim Bishop for more information.

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

Amy Girimont - liver transplant
Sabrina Logan - health
Connie Williamson - health
Betty & Gordon Owsley - grieving
Mary Balthaser - recovering
Margaret Rose - health
Anthony Ricks - undergoing treatment
Levi Abbott - Children's National - D.C.
Ken Moran - health
K.P. Pressey - colon cancer

Long Term Concerns:

The Boisseau Family - health M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health Lena Stone - health Taylor Myers - health issues Regina Clark - MS India Johnson - health Cheryl Brown - health Abbott Family

Shut-ins Regina Clark Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Porter, Burroughs, & Knowles families- grieving loss of Donna Porter Martha Turner's friend, Susan Myers grieving loss of her husband Connie Broady's sister - depression Karen Kinder's son - depression Cara Patrick's brother. Celsus Patrick Vanita Baugn - health Jack Reese (Retired Preacher) - cancer Frank Logan's mother, Sophia - cancer Kay Himes' nephew, Carl Vandivier, sister, Francis & friends, Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Richard & Cynthia Cashore - health Peggy Boarman's son-in-law, Jim **Bristow** - current situation