



Church of Christ

March 1, 2026

The Source of Our Salvation (Psalm 121; John 3:1-21; Matthew 17:1-9)

Imagine worshippers in the time between the testaments approaching Jerusalem. They can see it in the distance among the hills that surround them. They look to those hills and begin to sing, "I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where does my help come?" Then they fix on the mountain where the temple sits – "My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

They are heading to Jerusalem to observe the feast of Passover. They sing to each other, with all that they know about their history, "The Lord is your keeper, the Lord is your shade at your right hand." Imagine the other times of singing. On the steps of the temple as they approached to worship. For Christians Psalm 121 is near the beginning of what can be seen as a spiritual pilgrimage from distress to joy.

The focus as the pilgrims brought their lives to worship is to keep their eyes on God. To keep their eyes on the correct mountain and not be pulled away by the shrines set up on the other high places. Our help comes from God.

On another mountain, Jesus took Peter, James, and John to teach them an important lesson. They saw Jesus transfigured and standing with Moses and Elijah – the two greatest prophets. No doubt they were impressed. Peter wanted to build shrines for the three of them. At that point God spoke, "This is my son, the beloved; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" This would have been a shock to them. Wait . . . you mean listen to Jesus above Moses and Elijah! Yes!

Our help comes from God who gave us his Word through the life and teaching of Jesus. Our faith in God flows not through the law and the prophets, but through Christ. This is a radical change. This is the change Paul was trying to get the churches to whom he wrote letters to understand. Our help does not come from our good works. Our help does not come through our own understanding or looking to anyone else other than Jesus.

We are also called to look up to the Christ that was suspended between heaven and earth. I wonder if Jesus, when approaching Jerusalem in the week before he was crucified sang this Psalm. "The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life!" The swirling of the truth of this psalm along with the path for us to sing it, boggles the mind.

When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus, he challenged the teacher to believe the things that the disciples said. In the gospel of John, it means that those who read it should believe the testimony that is set in front of them. If we can't believe that, John says, we can't begin to grasp spiritual things. After Jesus explains to Nicodemus that he will be lifted up as the serpent in the wilderness (which was necessary for the people to look on to be freed from imminent death), John explains what he meant. What John wrote is perhaps the most quoted Bible verse in America. The source of our salvation is God. The source of our salvation is listening to Jesus, the son. The source of our salvation is to lift up our eyes and see what it looks like to conquer sin and death.



- Today!- No Children's Church**
- Tonight!- Singing Class, 4:30 pm**
- Tomorrow!- Women's Prayer Group, 10:00 am**
- Tomorrow Night!- Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm**
-Room 103, **Focus on Outreach**
- Mon & Wed- Walking Group, 12:30 pm**
- March 15- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3:00 pm**
- **No Singing Class**
- March 22- PM Church Potluck**
(all events happening at the building unless otherwise noted.)



Tonight!- Devo at Bridgman's Home

March 2- WKYC Registration Starts

March 8- Progressive Dinner

March 22- Meet at Church
Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or **Jared**—270-841-8542 for more info.



Today!!- Kenzie Scott
March 6- Ezra Bridgman



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!



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Genesis 12: 1-3

Raise a Hallelujah

Because We Believe

Prayer— Terry Hampton

Sing Hallelujah

Come Share the Lord

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Kenneth Ashby

Serving: LS: Roger Matheny

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

Darin Swaidner Buster Almon

Awesome God

Contribution

No Children's Church

Unto Thee, O Lord!

Scripture: Psalm 121 Pete S

Prayer— Tim Teel

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

Down to the River to Pray

Benediction: John 3: 16-17

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Bryson Shoulders

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Prayers: Brock Shoulders/Jon Stubblefield

Scripture: Roger Dillingham

Monitor: Daniel Davis

Children's Church: David/Alyssa

Sound booth: Kaylie Seesengood

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— 55

Worship— 94

Contribution— \$3,816.00

Wednesday— 45



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

Suzan Rouse, (Danielle's aunt),
recovering from wrist surgery,
starting PT

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



Announcements:

Bulletin Board:

- * Wedding Invitation for Ashton Lee Brophy
- * Door of Hope Flyer (Matching Grant)
- * Spawgetti Dinner Flyer, Mar 7th, First Christian Church



30 Boxes & 10 Mugs Delivered!!

Thank you to all who donated and helped put them together. There were enough cookies, brownies and muffins to fill all the boxes.



Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

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

Sunday 6 pm, Israel And The Land Promise, Joshua 23:14, Dan