

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Today!- No Children’s Church

Today!!- Senior Sunday Potluck, after services

- Singing at Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

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

Mon & Wed – Walking Group, 12:30 pm

May 24 – PM Church Meal

May 27– Randy Travis Speaking

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

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



Today!– 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.

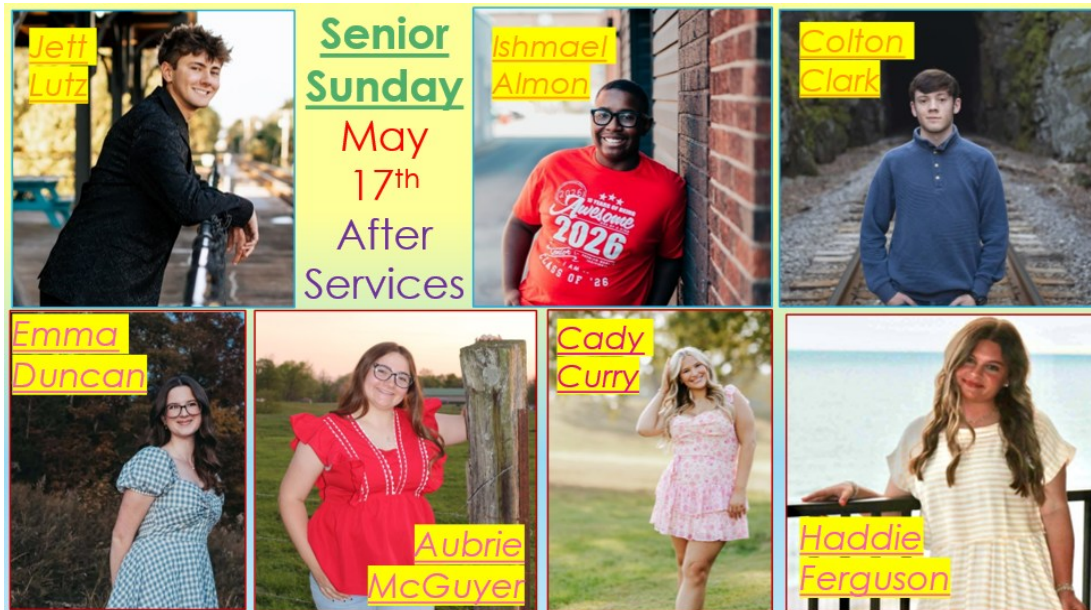


May 19– Zach & Karen Pressley

May 20– Lea Brown

May 22– Kenneth Ashby

May 23– Parker Mathis



Church of Christ

May 17, 2026

The Beginning Of . . .

(Genesis 1:1 – 2:5; Matthew 1:1-17; John 1:1-4)

When we hear the phrase “The beginning of . . .” something entirely different happens in our brains than when we hear, “In the beginning.” They both take us back in time . . . obviously. But the first way to phrase it invited us into the story in a way that the second doesn’t. They can both tell the story in a way that relates to us, but the first gets us there much quicker.

In Genesis 1:1 we read, “At the beginning of God’s creating the heavens and the earth . . .” Presumably we are part of the heavens and the earth when we hear this. This moves the story from being about the beginning to telling us how the world, and the universe originated. What Genesis 1:1 is telling us is that God is the source of creation.

In Genesis 2:4 we read, “These are the generations of the heavens and the earth . . .” Another way to think about this might be, “This is the story of . . .” This introduction is found in ten places in the book of Genesis. Each one begins with a person (2:4 being the exception) and tells the events that followed and their impact on future generations. For those who would have read Genesis it would have clarified where their neighbors fit into God’s story. It would have clarified their role in what God was trying to do in the world.

The Gospels of Matthew and John both recall Genesis. They both go back to “the beginning” This is one of the most fascinating and important connections in all the Bible. Understanding the first two words of each of these Gospels gives us a hint at what they were telling us. Understanding these words, and their implications, helps us to understand their different perspectives and how to read them.

The first two words of Genesis and the first two words of the Gospel of John are identical. There can be no mistake that John is connecting what he is writing with the universe. Jesus is the wisdom of God that was from the beginning – and He is God! This wisdom of God – that created everything – dwelt among us with grace and truth! This is a universal story that reaches back before time, and we are invited to be part of it. It is in the Gospel of John that a frightened and exasperated Pilate asks, “What is truth?” (18:38). Those who believe John’s witness know that truth was standing right in front of the one who asked the question.

The first two words of Matthew’s Gospel are identical to what we read in Genesis 2:4. This is the story of mankind. Matthew tells us his is the beginning of the covenantal relationship between God and man being restored. It was broken at the end of the story that begins in Genesis 2:4.

They both go back to the beginning. They are both rewriting Genesis – one as the source of all life and wisdom, the other as the source of the story of the kingdom of God and how we can be blessed in that kingdom. This is where we come from. It is for us to know the story well enough to see that we are part of it.

Welcome to Worship



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Proverbs 8: 1-3, 22-23

Praise the Lord

For the Beauty of the Earth

Prayer— Brock Shoulders

Thy Word

Living Hope

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Jon Stubblefield

Serving LS: Roger Dillingham

Mark Wilkerson Daniel Davis

Ezra Bridgman Larry Stone

Step by Step

Contribution

No Children's Church

When He Comes in Glory By and By

Scripture: John 1: 1-14 Jared J

Prayer— David Stubblefield

Lesson— Sean Niestrath

Where the Soul Never Dies

Benediction: Isaiah 40: 28b-31

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Sam Lupo

Children's Church: None

Sound Booth: Zach Pressley

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Prayers: Jared Jones/Bryson Shoulders

Scripture: Steve Stoltz

Monitor: Kenneth Ashby

Children's Church: David/Alyssa

Sound booth: Zach Pressley

Presiding LS: Roger Dillingham

Serving LS: Jon Stubblefield, 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— 43

Worship— 85

Contribution— \$11,974.00

Wednesday— 49



Announcements:

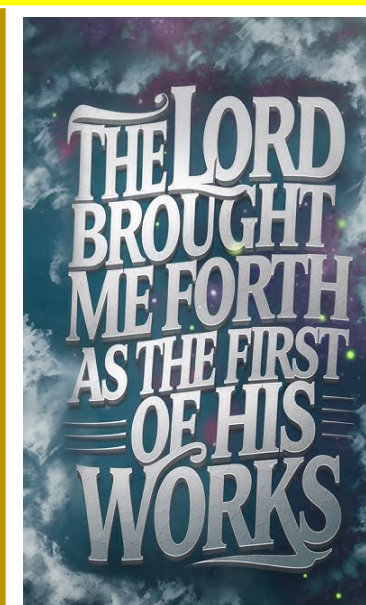
Bulletin Board: Rome Pictures,
Financial Peace University Class, Starts May 19th

On Lobby Table: Directory Updates,
Card boxes for Seniors (extra cards on table)

*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



Summer Series:

Wednesday Nights

- May 27- Randy Travis
- June 10- Charley Herndon
- June 24- Ed Gallagher
- July 8- Marvin Rivera
- July 22- 5th Wed (Singing)
- August 5- Adam Bridgman
- August 19- Jimmy Bunch
- June 3- Ben Wacaster
- June 17- Jon Partlow
- 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, wearing a cast on his ankle 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, all cancer removed



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, The Faith of a 15 Year Old, Daniel 1, Terry