# A Warm Welcome

Worship TOGETHER

**Children's Song**
**Cong. Reading:** Psalm 107: 10, 14-16
***Worthy Art Thou***
***Be Still My Soul***
**Prayer**— Terry Hampton
***Amazing Grace- My Chains Are Gone***
***Come To The Table***
Lord's Supper
**Presiding LS**: Tim Teel
**Serving LS**: Buster Almon
Micah Bridgman Landon Duggin
Daniel Davis Bryson Shoulders
***The Gospel Song***
Contribution
**Dismiss Children's Church**
***Before The Throne Of God Above***
**Scripture**: Mark 5: 1-9 **Mark W**
**Prayer**— Quincy Stephenson
**Lesson**— Sean Niestrath
***Rescue The Parishing***
**Benediction:** Isaiah 43: 1-2
***Grace***

**TODAY—**
**Call to Worship:** David Stubblefield
**Song Leader:** Eric Seesengood
**Monitor:** Craig Gazouski
**Children's Church:** Hamptons
**Sound Booth:** Zach Pressley

**NEXT WEEK—**
**Call to Worship:** Dan Rust
**Song Leader:** Eric Seesengood
**Prayers**: Jon Stubblefield/Steve Stoltz
**Scripture**: Kenneth Ashby
**Monitor**: Roger Dillingham
**Children's Church:** None
**Sound Booth**: Kaylie Seesengood
**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– 56
Worship— 103
Contribution— $4,014.00
Wednesday— 55

**Sunday 6 pm,** The Spirit, Barry

## Announcements:

**Bulletin Board:** Thank you, card & note:
*Stoltz family & Angela Shoulders*
**Expecting Parents:**
Kevin & Samantha Russell (Boy, March)
Jon & Kenna Stubblefield (Girl, April)

## Potter Children's Home Christmas Collection

DELIVERING JOY

The List is in the Lobby
Collecting in the Office
**Due: Nov 25th**




The List is in the Lobby. We will be collecting in the Fellowship Hall
**Items Due: November 15th**




**Robert Chilcutt,** recovering at home from quadruple bypass surgery
**Marsha & Charlie Herndon,** Mark's friends, she is recovering at home from hospital stay
**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
**Darin Swaidner,** recovering at home from hospital stay
**Dan Evans**, lab results were not promising, may need to restart treatments (his wife worked with Randy)

Prayer List

**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, Wyatt Brown, Sherry Logan, Benson Holmes, Todd Templeton, Ronnie Hill, 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.

SCAN ME




**Today!-** Children's Church, Room 108

- Young Adult Class, 1:00 pm
- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

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

- Meeting at The Paragon, Contact Elizabeth

**Nov 15-** Singing at Oak Ridge & The Paragon, 3 pm

**Nov 22-** PM Church Meal

**Nov 29-** 5th Sunday Potluck & Meeting

- **Guest Speaker:** Wilson McCoy

(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted)



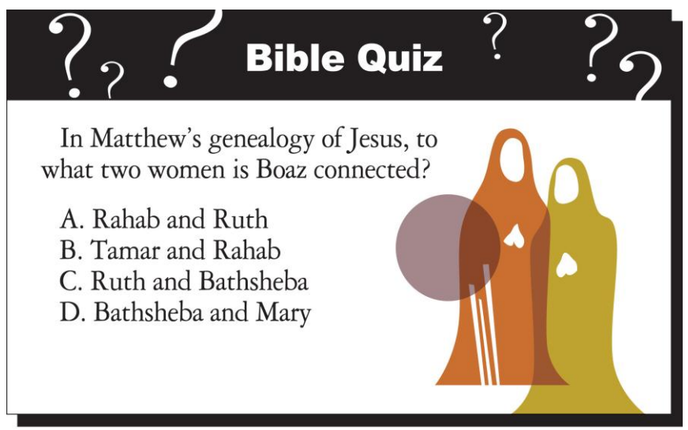

**Nov 6-8-** Celebration at KY Dam

**Nov 22-** Meet at Church

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




**Nov 12-** Cindy Stubblefield




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# Church of Christ

Nov 8, 2026

## What Sort of Being Is This?

**(Mark 5:1-20)**

When reading the Gospel of Mark, we move from scene to scene at a dizzying pace. The disciples were in a boat with Jesus and were caught in a storm as they headed to the mostly Gentile region of the Decapolis. When Jesus calmed the storm, they were struck with "mega fear." The RSV says "awe", but that doesn't do this justice. This was a fear much greater than they had felt from the storm. Probably because Jesus had just demonstrated power over it.

The question that was fresh off their lips as they stepped out onto the beach was, "What sort of being is this?!" Fresh off being rescued from a storm and possibly soaking wet, stunned from what had just happened – a terrifying being filled with legions of demons ran up to them. Out of the sea and into the wilderness of demons!

What the demons said is the most striking address to Jesus yet in the Gospel of Mark, "Jesus, Son of God, Most High!" The demons want to know what he is doing there and make an attempt to bind Jesus by an oath to leave them alone, but Jesus has already made his move by telling them to come out of the man."

Then Jesus asked the most important question that can be asked when helping someone escape torment, "What is your name?" What is remarkable here is that we never learn what the man's given name is – ever. He answered, "Legion, for we are many!" So far as we know, that is how he was known even when he went back to where he was from to tell what God had done for him.

There are some things about this story that we understand but still strike us as strange. Why did the demons want to stay in the area? Why was nothing said about the economic loss of the swine? To the first question it may have to do with how demons were understood in the ancient world as inhabiting certain places – if they were banished from there it was the end of them. To the second it may have something to do with, "Of how much more value is a man than sheep." (Matthew 12:12).

The whole areas villages came out to see what had happened. Their response was similar to that of the disciples in the boat. They were filled with fear. The mechanics of this encounter and asking Jesus to leave is similar to how an invading army would have been approached. It is as if they were saying, "We won't cause trouble, just leave us alone." They had in front of them one powerful enough to free them from their affliction and they were afraid. This still happens today.

But that is not the end of this story. The man wants to join Jesus and his disciples, but Jesus has a job for him to do. "Go and tell what God has done for you." We know that he did this because when Jesus returned to this area (in Mark 7), the people met him wanting to be healed and he fed 4,000 of them. This is how the gospel began to spread among the Gentiles while Jesus was still alive. I believe that it still works that way today. People telling what God has done for them, unapologetically and sincerely. Preparing the way for those who hear the story to hear the rest of the story later.