

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

Contact Us:

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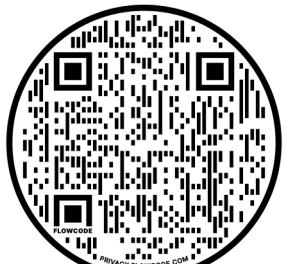
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Card—**Red Folder**. Let us
know how we can help.



SCAN ME

UPCOMING Events

Today!- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

Tonight!- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

- PM Church Potluck, 6:00 pm

Tomorrow!- Walking Group, 8:30 am

- Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

Feb 2- Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Rm 103

- Focus: Education

Feb 15- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3 pm

-No singing class

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



Tonight!- Meet at Church

Feb 8- Superbowl Party

-At the Teel's

Feb 13-15- Winterfest

-Gatlinburg, TN

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info.



Today!!- Bruce Rhye

Today!!- Dexter & Kathy Black

Jan 26- Diana Adams

Jan 27- Macey Scott

Jan 28- Debbie Malik

Jan 28- Dan & Betty Rust

Jan 31- Emily Duggin

Jan 31- Bruce Kittinger

Sermon Notes



Church of Christ

Jan 25, 2026

Growing Up in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-17)

Paul has laid the groundwork through prayer and instruction to get to the implications of what he has said in the first three chapters of Ephesians. We will see in chapter five that there were congregations under some stress and threat. “Look carefully then, how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise . . . because the days are evil.” (5:15). I believe that what we read here should be read in that context.

I recall a discussion with one of my professor/mentors many years ago concerning my frustration with churches I thought I understood in a different country. I didn't understand why they weren't doing some things I thought they should be doing. His response was that they were probably in survival mode. They were doing what they could with limited resources in a society that was not friendly to their cause. He was right. And those churches are still there. They are doing fine and many of them have grown over the years.

I believe that one of our challenges here is that we do not feel an existential threat that is constantly hounding us. We are not often pressed by forces outside that feel threatening to us. It is so easy to be a Christian that it is possible to remain childish for an entire lifetime. Some of us may have experienced a wonderful time in our Christian lives when we were part of something new or the church was growing. Thank God for those times but re-creating them is impossible using the same tools from years past.

It is necessary in our lives as Christians for us to grow. Growth means using what God has given us for the good of the church. Growth means continuing to study and learn and adapt. No church looks the same for fifty years and continues to thrive. Society changes, expectations change, and situations change. The power and beauty of the gospel is that it can move into any situation and transform it.

The text today begins with what we have been given, or maybe better our relationship to one another and to God. The series of “ones” at the beginning of chapter four is not something that we are to strive to get – it is what we are called to keep and keep in mind.

The gifts that we have been given are already here, among us. It is up to us to learn how to use them. It is up to us to encourage each other to use them. It is up to us to create space for those who are called to do a good work in the name of Jesus to have the room to do it.

Keeping what we have is not easy. It requires some things from us. It requires us to mature in Christ. Paul has more to say about this later, but in today's text he tells us that growing into the fullness of Christ will keep us focused and steady and stronger for the work we have to do.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Ephesians 4: 4-7

We Are One In The Spirit

Thank You, Lord

Prayer— Quincy Stephenson

The Church's One Foundation

Follow Me

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Jared Jones

Serving: LS: Roger Dillingham

Jeff Phillips Landon Duggin

Chason Shoulders Ezra Bridgman

Give Thanks

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Only A Holy God

Scripture: Eph 4:11-15 **Kenneth A**

Prayer— Jon Stubblefield

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Amazing Grace— My Chains Are Gone

Benediction: Eph 4: 1-3 (Adapted)

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Terry Hampton

Children's Church: Jon/Kenna

Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Larry Stone/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Daniel Davis

Monitor: Dan Rust

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Zach Pressley, Micki & Carson Clark

Presiding LS: Quincy Stephenson

Serving LS: Tim Teel, Joshua Scott

Bryson Shoulders, Jeremy Duggin, Pete Shoulders

Alternates for February:

Barry Webb, Keith Tapp

Communion Prep: Pressleys

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 66

Worship— 111

Contribution— \$13,180.25

Wednesday— 42

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

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,

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Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley

Everett Carlisle & his family, Gaye's relative, he is a 10 yr old boy with bone cancer

Johnny Allen, recovering at home from shoulder surgery

Reed Burgess, Brenda's brother-in-law, hospitalized with Covid

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

Jerry 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