A Warm Welcome

Children's Song
Cong. Reading: Psalm 51: 10-13
Create in Me
It Is Well with My Soul
Prayer— Jon Stubblefield
How Shall the Young Secure their Hearts
Thomas Song
Lord's Supper
Presiding LS: Jared Jones
Serving LS: Tim Teel
Micah Bridgman Landon Duggin
Daniel Davis Bryson Shoulders
Thank you, Lord
Contribution
No Children's Church
When the Roll is Called Up Yonder
Scripture: Luke 17: 11-18 **Chason S**
Prayer— Keith Tapp
Lesson— Sean Niestrath
Have you Been to Jesus?
Benediction: Ezekiel 36: 26-27
Grace

TODAY—
Call to Worship: Barry Webb
Song Leader: Josh Lupo
Monitor: Jeff Phillips
Children's Church: None
Sound Booth: Carson Clark

NEXT WEEK—
Call to Worship: David Stubblefield
Song Leader: Eric Seesengood
Prayers: Terry Hampton/Quincy Stephenson
Scripture: Mark Wilkerson
Monitor: Craig Gazouski
Children's Church: Hamptons
Sound Booth: Zach Pressley
Presiding LS: Tim Teel
Serving LS: Jared Jones
Micah Bridgman Landon Duggin
Daniel Davis Bryson Shoulders
Alternates for November:
Barry Webb Buster Almon
Communion Prep: Almon
For the Record, Last Sunday:
Bible Class– 43
Worship— 102
Contribution— $3,581.00
Wednesday— 144

Sunday 6 pm, Jesus the Messiah, Jared

Announcements:

Bulletin Board: Thank you, cards: *Grogan & Stoltz families, Teel & Stubblefield families*

Expecting Parents:
Kevin & Samantha Russell (Boy, March)
Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (Girl, April)






The List is in the Lobby. We will be collecting in the Fellowship Hall

Items Due: November 15th




Robert Chilcutt, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery at Vanderbilt
Marsha & Charlie Herndon, Mark's friend, she is at Vanderbilt hospital for pain management due to possible cancer spreading
Barbara Stoltz, recovering at home from meniscus repair on her knee on Oct 20th
Angela Shoulders, recovering at home from surgery on Oct 21st
Loria Rust, recovering at home from surgery on Oct 21st
Teel family, Krista's mother, Linda Bare, passed away on Oct 7th
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)

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, Rylen Dame, Jason Rushing (deployed)

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 you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Today!- No Children's Church

- Young Adult Class, 1:00 pm

Tonight!- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Tomorrow!- Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 103

- Focus: Education

Nov 22- PM Church Meal

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted)

YOUTH GROUP

Nov 6-8- Celebration at KY Dam

Nov 22- Meet at Church

Contact **Jon** (270) 635-1029 or **Jared** (270) 841-8542 for more info

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nov 2- Teresa Dillingham

Nov 6- Jeremy Duggin

Nov 7- Roger Dillingham









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Nov 1, 2026

Lepers Are Cleansed!

(I Kings 5:1-17; Luke 17:11-22)

I have an unremarkable picture of a coffee mug on the table at my parents' house. It was the last thing I did before I walked out the door for the last time. The mug was the last thing I carried out. The house was completely empty. I placed the mug where my mom used to sit and drink coffee every morning. From there she could see who was coming into the kitchen and out the front windows of the house to see what the day was going to be like. The picture is not even a good one – but what it symbolizes cannot be put into words.

There is a tree in Mahr Park that I was passing not long ago on a walk. Well – it's half of a double trunked tree. You can see right through it. It is leaning, but still healthy and doing what trees are meant to do. I named it "the grief tree." It's just a tree – but it symbolizes something that cannot be put into words.

The Bible from beginning to end is full of such symbols and stories. That is why the more we read it and become familiar with its imagery the deeper the meanings get. I have encountered some who make a claim about what the Bible says. It makes sense to them. It even makes sense to me – but what is missing is the deep symbolism. The divergence of understanding in those cases is nearly impossible to bridge because our symbolic worlds are so far apart.

This brings us to this story of ten lepers in Luke 17. Jesus, considered by now a prophet, and possibly the Messiah is headed toward Jerusalem and going through Samaria. Remember it is Samaria where Naaman the Syrian was cured of his leprosy by Elisha. When Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah in his hometown of Nazareth, he was nearly thrown over a cliff for mentioning Elisha healing Naaman. He did not heal any that day in Nazareth because they only saw him as "Joseph's son."

When John the Baptizer wanted to know if Jesus was who they were looking for in Luke 7:18-23, one of the signs that confirmed Jesus was indeed the Messiah was, "lepers are cleansed." Lepers, famously, were not allowed to be part of the community. This was for their protection. When we read "leprosy" in the Bible, it is not only – perhaps rarely – Hansen's Disease. It is a skin condition of some sort that would require separation from community and worship. It would also require one to declare themselves "unclean" (see Leviticus 13).

So, being cleansed of leprosy would involve the symptoms going away and being healed. It would, perhaps more importantly for our understanding, mean being cleansed ritually. They would go to the priest and be declared clean so that they could return to their lives and worship.

So, when Jesus heals a leper in Samaria (an outsider among outsiders), there is little doubt that both messiah and Elisha would come into their minds. When that one leper returns to thank Jesus he is demonstrating his faith in God (much like Naaman did). It is interesting as well that it is after he returned that Jesus said, "Your faith has rescued you." The leprosy was easy for Jesus to deal with. The change of heart could only come from the one that was healed.