



Church of Christ

March 8, 2026

Water of Life!

(Psalm 95; John 4:5-42; Exodus 17:1-7)

Being dehydrated is not fun at all. What's worse, by the time you *feel* dehydrated your body is already behind far enough that there is pain ahead – headaches, nausea, dizziness, chills, overheating. It can be dangerous. Water is life. Without it, things fall apart. It is in nearly everything that we touch.

Psalm 95 packs joyful singing, worship of God, and rebellion into eleven short verses. It may strike us as strange because of what appears to be hard turn in the middle of the song. Psalm 95 is used as a core text in the sermon we call Hebrews in the New Testament.

I think the way the Psalm is put together causes dissonance in us that is worth exploring. If you can imagine a scene of people engaged in joyful worship. All we can see are the worshippers. Then we look around. The camera backs off and we see that the worship is taking place in the middle of the desert. There is no obvious reason for the people to be joyous. The Psalmist is calling us to be like that.

The turn happens when we are reminded of those who were in a similar place and did not express faith through joy and worship, but complaining and fear. Fear causes rebellion. Hard hearts, not remembering what God has done for us, causes complaining. Rather than remembering that God has rescued us from a situation that we could not have escaped on our own we test him. We doubt his presence among us because we cannot see his salvation.

The way ahead for believers is always filled with opportunities for doubt and fear. It is fraught with chances to complain – about each other and our situations. Going into a land that we have never seen, by a way that we have never walked, can press out our fear. This is how we are shaped and formed by God. This is how we learn to have faith in him.

Jesus had a conversation about water with a woman. We are familiar with how unusual this conversation must have been. A Jewish rabbi talking to a Samaritan woman – even more, asking her for a drink. It is hard for us to imagine how this would have looked and sounded to the people of that day. There would have been suspicion all around. That did not bother Jesus. He had good news for her that day and was not going to let cultural scruples get in the way.

She was, in her way, in the wilderness: a Samaritan, a woman, a woman who had been cast aside by several men. She was thirsty for living water! She was ready to hear what Jesus had to say – she just didn't know who he was – yet.

We have stories of faith in the Bible. We have stories of faith in history. We have stories of faith in our families. They all require moving from what we know toward a land that we have not seen. They all require a journey through the wilderness depending upon God to keep us alive. Give us water to drink, O God, that we may enter your rest!



Today!- Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

Tonight!- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

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

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

March 29- 5th Sunday Potluck & Meeting

-Moving Yard Sale Items afterwards—Can Bring Large Items

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



Tonight!- Progressive Dinner

March 2- WKYC Registration

Open

March 22- Meet at Church

Apr 5- Easter Egg Hunt, 9:30 am

-All Ages Welcome

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.

Mar 10- Sadie Pruitt

Mar 11- Rita Stone

Teresa Mathis

Mar 13- Chason Shoulders

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.



FAMILY & FRIENDS ALL WELCOME



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 95: 1-7

Come Let Us Sing

Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down

Prayer—Brock Shoulders

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us

If That Isn't Love

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Matheny

Serving: LS: Kenneth Ashby

Joshua Scott Bert Pressley

Darin Swaidner Buster Almon

We Bow Down

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Christ Our Glory

Scripture: John 4: 7-14 **Roger D**

Prayer—Jon Stubblefield

Lesson—Sean Nistrath

Your Kingdom Until Then

Benediction: Romans 5: 1-2

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Daniel Davis

Children's Church: David/Alyssa

Sound Booth: Kaylie Seesengood

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: David Stubblefield

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Steve Stoltz/Terry Hampton

Scripture: Bryson Shoulders

Monitor: Quincy Stephenson

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Zach P/ Micki, Carson, Colton Clark

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— 51

Worship— 78

Contribution— \$4,778.00

Wednesday—42



Announcements:

WKYC & Uplift retreat flyers in the Lobby

Bulletin Board:

- * Thank You Card from Danielle & Family
- * Wedding Invitation for Ashton Lee Brophy
- * Door of Hope Flyer (Matching Grant)
- * Uplift at Harding University, Jun 20-26

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Deacons:

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Buster Almon,

Darin Swaidner,

David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley



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Watata, Kenya

Callum Pruitt, 2 yrs old, will be having surgery soon

Donna Stephenson, is recovering from a fall and head injury

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

Peggy Cunningham's family, Peggy passed away on Wednesday

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

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



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, Everett Beatty, Lisa & Emmy Dunlap,

Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Nistrath, Karen Wilkerson,

Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, Alexis Coats, Mike Pedego, John Benham, Johnny Allen

Praying For Our Military Members:

Ryan Hill, Tyler Malik, Christopher Goodale, Jason Rushing, Hans & Suraya Nistrath,

Dalton Davis, Andrew Ashby

Sunday 6 pm, The Restoration of Israel, Luke 21:24, Sean