

WELCOME TO church



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 146: 1-6

All Hail The Power of Jesus's Name

Be Though My Vision

Prayer— Larry Stone

Magnificat

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Quincy Stephenson

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

Give Thanks

Contribution

No Children's Church

When We All Get To Heaven

Scripture: John 9: 1-7 Jon S

Prayer—Bryson Shoulders

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Benediction: Isaiah 35: 4-6

Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: David Stubblefield

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Zach Pressley

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Tim Teel/Terry Hampton

Scripture: Roger Matheny

Monitor: Larry Stone

Children's Church: Bridgmans

Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving LS: Quincy Stephenson

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— 50

Worship— 104

Contribution— \$6, 747.00

Wednesday— 41

Announcements:

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

Signup sheet in Lobby

Flyers in Lobby- Please give to friends

Meal Train: Shoulder's Family

<https://mealtrain.com/vmk6e8>

Erica (Cameran) Seesengood

And **Logan Winstead**

Getting married on Oct 27th

Please send cards to:

116 N Seminary St., Madisonville KY 42431

Expecting Parents:

Kevin & Samantha Russell (Boy, March)

Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (Girl, April)



Angela Shoulders, having surgery on Oct 21st

Loria Rust, having surgery on Oct 21st

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

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

Darin Swaidner, recovering at home from hospital stay, feeling better and stronger

Dan Evans, finished radiation, waiting on lab results (his wife worked with Randy)

Paul McConnell, Rust's friend, recovering from surgery

Marsha Herndon, Mark's friend, diagnosed with cancer

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

Ongoing Prayer List:

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

Military Family Members:

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

Sunday 6 pm, The Jews, Tim

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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Today!- No Children's Church

Tonight!- Singing at Oak Ridge & The Paragon,

- 3pm, **No** Singing Class

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Oct 25- **No** Singing Class, PM Church Meal

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

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted)



Oct 25- Meet at Church

Nov 6-8- Celebration at KY
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Contact **Jon** (270) 635-1029 or
Jared (270) 841-8542 for more
info



Today!!- Emery Jones

Oct 20- James Scott

Oct 21- Isaiah Scott

Angela Shoulders

Oct 24- Jared & Kelsey
Jones



Church of Christ

Oct 18, 2026

Seeing and Hearing – Showing and Telling
(John 9:1-41)

The prophets spoke of a time when the blind would see and the mute would speak. It would be a time when all people would be able to come into the kingdom of God. As Christians we believe that Jesus is that king and that when he was on earth, he did indeed cause the blind to see and the mute to speak. I believe that there were people who were blind and Jesus healed them. I also believe that one cannot read the gospels without understanding that there is much more to blindness and muteness than the physical inability to see or speak.

It is a short trip for most of us to take to understand that spiritual blindness is also a disease that needs God's touch to cure. There are, however, a couple of things about this that I have not considered until the past few years. There are reasons that we are spiritually blind. There are reasons that we are mute – as in not able to speak.

Imagine being surrounded by an empire that encourages the worship of any god of your choosing so long as it does not interfere with the “peace.” It was one of the brilliant strategies of the Romans to allow conquered peoples to keep their religions. This was the case in Judea, Samaria, and Galilee. But in keeping their religion there was necessary compromise with the empire so that the empire could maintain control.

This is what got Jesus and his disciples in so much trouble. This is what eventually led to Jesus' crucifixion. The Jewish people were not able to see any other way. This led their leaders into hypocrisy and defense of a system that kept them out of trouble. When Jesus healed people of their blindness in the Gospels they were able to see in ways they could not before. The story in John 9, today, is an example of this. Some of the blind followed Jesus.

Jesus' life and ministry shows us the kingdom of heaven. It allows us to see that the kingdoms of this world will not stand forever – His kingdom will. This helps us to see with less anxiety, less fear, and more hope than we could ever have imagined. The kingdoms of this world sometimes have a vested interest in keeping us blind to this truth.

As for being able to speak. Have you ever said or thought, “I can't say that here,” even though it really needed to be said. Have you ever done that and been stared at, talked about, or dismissed? Have you ever overheard something that should not have been heard? Empire needs us deaf and mute. The king of the universe opens our ears and frees our tongue because our allegiance is no longer to Rome/Babylon but to the kingdom of heaven.

And what is even more powerful than this? Followers of Christ have been given the task to continue to be witnesses to help the blind see and the mute to speak. The words for this are hope and justice. Showing people a different way to see the world and listening to the stories of people that need hope are a big part of the great commission.