

When We meet:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30pm

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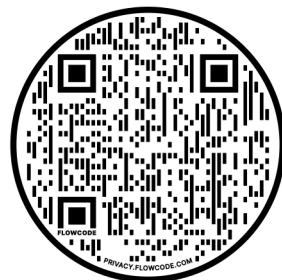
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Welcome Guests! Please scan the QR code or fill out our Connection Card-**Red Folder** . Let us know how we can help.



Today!- Children’s Church, Fellowship Hall

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

Mon & Wed – Walking Group, 12:30 pm

June 10– *Charley Herndon* Speaking

June 14– Wedding Shower– *Karson Teel & Emily Enoch*
-**1:00 -3:00 pm**, Fellowship Hall

June 21– *Jon Stubblefield* Preaching

June 28– *Jared Jones* Preaching

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



June 12– Lock-In

June 20-27– Uplift

June 28– Meet at church

July 19-24– WKYC

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



Today!!- Kinsley Carrols

June 9– Dianne Goodale

Kevin Russell

June 12– *Barry & Elizabeth*
Webb

Sermon Notes



Church of Christ

June 7, 2026

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever! (Psalm 136)

Psalm 136 gives us an opportunity to talk about a few things. We will save the most important for last. In the meantime, let’s consider a couple of incidental topics that have come up with this Psalm.

There are some songs that we sing that began to be referred to as 7-11 songs about forty years ago. (Seven words repeated eleven times.) This was usually said in a pejorative way. These were songs that played on emotion rather than reason – which was still a bad thing for some back in that day. They promoted “vain repetition” (KJV) like the type of prayer that Jesus warns against in Matthew 6:7. The *Living New Testament* made this misunderstanding worse by saying, “Don’t recite the same prayer over and over like the heathen do, who think prayers are only answered by repeating them again and again.”

The problem here is that we have a few Psalms that repeat the same line over again. The standard-bearer here is Psalm 136. Just to demonstrate how far we can cling onto misunderstandings based on faulty interpretation, I have heard this Psalm dismissed as an example of what not to do because it is in the Old Testament. Only once, but still it shows how much powerful beauty we can miss when we decide to defend rather than learn.

Ok, that’s out of the way, there are at least two powerful things to remember about Psalm 136. First, it was to be read antiphonally – which we will do this morning! The reader reads the first line, and the congregation repeats the second. I hope that when we do this, we will *feel* something. This is the story of God’s creation and the rescue of his people from slavery in Egypt. As Christians, we relate to being freed from sin and being led through the wilderness as we prepare to enter into the “land of promise” at the end of our lives here.

Something must also be said about the word we will read as “steadfast love.” It is a Hebrew word worth knowing – *hesed*. When the scholars translated the Septuagint, they used the word “mercy.” Some words represent ideas that are hard to translate into other languages. *Hesed* is one of those words. At its core it is covenant love that is always ready to act on behalf of the one with whom covenant has been made. It acts when the one in covenant relationship cannot act on its own. God, as is sometimes said, always goes first. He created. He provides the sun and rain and food. He gave us his covenant terms – faith and the “ten words.”

This phrase is repeated throughout the Psalm to remind God’s people that he has been with them every step along the way. Everything that he had done has been an act of his covenant love for his people – and it is not just once. It is every day. Recall Jeremiah’s use of the word as he was watching Jerusalem be sacked by Babylon – “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases!”

It is never said in “vain repetition.” It is to be repeated over and over as a reminder of who God is and how much he loves and provides for us. It will endure through the ages.

Welcome



Children's Song

Cong. Reading: Psalm 136: 23-26

The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Glorify Thy Name

Prayer— Roger Matheny

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Tim Teel

Serving LS: Quincy Stephenson

Landon Duggin Bryson Shoulders

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Thank You, Lord

Contribution

Dismiss Children's Church

Sweet By And By

Scripture: Psalm 136: 5-9 Darin S

Prayer— David Stubblefield

Lesson— Sean Nistrath

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

Benediction: Psalm 136: 1-4

The Grace

TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Monitor: Kellie Duggin

Children's Church: Webb/Em/Bert

Sound Booth: Carson Clark

NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Barry Webb

Song Leader: Ishmael Almon

Prayers: Terry Hampton/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Ezra Bridgman

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Colton Clark

Presiding LS: Quincy Stephenson

Serving LS: Tim Teel

Landon Duggin Bryson Shoulders

Pete Shoulders Jeremy Duggin

Alternates for June:

Keith Tapp Zach Pressley

Communion Prep: Duggins

For the Record, Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 51

Worship— 92

Contribution— \$3,525.00

Wednesday— 48



Psalms 136:1 KJV
O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Announcements:

Karson & Emily's wedding shower, June 14 , 1-3 pm
Registry Link: <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/guest-view/151T0J5J04RZ3>

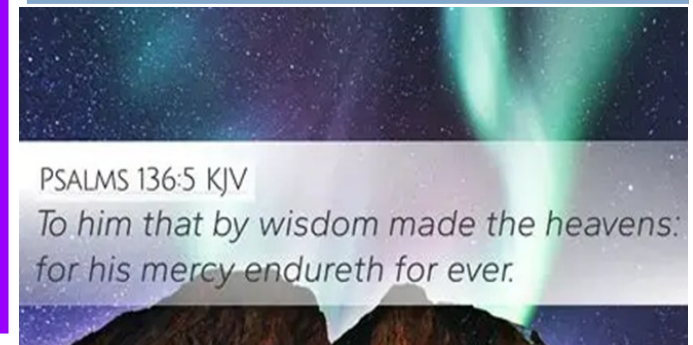
Expecting Parents:

Aaron & Mallory Ashby (Girl, Oct)

Elders:
Barry Webb, Byron Pruitt, Dan Rust, Sean Nistrath

Deacons:
Brock Shoulders, Buster Almon, Darin Swaidner, David Stubblefield, Jeremy Duggin, Steve Stoltz, Tim Teel, Zach Pressley

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Marvin Rivera— Tegucigalpa, Honduras
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Watata, Kenya



PSALMS 136:5 KJV
To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Carol Warszona, admitted to BH, room 429, after a fall
Byron Pruitt, recovering from fractured vertebrae at home
Rita Stone, recovering from hernia surgery at home
Larry Keith, replaced cast on his ankle
Callum Pruitt, recovering from 2nd surgery, getting ready for next one
Lori Adkins, (Bob & Bea Mcelvaine's daughter) doing chemotherapy
Ronnie Hill, (Glenda's brother-in-law), recovering at Encompass Rehab, hoping to come home Tuesday



Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

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

Sunday 6 pm, Faith In The Face Of Fire, Daniel 3, Tim