

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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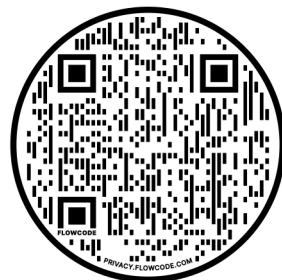
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card-**Red Folder** . Let us know how we can help.



UPCOMING Events

Today!- Children’s Church, Fellowship Hall

Tonight!- PM church potluck

- Singing Class, 4:30 pm

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

Mon & Wed– Walking Group, 12:30 pm

April 29– 5th Wednesday Singing

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

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



Tonight– Meet at Church

May 17– Senior Sunday

Contact **Jon**—270-635-1029 or
Jared—270-841-8542 for more info.



Apr 27– Danny & Gayle Lutz

Apr 29– Judy Gallagher

Mike Dean

Hudson Stubblefield

May 1– Carson Clark

May 2– Robert Chilcutt



Church of Christ

April 19, 2026

The Principalities and Powers

(Ephesians 6:10-20)

A couple of weeks ago we reminded ourselves of how countercultural Paul was in addressing the households of the churches in Ephesus. If there is any doubt as to his intention to call believers to challenge the world in which they moved around, look at what he says in his conclusion, “For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the rulers of this present darkness. . .” (6:12).

Everything in this letter can be seen as looking entirely foreign to the Greco-Roman world of Ephesus. It would not usually be explicitly obvious. But there would have been some things about them that might cause people to notice. They were honest in business. They told the truth. They were faithful in their marriages, businesses, and families. They treated even their slaves with human dignity. They addressed their women as equal before God – or at least they were instructed to do so.

Christians understand that the enemy is ultimately not another person. There is no room for hatred of another in the kingdom of God. There is room for justice. There is room for judgment. There is even room for a Christian to pray that God vindicate his people, but we must leave vengeance to God. In extreme cases, I believe there is even room for war (although this is controversial in every way imaginable). But hatred, prejudice, intentional inequality, thinking one group or person is better than another – never!

The enemies are those things that cause us to hate each other. The enemies are those systems that are built to preference one tribe over another. Yes – God chose Israel. Yes – God chose his church. But for what purpose? Not to build a special class of people, but to demonstrate God’s mighty power and his desire for all human beings to be reunited with their Creator. Remember there is “one body, one Spirit, one hope . . .”

The call in these verses is not to tear down governments or society. The call is to transform it, whatever it is, so that those people who are part of them will change. The call is for us to use the good gifts that God has given us to strengthen the church so that we can courageously contend with the principalities and powers.

I believe that too often in history the church has failed to do this. Too often she has used her power and influence to convince us to hate those who do not conform. Her precious story, the Bible, has been twisted to divide, harm, and repress. She has been captured from time to time by those very things she is called to contend against.

Pick up those mighty weapons of God and learn to use them; truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation! We, together, do this. This message is to the whole body, not just its individuals. Let’s help each other to stand against those things that cause us to harm each other.

WELCOME TO church



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 3: 1-4

Waymaker

When I Go Home

Prayer— Roger Dillingham

Thou, O, Lord Art A Shield

'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: David Stubblefield

Serving LS: Terry Hampton

Zach Pressley Chason Shoulders

Keith Tapp Micah Bridgman

Highest Place

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

Victory in Jesus

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-13 Tim T

Prayer— Roger Matheny

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

There Is Power in the Blood

Benediction: I Thess. 5: 8-10

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Bryson Shoulders

Children's Church: Jon/Kenna

Sound Booth: Daniel Davis

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Prayers: Quincy Stephenson/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Darin Swaidner

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Bryson Shoulders

Presiding LS: Jon Stubblefield

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham, Mark Wilkerson,
Daniel Davis, Ezra Bridgman, Larry Stone

Alternates for May:

Barry Webb Terry Hampton

Communion Prep: Shoulders

For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 58

Worship— 121

Contribution— \$3,018.00

Wednesday— 44



Announcements:

Bulletin Board:

Thank you card— St Vincent de Paul

Directory Updates:

On Lobby Table

Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)

Baptized on April 19th

William Lupo & Casey Douglas



Keith Ray, (Steve Stoltz's brother-in-law), diagnosed with colon cancer
Gage Kenney, (Shoulder's friend), diagnosed with rhabdomyolysis
Lori Adkins, (Bob Mcelvaine's daughter) diagnoses with breast cancer
Ed Saley, stitches removed, hand doing well
Suzanne Brummer, recovering from mastectomy, April 13th
Dexter Black, at Riverside Care & Rehab, in Calhoun (Room # 50)
Callum Pruitt, first surgery scheduled for April 28th
Carol Warszona, recovering from foot surgery
Marcy Heldreth Cherry, (Shoulder's friend), mastectomy scheduled April 29th

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 Nistrath, Sherry Logan, Karen Wilkerson, Benson Holmes, Lauren Turley, John Benham, Johnny Allen, Kathy Killough, James Allen, Donna Stephenson, Todd Templeton

Praying For Our Military Members:

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

Sunday 6 pm, The Book of Revelation, Revelation 20: 11-15, Jon