

**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.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**Today!**- Children’s Church, Rm 103

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

**Mon & Wed**– Walking Group, 12:30 pm

**May 17**– Senior Sunday Potluck, after services

- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

**May 24**– PM Church Meal

**May 31**– 5th Sunday Potluck & Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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



**May 17**– Senior Sunday

**May 24**– Meet at Church

**June 20-26**– Uplift

**July 19-24**– WKYC

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



**May 13**– Harper Ferguson

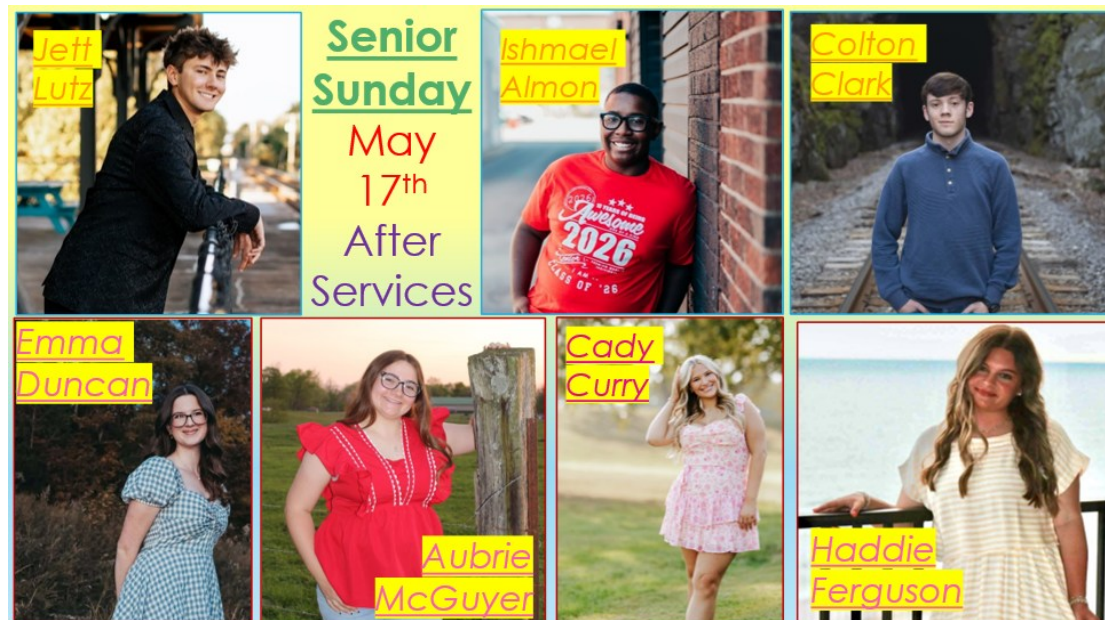
**May 14**– Dan Rust

**May 15**– Jim Miller

Rebecca Niestrath

**May 16**– Hunter Mathis

Jon & Kenna Stubblefield



# Church of Christ

May 10, 2026

## Of Shepherds and Sheep

(Matthew 18:10-14; Luke 15:3-7)

At the risk of stating the obvious, I know nothing about sheep. I like pecorino cheese and I like lamb with mint sauce, but I know nothing about the animals themselves. I have had to slow down or stop my car for a few minutes to allow a herd of sheep to move from one field to another. I even tried to talk to a shepherd once, but his accent was so thick I couldn’t understand a word. He did, as the book title says, smell like sheep.

The Bible has a lot of good things to say about shepherds. David was the great shepherd king. The leaders of Israel were called “stupid shepherds” (Jer. 21:10). Ezekiel accused them of feeding themselves and not the flock. The prophets look forward to the good shepherd king to restore Israel.

In the New Testament, the birth of Jesus was announced to shepherds before most people learned about it. Given that in Jesus’ day shepherds were looked down upon and seen as socially inferior. In the Old Testament, the Egyptians are especially noted as despising shepherds. This would not be lost on those whose shepherd king escaped to be “called out of Egypt.”

We could talk about how dumb sheep are, or how smart they are, or what they act like. But, as I said, I know nothing about them. What I do believe is that when Jesus was speaking to a group of people who had good religious and social standing with, “If a man has a hundred sheep . . .”, he would have had their attention. Their initial reactions would include, “well, he’s not talking about me.” But they also would have known the prophets’ words about the shepherds of Israel. They would also have known about their shepherd king, who was rejected before he was a hero.

There are a few things interesting about this little story that Jesus tells. I suspect that Jesus told it on more than one occasion. It is an example of the flexibility of parables as well as a reminder not to press meanings too far. Take the lesson at hand and move on. This story was possibly a popular one not original with Jesus – but since he is the master storyteller it was used to maximum effect.

In Matthew the parable is told in the context of humility and pointing to children as an example of that humility. It stands between Jesus teaching about resisting sin (If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out . . .) and forgiving those who sin against us. The chapter concludes with the parable of the unforgiving servant.

Luke puts the parable in a series of parables about lostness and being brought back to where we belong. In both instances there is great rejoicing over the sheep being recovered. In both instances there is value given to that one sheep as deserving the full attention of the shepherd because it is lost or has gone astray. This is what the kingdom of God is like. The story shapes us into being people who are not content with staying safely in the fold, but willing to go out and find those that have strayed – that’s God-like.

# Welcome TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Isaiah 40: 10-11

*The Lord My Shephard Is*

*The Lord's My Shephard*

Prayer— Roger Matheny

*I Am a Sheep*

*It Was Finished upon That Cross*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving LS: Jon Stubblefield

Mark Wilkerson Daniel Davis

Ezra Bridgman Larry Stone

*I'll Live For Him*

Contribution

Dismiss Children's Church

*Savior Like a Shephard Lead Us*

Scripture: Jeremiah 23: 1-4 Pete S

Prayer— Terry Hampton

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

Benediction: Hebrews 13: 20-21

*The Grace*

**TODAY—**

**Call to Worship:** Barry Webb  
**Song Leader:** Eric Seesengood  
**Monitor:** Tim Teel  
**Children's Church:** Bridgman/Curry  
**Sound Booth:** Kaylie Seesengood

**NEXT WEEK—**

**Call to Worship:** Byron Pruitt  
**Song Leader:** Josh Lupo  
**Prayers:** Brock Shoulders/David Stubblefield  
**Scripture:** Jared Jones  
**Monitor:** Zach Pressley  
**Children's Church:** None  
**Sound booth:** Tim Teel  
**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— 56  
 Worship— 102  
 Contribution— \$5,258.00  
 Wednesday— 52



**Announcements:**

**Bulletin Board:** Thank you card— Jeff Phillips,  
 Job posting – Door of Hope, Rome Pictures,  
 Financial Peace University Class, Starts May 19th

**On Lobby Table:** Card boxes for Seniors & Insert,  
 Directory Updates

**Intergenerational Art Collaborative**  
 A Cooperative Exhibit  
 by Friends Place Respite Care  
 and First Christian Church Preschool  
 Anne P. Baker Gallery | May 19-July 12, 2026  
 Opening Reception Tuesday, May 19 at 5pm

**Fairview Church of Christ**  
*Ladies Day*

Speakers June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026  
 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Come enjoy a day of fellowship with amazing ladies, two inspiring speakers, worship songs led by Carol Tapp, & lunch to follow.

Kindly RSVP by May 22<sup>nd</sup> at fairviewcfc@cox.net

Event Point of Contact: Donna Yancy 270-635-1808

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*"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth," Colossians 3:2*

**Summer Series:**  
**Wednesday Nights**

- May 27- Randy Travis
- June 10- Charley Herndon
- June 24- Ed Gallagher
- July 8- Marvin Rivera
- July 22- 5<sup>th</sup> Wed (Singing)
- August 5- Adam Bridgman
- August 19- Jimmy Bunch
- June 3- Ben Wacaster
- June 17- Jon Parlow
- July 1- Jon Riley
- July 15- Bryce Kittinger
- July 29- John Mark Hicks
- August 12- Charley Bazzell
- August 26- Bob Palmer

**Expecting Parents:**  
 Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)



**Larry Keith**, fell and broke his ankle, wearing a cast right now  
**Callum Pruitt**, recovering at home from first surgery and doing well.  
**Guage Clark**, recovering from surgery for a broken tibia & fibula  
**Lori Adkins**, (Bob & Bea Mcelvaine's daughter) diagnoses with breast cancer  
**Keith Ray**, (Steve Stoltz's brother-in-law), surgery went well, all cancer removed  
**Marcy Heldreth Cherry**, (Shoulder's friend), surgery went well, healing smoothly

**PRAYER list**

**Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:**  
 Diana Adams, Kathy & Dexter Black, Suzette Mooney, Sherry Rushing, Sister Josephine, Jama Doc, Kathy Killough, Carol & Dennis Warszawa, 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, James Allen, Donna Stephenson, Todd Templeton

**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, Dalton Daves

**Sunday 6 pm, Introduction to Daniel, Sean**