A Warm Welcome

Worship TOGETHER

Children's Song
Cong. Reading: Genesis 1: 26-28, 31
Magnificat
O Come, O Come Emanuel
Prayer— Quincy Stephenson
All Is Well
Christ We Do All Adore Thee
Lord's Supper
Presiding LS: Tim Teel
Serving LS: Jared Jones
Micah Bridgman Landon Duggin
Daniel Davis Bryson Shoulders
My Jesus I Love Thee
Contribution
Dismiss Children's Church
To God Be The Glory
Scripture: Romans 5: 1-8 **Chason S**
Prayer—Terry Hampton
Lesson— Sean Niestrath
Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus
Benediction: Ephesians 4: 6-7
Grace

TODAY—
Call to Worship: Barry Webb
Song Leader: Josh Lupo
Monitor: Jeremy Duggin
Children's Church: Jon/Kenna
Sound Booth: David Stubblefield

NEXT WEEK—
Call to Worship: David Stubblefield
Song Leader: Josh Lupo
Prayers: Keith Tapp/Steve Stoltz
Scripture: Kenneth Ashby
Monitor: Sam Lupo
Children's Church: None
Sound Booth: Zach Pressley
Presiding LS: Jared Jones
Serving LS: Tim Teel
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– 29
Worship— 82
Contribution— $2,178.00
Wednesday— 43

Sunday 6 pm, The Death of Jesus, Jon

Announcements:

Bulletin Board: Update- Wyatt Brown
- Christmas Play flyer, Dec 20th (please hand out)
-Lifeline Screening flyer, Jan 7th (please hand out)

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

December 20:
Christmas Carols & Snacks



All Ages Welcome!

Meeting:
2:30 pm at
Oak Ridge
Senior Living
Then to:
The Paragon
Ending:
Food at
Niestrath's Home





Tabitha Cummings, Tyler's fiancé, recovering from surgery, but being treated for blood clots
Robert Chilcutt, recovering at home from quadruple bypass surgery
Marsha & Charlie Herndon, Mark's friends, she is recovering slowly at home from hospital stay
Angela Shoulders, recovering at home from surgery on Oct 21st
Darin Swaidner, recovering at home from hospital stay



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 Phillips, Wyatt Brown, Benson Holmes, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, Callie Adams, Kaci Rainwater Henry, Dan Evans

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!- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

- Singing Class, 4:30 pm , PM Church Meal

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

Nov 25- Potter Christmas Presents Due

Nov 29- 5th Sunday Potluck & Meeting

- **Guest Speaker:** *Wilson McCoy*

Dec 13- Pennyrile Family Christmas, 5:00 pm

Dec 20- Caroling: 2:30 at Oak Ridge, next The Paragon, ending w/ food at the Niestrath's home

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted)

YOUTH GROUP

Tonight!- Meet at Church

Dec 13- Christmas Play,

- 5:00 pm

Dec 20- Caroling, 2:30 pm

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

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Today!!- Aaron Ashby

Nov 23- Barry Webb

Carolyn Browning

Kevin & Samantha Russell

Nov 27- Ashbie McGuyer

Nov 28- Kellie Duggin

Josh Lupo

Elders:

Barry Webb, Dan Rust, Sean Niestrath

Deacons:

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

Pennyrile

Church of Christ

Nov 22, 2026

The First Move
(Genesis 1; Romans 5:1-8)

According to the Bible, God created the heavens and the earth. The first two verses of Genesis tell us that God moved over the chaos, then he spoke – "Let there be light." Over the next six days, God created a world that is balanced beyond anything we can imagine. It has correctives built into it so that it has stayed inhabitable since the beginning. At the end of all his creating, he created man, to whom he gave dominion and responsibility.

God moved first. Without that, we would not exist – something that I cannot fathom. We all, whether we recognize it or not, owe our creator thanks for the world that he has given to us. This is a type of thanks that believers are bathed in every day. I will admit that there are days when that thanks fades a little. There are even days when I forget.

The act of moving first is a practice that I think Christians should imitate. First to praise. First to forgive. First to listen. First to lend a hand. Doing these things will help create an atmosphere where gratitude can flourish. It is true that there are those who have yet to learn gratitude, but that does not change how we should behave. God causes the sun to rise on the grateful and the ungrateful. God offers forgiveness to everyone – he has made the first move more than once.

That is a sort of thanksgiving. There is another sort described by Jeremiah in Jeremiah 30:18-19, it is thanksgiving that comes from being restored. It is thanks for being rescued. There is nothing quite like being in an overwhelming situation and suddenly and unexpectedly getting relief. It is amazing how quickly we can go from being enervated to energetic when we get good news. We also know that it doesn't always happen.

There is yet another thanksgiving that is of the same nature but runs in a different direction. It is that thanksgiving that we read at the end of Philippians, "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (vss. 6-8).

Thanksgiving is part of the air that we breathe. Our very breath comes from God. It is sometimes hard for us to understand all things that happen to us. We often do not accept them and fight back – which I think is part of what it means to be alive. As believers we can give thanks for the creation. We can give thanks when things go well. We can learn to give thanks to God even in difficult times. Because we know that the worst things are not the last things.