

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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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.



Today! – Children’s Church, Rm 103

Tonight! – Singing Class, 4:30 pm

Tomorrow! - **Women’s Prayer Group, 10:00 am**

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Oct 17– Hayride/Bonfire at the Pressleys, 5—7 pm

Oct 18– Singing at Oak Ridge & The Paragon, 3 pm

Oct 25– PM Church meal

Oct 28– Fall Fest, 5:30—7:30 pm

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



Tonight!– Devo @ Hamptons

Oct 17– Hayride/Bonfire @ Pressleys
-5-7 pm

Oct 25– Meet at Church

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or
Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.



Oct 12– Ed Saley

Oct 14– Karen Pressley

***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.



Church of Christ

Oct 11, 2026

Faith Or Fear While We Wait

(Matthew 25:14-30)

This parable of the talents is one of the most overlooked of Jesus’ parables. Because of a linguistic accident, it is often seen taught and preached that we should use the gifts that God has given us. If we do that we will be able to do more and we will be further gifted by God. Let me make it clear from the beginning that while I agree with the thought that we should use our “talents” for God, that is not what this parable is primarily about.

As with nearly any parable there is more than one way to interpret its meaning. There are some who think that this would have been understood as making a choice to live according to the rules of the Roman empire or to resist by not cooperating with the master. This view sees a Roman landowner as the master gone on a journey and the hero is the one who hid his talent because he was pointing out the harsh treatment of the poor and slaves. It has merit but does not quite fit what else is going on around it.

This parable sits in a series of parables of waiting and being ready when the master or king returns. It follows what some have called Jesus’ “little apocalypse” in chapter 24. When he finished these sayings, he tells his disciples that he will be “delivered up” in two days’ time. He would be gone for three days and then he would ascend until “the close of the age.”

We often get caught up in the length of time that the church has been waiting. It seems the early Christians were just as anxious about Jesus soon/sudden return as we are today. This, despite the clear teaching of Jesus that his followers are to be faithful, prepared, and not anxious because no one knows the day.

So, this parable is primarily about faithfulness. The number of talents (amount of money in the parable) is not the point. The reward for the first two servants was the same. It is when we get to the third servant that things get interesting. I think there is something to be said about what we think about God affecting the way we practice our faith – or lack thereof.

I can’t help but hear Jesus’ warning in the Sermon on the Mount, “For with the judgement you pronounce you will be judged, the measure you give will be the measure you get.” (7:2). This verse along with what happens here to the third servant should strike terror into those who make it their life’s work to sit in judgment on the faith of others. Could it be that what we think of God has something to do with how he might judge us? It certainly affects how we treat other people.

Acting in faith will produce fruit of repentance. It will lead us to acts of justice and mercy. It will cause us to want to be washed of our sins and accept the grace that is extended to us. There is more than one way to act faithlessly. One is to go the way of the “fool” in Proverbs and say, “there is no God.” The other is to react with so much fear of being wrong that we cannot see our way clear to let the salvation of God be seen in our lives. May we follow the encouragement Matthew gives to his first readers and remain faithful until the close of the age.

FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Amos 5: 14-15

Cornerstone

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Prayer— Tim Teel

Ancient Words

I Love the Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving LS: Quincy Stephenson

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Contribution

Dismiss Children's Church

Only a Holy God

Scripture: Matt. 25: 14-19 Mark W

Prayer—Terry Hampton

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

Reach Out to Jesus

Benediction: Numbers 6: 24-26

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Kenneth Ashby

Children's Church: Em/Kenzie/Bert

Sound Booth: Daniel Davis

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: David Stubblefield

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Larry Stone/Bryson Shoulders

Scripture: Jon Stubblefield

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Zach Pressley

Presiding LS: Quincy Stephenson

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

Alternates for October:

David Stubblefield Jared Jones

Communion Prep: Shoulders

For the Record, Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 42

Worship— 90

Contribution— \$4,078.00

Wednesday— 36

Announcements:

Super Senior Trip: Oct 16-18

◇ Chattanooga, TN

Bonfire/Hayride: Oct 17th, 5-7pm

◇ Pressley's home

◇ Sign up sheets in the Lobby

Fall Fest: Oct 28th, 5:30-7:30 pm

◇ Sign up sheets in the Lobby

Bulletin Board:

◇ Thank you letter: Healing Hands International

◇ Thank you card from Pruitt family

◇ Honduras Mission Report, July-August

Expecting Parents:

Kevin & Samantha Russell (March)

Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (Girl, April)

Erica (Cameran) Seesengood

and Logan Winstead

Are getting married on Oct 27th.

It will be a private ceremony.

Please send cards to:

116 N Seminary St., Madisonville KY 42431



Goal met and exceed!! 102 boxes delivered to Healing Hands on Sept 29th.

Thank you, Pennyrile Family!!
Thanks for packing boxes, donating money, and making Christmas special for Honduran children.

Thank You!!!

Elizabeth Webb

Teel family, Krista's mother, Linda Bare, passed away on Oct 7th

Howard Seaton, his grandmother passed away

Megan Scott's family, her uncle passed away

Kevin Roberts, Emma Jean's nephew, has sepsis

Jerry Brown, Keith Tapp's brother-in-law, is recovering from a stroke

Darin Swaidner, recovering at home from hospital stay

James Allen, recovering from surgery on his ear on Sept 30th

Loria Rust, diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery scheduled for Oct 21st

Dan Evans, doing radiation at this time (his wife worked with Randy)

Paul McConnell, Rust's friend, recovering from surgery

Marsha Herndon, Mark's friend, was diagnosed with cancer

Alec Crowder and family, he is recovering from surgery and his wife is battling cancer



Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Lori Adkins, Dennis Warszona, Barbara Lynch, Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, Ronnie Hill, Callie Adams, Rebecca Nistrath, Sherry Logan, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, John Benham, Donna Stephenson, Johnny Allen, Todd Templeton, Kaci Rainwater Henry, Brenda Boganwright, Everett Beatty

Praying For Our Military Members:

Ryan Hill, Christopher Goodale, Hans (deployed) & Suraya Nistrath, Dalton Davis, Andrew Ashby, James Brahm, Nathan Dees, Dalton Daves, Jason Rushing (deployed), Christopher Brahm

Sunday 6 pm, The Old Testament, Roger