



Church of Christ

Feb 22, 2026

Healing Power of Confession (Psalm 32)

We are so very good at hiding, aren't we. From the very beginning, after Adam and Eve chose to go after that which, "looked good, tasted good, and made them wise", we have been hiding from God. We hear him coming and duck into the bushes. We hear his voice and are afraid to answer because we KNOW what we deserve.

From the beginning, even after that first betrayal of trust, God has fed us, clothed us, and called us back into a relationship with him. So much of what goes wrong in our lives is because of our own weaknesses and failings – and we know it. We would much rather hurt someone we know and love than take responsibility for our own sin. We will hurt people trying to help us just to keep from having to come out of the bushes with our nakedness exposed.

We have a choice. We can sing with the Psalmist the song, "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered!" This is not something that we can just lay claim to and be done. The next verse is key – "Blessed is the one to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit" (Psalm 32:1-2).

This is one of the great failings of the Christianity of our day. We want to lay claim to those things that "look good, taste good, and make us wise" while pretending that we are not naked. It is embarrassing for others to see how ill-clad we are while we think we have fooled them. We don't.

Until we all decide that there is no room for deceit in our lives, we will continue to struggle in our faith – not because of what happens to us – but because of our failure to acknowledge our sin. The Psalmist understood the connection with spiritual illness and physical struggle. When we spend so much energy hiding it affects every part of our lives.

The remedy is as simple as it is difficult. Confess your transgressions to the Lord. Acknowledge your guilt. Stop hiding in the places that you choose to hide. Run to God for refuge. Let Him be your hiding place.

God will teach us the way to go. His steadfast love for us will guide us in what we do. Pain – all types of pain – is a signal that something is wrong. To ignore it is to doom ourselves to a life that is less than God wants for us.

Confess your sins to God. Get rid of deceit and the fear that it causes in life. Let your upright heart cause you to shout for joy!



Today!- Children's Church, Ladies Classroom

Tonight!- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

-Cookie Outreach Assembly, 5:00 pm

-Cookies Due by 4:30 pm

-PM Church Potluck, 6:00 pm

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

Mon & Wed- Walking Group, 12:30 pm

Mar 2– Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Room 103

- Focus on Outreach

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



Tonight!– Meet at church,

5:00 pm

- All Ages Welcome

- Assembling cookie boxes

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.

Today!!- Gabriella Shoulders
Feb 25– Taylor Church
Feb 29– Dale Gunkel

Sermon Notes

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.



Welcome TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 32: 1-2

Just A Little Talk With Jesus

Holy, Holy

Prayer— David Stubblefield

I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger

I Love The Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Tim Teel

Serving: LS: Quincy Stephenson

Joshua Scott Bryson Shoulders

Jeremy Duggin Pete Shoulders

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Scripture: Psalm 32: 3-5 Ezra B

Prayer— Jared Jones

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

He Gave Me A Song

Benediction: Psalm 32: 10-11

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Jeff Phillips

Children's Church: Lupo/Curry

Sound Booth: Daniel Davis

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Prayers: Terry Hampton/Tim Teel

Scripture: Pete Shoulders

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Bryson Shoulders

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving LS: Roger Matheny, Joshua Scott,
Bert Pressley, Darin Swaidner, Buster Almon

Alternates for March:

Pete Shoulders, Larry Stone

Communion Prep: Almon

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 61

Worship— 103

Contribution— \$2,797.00

Wednesday— 45

Announcements:

Hope and Help Class: Fellowship Hall, 9:30 am

Will be starting the book—*You'll Get Through This* by Max Lucado

March Calendars: On the table, In the Lobby

New to Bulletin Board: Wedding Invitation, Ashton Lee & Griffin Timothy



James Allen, recovering at home from sickness

Kathy Killough, (Keith Tapp's friend), requesting prayers

Ed Saley, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery and preparing for a 2nd one

Suzan Rouse, (Danielle's aunt), recovering from surgery for a broken wrist

Sherry Logan, (Don & Pat McCuiston's daughter), requesting prayers

Elaine Brown, (Judy's daughter), recovering from a fractured foot & sprained ankle

PRAYER
list

Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Dennis & Carol Warszona, Barbara Lynch, Lisa & Emmy Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Christy Estrada, Jon Phillips, Jama Doc, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, Alexis Coats, Mike Pedego, John Benham, Johnny Allen, Everett Carlisle

Sunday 6 pm, The Kingdom And The Church, Romans 14:17, Jon