

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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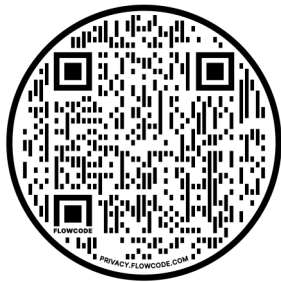
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Welcome Guests! Please
scan the QR code or fill
out our Connection
Card-**Red Folder** . Let us
know how we can help.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Today!- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

Tonight!- Singing class, Adult Classroom, 4:30pm

-**No** small group at Niestrath's, 5:30-7:30pm

Tomorrow!- **No** Walking Group, 8:30 am

-Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

Tomorrow!- Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Ladies' Classroom

- **Focus on Missions**

Oct 19th— **Special Contribution for Marvin Rivera**

- **Please start planning ahead**

Oct 19th — Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

- **No Singing class**

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



Oct 12— Devo at Rust's, 5-7 pm

Oct 18— Hayride at Pressley's,
4-8 pm

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



Oct 8— Bettye Grogan

Oct 10— Mike & Shirle

Dean

Oct 10— Ceil Baugh

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Deacons:

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



Church of Christ

Oct 5, 2025

Praying Like Paul

(Ephesians 1:15-23)

The opening verses of Ephesians pictures a story for us to live. It is full of the possibilities of living according to the grace and wisdom and assurance that comes from God. It is a story that can look past all the noise of life and see more clearly God's will for us – his children.

Paul includes the participation of the Father, the Son, the Spirit, and the believer in this narrative. The very next thing he says is, "For this reason. . ." It is because of that narrative he has just presented that he offers his prayer. It is also true that he has heard of their faith and their love, but that is not the main connection he makes here. (He does connect the report of faith and his prayers in Colossians and Philemon.)

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians moves us well beyond our needs for the moment. Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread. . ." He also reminded us that God takes care of the sparrows and the lilies, and he knows what we need. Jesus' prayer is also, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." It is easy for us to get so caught up in our own stories, which are important to God and to us, and not spend enough time considering those things beyond our daily needs.

In Ephesians 1:15-23, Paul gives us a powerful way to pray for each other that moves us from immediate needs into transformation. What he prays for them is three-fold.

First, he prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of God. For a group of people who have sometimes limited God's acting to what is written, this prayer may make us a little uncomfortable. It need not. I pray for myself and for others that God will reveal himself to them in their lives. When we take on the wisdom of God and start reading the Bible in that wisdom, it changes our vision. We begin to see God working in ways that we could not have seen before. It is God revealing himself to us in our lives, or in Paul's word's "having the eyes of our hearts enlightened."

Second, he prays that they will know deeply the hope to which we have been called. This is not a vain hope. It is not hope that is pulled around by events in this world. It is a sure and certain hope that has endured in the saints (Old and New Testament) for millennia. Through all the changes, the rising and falling of empires, natural disasters, plague, famine, and war – this hope has endured. The faith of Abraham still lives in the people of God. It will not disappoint.

Third, he prays that they will know the immeasurable greatness of his power in us. Later in the letter, Paul will talk about the mystery revealed in the church. He will talk about God's kindness to us. He will remind us that we were made alive when we were dead in our sins. He will remind us that we have been given good works to do. There is strength in unity and there is a battle to be fought against the principalities and powers. There is a lot for us to pray for each other that will transform us into a mature and strong body of Christ.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 24: 7-10

We Praise Thee, O God

He Leadeth Me

Prayer—Mark Wilkerson

I Love To Tell The Story

Had It Not Been The Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving: LS: Terry Hampton

Johnny Allen Tim Teel

Jeremy Duggin Joshua Scott

Contribution

There is a Bomb in Gilead

Dismiss for Children's Church

Our God, He Is Alive

Scripture: Ephesians 1: 15-19 **Darin S**

Prayer— Quincy Stephenson

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Restore My Spirit

Benediction: Psalms 146: 2-6

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Webb/Kaylie/Em

Special Needs Class: Hamptons

Sound Booth: Zach Pressley

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Prayers: Roger Matheny/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Ezra Bridgman

Monitor: Roger Dillingham

Children's Church: none

Special Needs Class:

Sound booth: David Stubblefield

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— 61

Worship— 105

Contribution— \$5,293.00

Wednesday— 49

Announcements:

Bonfire & Hayride at the Pressley's: Oct 18th, 4-8 pm

- Sign up Sheet in Lobby, All Youth & Extended Families

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

Directory Updates: on the table, in the lobby

Bulletin Board:

- ♦ Thank You Cards from **Sydney Aslion** and **Kathy & Dexter Black**
- ♦ Thank You Letter from Healing Hands International
- ♦ Ladies Day, Cedar Springs COC, Oct 18th, 9:00 am
- ♦ Ladies' Inspiration Day, North Lexington COC, Oct 18th

PRAYER list

Michael Oglesby, pray for healing

Chason Shoulders, recovering from surgery on his elbow at home

Daniel Davis, recovering from back surgery at home

Shannon Lockhart, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

DJ Belcher, (Hampton's friend) has cancer

Expecting Parents:

Jared & Kelsey Jones

(Girl, Oct 20th)

Missionaries/Missions

Paolo Mirabelli— Rome, Italy
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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

Sunday 6pm, The Christian & Temptations, James 1: 12-18, Sean