When We meet:

Sunday:

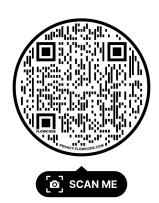
Bible Study 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Small Groups 6pm
Wednesday:
Bible Study 6:30pm

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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

Tonight!- Singing Class at 4:30pm Small Group at Niestrath's, 5:30-7:30pm

Tomorrow! -Walking Group, 8:30 am

-Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am

- Ministry Meeting 7:30 pm Ladies classroom

Nov. 7-9 - Super Senior's Trip to Branson

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



Nov 2- Devo at Duggins, 5-7pm
Nov 14-16- Celebration at KY Dam

Celebraturg -WITH-You,

"Today" -Teresa Dillingham

Nov. 6th: Jeremy Duggin

Nov. 7th: Roger Dillingham

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Church of Christ

Nov 2nd, 2025

Good Fences Make Good Neighbors?

(Ephesians 2:11-22)

We are wonderfully complex creatures. There are so many things that pull us in different directions at the same time. Most of us like routine and changes. Most of us like predictability and surprises. We like stability and growth. We like connectedness and individuality. We need all of these to be well-rounded human beings. For those that, for a myriad of reasons, are not so well-rounded we need each other to knock off the rough edges. For those that grow up in a hostile environment, it can be hard to connect and trust. Sometimes it takes a lifetime or generations to overcome hostility.

We value our languages and cultures. So much so that when another tries to take it from us, we resist, sometimes with our lives or the lives of others. So much so that we often think that our language and culture is superior enough to others that ours should survive and theirs shouldn't. We are very good at identifying "us" and "them." We will put in place definitions or barriers that others cannot or are unwilling to cross to keep ourselves separate.

To live in a world where such things are primary will continue to be a world of hostility. A world in which one society does not respect another will generate anxiety. A world in which one society tries to eliminate another will generate hostility. A world in which one group considers itself superior based on economics, law, education, technology, or government will be a world full of unnecessary walls and boundaries.

When I think about this, it seems a world without these things would be almost as frightening as the one we already have. A world without walls?! A world in which we feel no need to defend a language, culture, or ideals?! It is a stark reminder of just how far this world is from the one imagined by God. To be sure there are nations, clans, and languages in the Bible. They are considered blessings for the most part. Every nation that turns to God is blessed and feels no impulse to take from another. Every nation that turns to God understands that we are to help each other in times of crisis.

If we are going to be part of this wonderfully mysterious kingdom that God has invited us to be part, we should be in the business of removing walls. The 'dividing wall of hostility' that existed between Jew and Gentile was real (still is) has been, according to Paul in Ephesians, been broken down. People that were once enemies now have peace with each other.

The problem we have is that as soon as one wall is removed we are eager to build another. We, as God's people are in the business of making friends of strangers. We are in the business of bringing peace to those who are not at peace. We are people who understand that there is one body in Christ and we have access to God's Holy Spirit. Better than that, God's Holy Spirit dwell in us, his temple.





Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 67:1-4

Christ For The World We Sing

It Is Well With My Soul

Prayer— Brock Shoulders

Ancient Words

Come to the Table of Mercy

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Matheny

Serving: LS: David Stubblefield

Keith Tapp Darin Swaidner

Larry Stone Bert Pressley

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Rescue the Perishing

When We All Get to Heaven

Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-16

Prayer—Steve Stoltz

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Reach Out to Jesus

Benediction: Ephesians 2:19-22

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb
Song Leader: Josh Lupo
Monitor: Buster Almon
Children's Church: Jon & Kenna
Special Needs Class: David Stubblefield

Sound Booth: Zach Pressley

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt
Song Leader: Eric Seesengood
Prayers: Roger D/ Jon S
Scripture: Kenneth Ashby
Monitor: Quincy Stephenson
Children's Church: None
Special Needs Class: Hamptons
Sound booth: Kaylie Seesengood
Presiding LS: David Stubblefield
Serving LS: Roger Matheny, Keith Tapp,
Darin Swaidner, Larry Stone, Bert Pressley

Alternates for November:
Terry Hampton Dan Rust
Communion Prep: Almons

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class-51

Worship— 104

Contribution— \$8,093.00

Wednesday— 350

Sunday 6pm, The Sin of Partiality James 2:1-13, Quincy





Announcements:

Super Seniors Branson Trip: Nov 7th-9th
Praying the Bulletin: Sign up sheet in the

Lobby

Thanksgiving Baskets: Signups in the lobby, due date is November 16th, place items on table in the fellowship hall.





Lisa Lupo, Josh's mom, recovering at home
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



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