

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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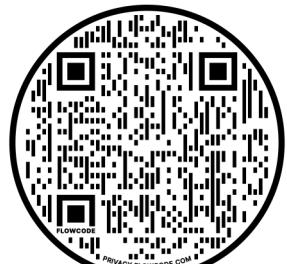
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card—**Red Folder**. Let us know how we can help.



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UPCOMING Events

Today!- No Children's Church

**Tonight!- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior
Living, 3 pm— No singing class**

Tomorrow! -Walking Group, 8:30 am

-Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

Jan 25- PM Church Potluck, 6:00 pm

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted.)



Tonight!- Devo at Jon/Kenna

Jan 25— Meet at Church

Feb 8— Superbowl Party

-At the Teel's

Feb 13-15— Winterfest

-Gatlinburg, TN

Contact Jon—270-635-1029 or

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Today!!- Cindy Stubblefield

Jan 20— Brock Shoulders

Jan 21— Tammy Allen

Jan 24— Adam Bridgman

Sermon Notes



Church of Christ

Jan 18, 2026

50 Words

(Psalm 23)

Have ever there been so few words that have spilled more ink, been memorized by so many people in nearly every language on earth or comforted as many as those fifty words of Psalm 23. These words escaped their setting and context millennia ago. They have landed in the hearts and ears of billions of people in billions of personal, private and unspeakable settings and contexts.

Psalm 23 carries power on its own. Like the other Psalms, it is most powerful when read without comment. When read during a crisis, or at a funeral, or wedding, or other shared event – the context needs no explanation. The Psalm speaks to all those who are present in the way that it needs to be heard at that time.

The line “though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death” has been sung by U2, Coolio (*Gansta Paradise*), Kanye West (*Jesus Walks*), and Weird Al Yankovich (*Amhish Paradise*). Psalm 23 was recited by George Bush on September 11, 2001, and by Barak Obama after the mining accident in West Virginia on April 25, 2010. The words of the Psalm have been used to reflect context and to create a new one. Such is the power of poetry.

Psalm 23 is recited by believers and unbelievers. It is one of those passages in the Bible that can be seen as a gateway. A door that those struggling with life or faith can gently push open and walk through at the beginning of their journey of faith. It is also, when better understood, a powerful affirmation of acknowledging God as the Good King who is our provider, protector, and guide.

There is embedded in this Psalm an assumption of following the Good Shepherd. There is no leading without following. There is no path of righteousness for those who refuse to submit to the leading of the Shepherd King. The imagery of Jesus as the Good Shepherd in John is a reminder of Psalm 23. The prophecies concerning the “stupid shepherds” (Jeremiah 10:21) contrasting with the “shepherds who will care for God’s people” (Jeremiah 23:4) are indications that we all need to be led. Everyone needs the generations ahead of them to teach them.

The writer of Hebrews says, “Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God; consider the outcome of their life, and imitate their faith.” (Hebrews 13:7). Good disciples will make good teachers. Good followers turn into good leaders.

“The Lord is my Shepherd!” We imitate our shepherds. We become like those whom we choose to follow. Psalm 23 is a door. It is a source of comfort in difficult times. It is accessible. It is also one of the most demanding of the Psalms. Growing into it is a worthy goal for all of us.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 25: 1; 8-10

Unto Thee, O Lord

I Am A Sheep

Prayer— David Stubblefield

I'll Fly Away

Boundless Love

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving: Jared Jones

LS: Jeff Phillips Landon Duggin

Chason Shoulders Ezra Bridgman

Every time

Contribution

No Children's Church

Precious Jesus, Hold My Hand

Scripture: Psalm 23 **Pete S**

Prayer— Terry Hampton

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

The Lord's My Shepherd

Benediction: Adaption of Psalm 25: 16-18

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Tim Teel

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Quincy Stephenson/Jon Stubblefield

Scripture: Kenneth Ashby

Monitor: Terry Hampton

Children's Church: Jon/Kenna

Sound booth: Kaylie Seesengood

Presiding LS: Jared Jones

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham, Jeff Phillips,
Landon Duggin, Chason Shoulders, Ezra Bridgman

Alternates for January:

Terry Hampton Dan Rust

Communion Prep: Hamptons

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 59

Worship— 107

Contribution— \$3,180.25

Wednesday— 57

*“How beautiful
are the feet of those who
preach the good news!”*

ROMANS 10:15, ESV



*We are glad you've
joined us for worship
today!*

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.

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David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley



Johnny Allen, recovering at home from shoulder surgery

John Benham, (Larry's friend), has cancer

Hobgood, (Larry's friend), has a brain bleed

Mike Pedego, (Byron's friend), has cancer

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Judy Horn, Barbara Lynch, Lisa & Emmy Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Christy Estrada, Jon Phillips, Dennis & Carol Warszona, Jama Doc, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, Alexis Coats, Linda Smith