

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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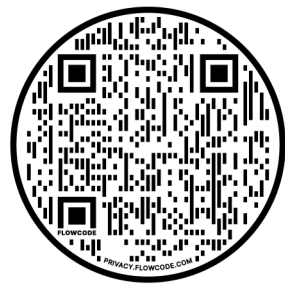
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card-**Red Folder** . Let us know how we can help.



UPCOMING Events

Today!- No Children’s Church

Tonight!- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living,

-3:00 pm, **No Singing Class**

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

Mon & Wed– Walking Group, 12:30 pm

April 26– PM church potluck

April 29– 5th Wednesday Singing

May 4– Ministry Meeting, 7:00 pm, Rm 103

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



April 26– Meet at Church

May 17– Senior Sunday

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or

Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.



Today!!- Carol Warszona

-April Bridgman

April 20– Wayne Adams

April 21– Ishmael Almon



Church of Christ

April 19, 2026

What to Do with Mercy?

(Matthew 18:23-35)

The first time Jesus speaks to a large group of people in the New Testament, he includes the line, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” (Matt. 5:7). Just a little later, when he is telling those gathered how they ought to pray he included, “And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors.” To make it clear, the first thing Jesus said after this prayer, “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father also will forgive you – but if you don’t . . .”

In Matthew 9, Jesus chides the Pharisees by quoting Hosea 6:6, “I desire [steadfast love] mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Matthew 9:13). This is followed immediately by three “acts of mercy.” He healed the daughter of a ruler, a woman with a disease that rendered her unrelentingly unclean, and two blind men who cried out for mercy. The Pharisees responded by casting out demons by the “prince of demons.”

In Matthew 12, Jesus, after his disciples had been accused of profaning the sabbath by plucking the heads of grain for something to eat, again quoted Hosea 6:6. Then he healed many people, notably a “test case” of a man with a withered hand. In Matthew 20, there are two more blind men that cry out for mercy as Jesus is going up to Jerusalem. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus pronounces doom on those Pharisees and scribes who refused to repent, ““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

The theme of mercy is strong in Matthew. It is used nearly as much as in the other three gospels combined (there are no instances in John). And in Matthew 18 we have a parable about a man who was shown extravagant mercy and yet did not extend it to others. The verdict is both clear and harsh. “. . . should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his lord delivered him to the torturers, till he should pay all his debt.”.

The message of Matthew is clear. If we have received mercy (and I will extend this to forgiveness and grace), we are not to keep it to ourselves. As in Matthew 23:23, God looks for us to weight our religion toward justice, mercy, and faith. For some reason we tend to weight it toward “keeping the law.” I am certain that there were those who Jesus taught and healed who did not fully grasp who he was – or at least what it meant for him to be who he was.

I think it is entirely possible that there were a few who were healed by Jesus that got caught up in the shouting of the crowd to crucify him. Some of those same people were there at Pentecost to hear Peter and the apostles preach. There was Saul of Tarsus, who knew that he had received mercy and spent his life extending it to others. Hence, even with all his strong teaching as people were learning about Christ, he rarely (almost never) excluded anyone. What are you doing with the mercy you have received?

WELCOME TO church



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Matthew 6: 9b-13

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Only a Holy God

Prayer— Tim Teel

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Nailed to The Cross

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Terry Hampton

Serving LS: David Stubblefield

Zach Pressley Chason Shoulders

Keith Tapp Micah Bridgman

Contribution

No Children's Church

You Say

Let God Arise

Scripture: Matt 18: 23-30 **Kenneth A**

Prayer— Dan Rust

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Benediction: Psalm 103: 8-12

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Sam Lupo

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Carson Clark

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Roger Dillingham/Roger Matheny

Scripture: Tim Teel

Monitor: Bryson Shoulders

Children's Church: Jon/Kenna

Sound booth: Daniel Davis

Presiding LS: David Stubblefield

Serving LS: Terry Hampton, Zach Pressley,
Chason Shoulders, Keith Tapp, Micah Bridgman

Alternates for April:

Jon Stubblefield Buster Almon

Communion Prep: Ashby

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 53

Worship— 98

Contribution— \$11,086.00

Wednesday— 52



Announcements:

Yard Sale:

Raised \$12,725.00

Thank you for all the help and donations.

May Calendars: **On Lobby Table**

Bulletin:

Thank you Card- *James Allen*

Honduras Mission Report-

Feb & March

Prayer Requests-

Potter Children's Home

Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)

Ed Saley, recovering from carpel tunnel surgery on left hand, April 10th

Suzanne Brummer, recovering from mastectomy, April 13th

Dexter Black, recovering from hip surgery, April 14th

Callum Pruitt, surgery scheduled for April 28th

Carol Warszona, recovering from foot surgery

Marcy Heldreth Cherry, (Shoulder's friend), mastectomy scheduled April 29th

Keith Ray, (Steve Stoltz's brother-in-law), diagnosed with colon cancer

Gage Kenny, (Shoulder's friend), liver & kidney issues

Donna Stephenson, recovering from a fall

Todd Templeton & family, (Ken's friends), he has cancer & they have ongoing health issues



Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Dennis Warszona, Barbara Lynch, Everett Beatty, Wyatt Brown, John Phillips, Linda Smith, Alberta Rust, Rebecca Niestrath, Sherry Logan, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, John Benham, Johnny Allen, Kathy Killough, James Allen

Praying For Our Military Members:

Ryan Hill, Tyler Malik, Christopher Goodale, **Jason Rushing (deployed)**, Hans & Suraya Niestrath, Dalton Davis, Andrew Ashby, James Brahm, Christopher Brahm, Nathan Dees

Sunday 6 pm, The Prophecy of Matthew 24, Matthew 24: 1-51, Quincy