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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Today!!- Special Contribution for Marvin Rivera

- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

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

-No Small Group at Niestrath's, 5:30-7:30pm

Tomorrow!- Walking Group, 8:30 am

-Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

Oct 26th-PM Church Potluck

Oct 29th- Fall Fest, 5-7pm

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



Oct 26th- Meet at Church Nov 2- Devo at Duggins, 5-7pm Nov 14-16- Celebration at KY Dam



Oct 20- James Scott Oct 21– Isaiah Scott Oct 21– Angela Shoulders Oct 24- Jared & Kelsey Jones

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Brock Shoulders, Buster Almon, Darin Swaidner, David Stubblefield, Jeremy Duggin, Steve Stoltz, Tim Teel, Zach Pressley



Church of Christ

Oct 19, 2025

But God ...

(Ephesians 2:1-10)

Paul begins his letter to the Ephesians by laying out a vision for God's people. He then continues that vision through a prayer for them. The second chapter begins the third wonderfully long and descriptive sentence, which ends at verse seven.

Paul wants us to know that we were created for good works in which God intends for us to walk. To do that, however, we must be dead to the passions that make us deserving of God's wrath. How is it, though, that someone who is dead can walk in good works?

In Acts 13, Paul was preaching in the synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia. He told them that the rulers in Jerusalem did not recognize Jesus or understand the prophets which told who he was. As a result, they had him crucified and he was laid in a tomb. Then we read that phrase that turns everything around. "But God. . . raised him from the dead." In Romans 5, Paul wrote that we were still weak, "But God. . . shows his love for us that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

In Nehemiah, when the nation was repenting of all that they had done to deserve punishment and exile, the Levites framed their repentance and return from exile with, "But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their neck and did not obey thy commandments; they stiffened their neck and appointed a leader to return to their bondage in Egypt. But thou art a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and didst not forsake them." (Nehemiah 9:16-17). And even as doom was impending, the prophet Joel pleads, "Return to the LORD, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil." (Joel 2:13).

It is this turn, "But God," and the character of God as being gracious and merciful that he makes us alive in Christ. We, as being dead and deserving of wrath, are in no position to save ourselves. Twice we are told in this text, "by grace you are saved."

But this grace comes with an obligation – as does all grace and gifts. Paul will come back to the theme how God's love and wisdom is seen in the church (3:3-4; 3:20-21; 5:1-2; 5:8-10), but here he wants to show the richness of his grace in those who are made alive in Christ. It is God's kindness that is to be seen in the lives of those whom he has called and sealed and are living in the narrative of the Kingdom of God.

Paul is turning everything that they believe about religion (Jewish or pagan) on its head. It is not our works that saves us. It is our salvation that lead us into the works that God would have us to do.





Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 145: 8-10,13

The Love of God Faithful Love

Prayer — Jon Stubblefield

In Need

How Deep the Father's Love

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving: LS: Terry Hampton

Johnny Allen Tim Teel

Jeremy Duggin Joshua Scott

The Gospel Song

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Scripture: Ephesians 2: 1-7 Steve S

Prayer—Keith Tapp

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Surely Goodness and Mercy

Benediction: Ephesians 2: 8-10

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt
Song Leader: Eric Seesengood
Monitor: Larry Stone
Children's Church: Hamptons
Special Needs Class: Hamptons
Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust
Song Leader: Mark Wilkerson

Prayers: Roger Dillingham/Bryson Shoulders

Scripture: Bryson Shoulders

Monitor: Jeff Phillips
Children's Church: none
Special Needs Class: Teels

Sound booth: Josh Lupo

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving LS: Kenneth Ashby , Johnny Allen Tim Teel, Jeremy Duggin, Joshua Scott

Alternates for October:

Brock Shoulders Barry Webb

Communion Prep: Shoulders

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class-68

Worship— 122

Contribution— \$6,645.00

Wednesday—46

Sunday 6pm, The Implanted Word, James 1: 21-25, Roger



Announcements:

November Calendar: in the Lobby

Fall Fest: Oct 29th, 5-7 pm—Sign up sheet in the lobby

- Flyers in the lobby - Please give to friends & family

Super Seniors Branson Trip: Nov 7th-9th

Praying the Bulletin: Sign up sheet in the Lobby

Bulletin Board:

Thank You Letter from Healing Hands International

• Gather 2025 Women's Retreat, Henderson COC, WKYC, Nov 14-16

Celebration, KY Dam, Nov 14-16, Deadline Oct 31



Lisa Lupo, Josh's mom, in hospital with asthma and bronchitis

Jon Philips, diagnosed with cancer

Michael Oglesby, (Jane's cousin) pray for healing

Chason Shoulders, PT after elbow surgery.

Daniel Davis, recovering from back surgery at home

Shannon Lockhart, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

DJ Belcher, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

Jan Rust (Dan's sister-in-law) passed away last Thursday.

Expecting Parents:

Jared & Kelsey Jones (Girl, Oct 20th)

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Watata, Kenya

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Del Brock, Sherry Rushing, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Barbara Lynch, Lisa Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Christy Estrada, Curt Frederick, Dennis Warszona, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Jama Doc, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, Judy Horn