

**When We meet:**

*Sunday:*

Bible Study 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Small Groups 6pm

*Wednesday:*

Bible Study 6:30pm

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today!!-** Children's Church, Fellowship Hall

**Tonight!!-** *Singing Class, 4:30pm , Adult Classroom*

**Tomorrow!! -** Women's Prayer Group, 10am

- Contact *Elizabeth Webb* for location

**July 30th-** *Summer Series— 5th Wed Singing*

**Aug 4th—** Ministry Meeting, 7pm, Ladies' classroom

**Aug 17th—** Singing @ Oak Ridge Senior Living, 3pm

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



**Aug 3—** Devo @ Stubblefields,  
5-7 pm

**Aug 17—** Devo @ Wilkes, 5-7 pm

**Aug 22-24—** WKYC Retreat

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



**Today!!** *Joseph & Micki Clark  
Dennis & Carol Warszawa*

**July 28—** Sarah Wilkes

**July 29—** Shelia Hampton  
Joseph Clark  
Mitchell & Natalie Lutz

**July 30—** Helen Boro  
Larry & Kathy Keith

**July 31—** Karen Wilkerson

**August 2—** Haley Gill

## Sermon Notes

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# Church of Christ

July 27, 2025

## Clothed in Humility

**(I Peter 5:1-11)**

I wonder what it would have been like to be a shepherd of one of the congregations that Peter was addressing. He found it necessary to write things such as, “do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal . . .”, “If you suffer . . . have no fear of them.”, and “. . . keep your conscience clear, so when you are abused . . .” He reminded them that they were to not be like they were before but to put away malice and guile and insincerity.” He had the temerity to address women and slaves as human beings that could make their own decisions.

The congregations were having to navigate an environment that was hostile to their way of thinking and the effects that it had on their lives. As he concludes his letter to a church under duress, he places an extra load in the form of encouragement on those who were elders. I expect that a proud or overbearing elder would not last long in such an environment. What would it be like to tend a flock of believers in such a world. How does one keep Jesus as Lord and still “honor the emperor”? How does a man manage a household now that his servants have been given instruction that went above his head? How does a man learn to be gentle with his wife so that his prayers are not hindered (this would have been shocking to most).

Those who served as elders did not do so because society expected it of them. They did not do so because it gave them social or financial advantage. They did not serve to tell others what to do but rather to act in such a way as to be imitated by the flock. All of this was counter cultural.

Peter reminds the elders of two things: First, there is a Chief Shepherd to whom they will answer. Second, they are to serve with humility. The “younger men” (although I suspect he is addressing everyone) are encouraged to be subject to the elders. They, too, are to clothe themselves with humility. Again, all these cut against the culture of that day . . . and this one.

The reason, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” This reminder is followed by a series of short encouraging imperatives that help us to survive spiritually in a hostile environment. Perhaps we need to think a little bit about what a hostile environment looks like. It is not just persecution, which I am certain happened to some. It can also exist in a world where everything is going well. King Ahab, in the Old Testament, reigned over a time of richness and prosperity. It caused the prophets to cater to the king and turn their back on God. God's prophet, Elijah, ended up running for his life even after demonstrating God's power.

It is easy for us to think that our prosperity is a result of our hard work. I have learned in my life that there are people who work much harder than I ever have and will never be prosperous in the way that I understand it. Humility keeps that thought near to the surface and reminds me that there is nothing that has happened to a human being that could not happen to me.

Peter's encouraging closing to his letter gives us the strength and the how of resisting the devil. Knowing that the One in us is greater than the one in the world is powerful if we will but acknowledge that our will(power) alone is not enough. When a group of people with a purpose clothe themselves in humility it becomes possible to change things for the better.

# WELCOME TO church



## Children's Song

Cong. Reading: 1 Peter 5b-7

*Living By Faith*

*Faithful Love*

Prayer— Brock Shoulders

*How Deep the Father's Love*

*O Sacred Head*

Lord's Supper

Presiding LS: Roger Matheny

Serving: LS: Terry Hampton

Larry Stone      Keith Tapp

David Stubblefield      Landon Duggin

*The Gospel Song*

Contribution

Dismiss for Children's Church

*He Loves Me*

*Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?*

Scripture: 1 Peter 5: 1-5 Ezra B

Prayer— Jared Jones

Lesson—Sean Niestrath

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction: Psalm 55:22

*The Grace*

## TODAY—

Call to Worship: Byron Pruitt

Song Leader: Eric Seesengood

Monitor: Buster Almon

Children's Church: Webb

Sound Booth: Tim Teel

## NEXT WEEK—

Call to Worship: Dan Rust

Song Leader: Josh Lupo

Prayers: Roger Dillingham/Steve Stoltz

Scripture: Pete Shoulders

Monitor: Jeremy Duggin

Children's Church: None

Sound booth: Zach Pressley

Presiding LS: Jon Stubblefield

Serving LS: Quincy Stephenson

Bert Pressley      Buster Almon

Bryson Shoulders      Butch Blanton

Alternates for August:

Terry Hampton      Dan Rust

Communion Prep: Matheny

## For the Record

Last Sunday:

Bible Class— 59

Worship— 123

Contribution—\$6,874.00

Wednesday— 62



## Announcements:

- Sunday School— **August 3rd**— Sunday School— Kids transition to next grade

- **Cathy Saley- Meal Train emailed out**

Here is the Link: <https://mealtrain.com/v2rwo6>

- **Bulletin Board:**    -Mind Matters— August 7th
  - Potter Children's Home, Fall Festival— Sept 20th
  - Favored Women's Conference, Gatlinburg, TN- Sept 19-21

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## EXPECTING PARENTS:

Jared & Kelsey Jones (GIRL, OCT)

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## Deacons:

Brock Shoulders,

Buster Almon,

Darin Swaidner,

David Stubblefield,

Jeremy Duggin,

Steve Stoltz,

Tim Teel,

Zach Pressley

**Margaret Church's family**, she passed away on Friday morning

**Alberta Rust**, back injury, at BH, Room 434

**Cathy Saley**, recovering from shoulder surgery

**Daniel Davis**, recovering from back surgery

**Karen Wilkerson**, home from the rehabilitation hospital

**Cecili**, Potter Children's Home, Had surgery for congenital heart defect

PRAYER  
list

## Ongoing Health Concerns and Prayer:

Diana Adams, Dexter & Kathy Black, Suzette Mooney, Del Brock, Sherry Rushing, Jami Unland, Jim Miller, Sister Josephine, Barbara Lynch, Lisa Dunlap, Wyatt Brown, Hanna Gates, Christy Estrada, Curt Frederick, Skyler Ipock, Dennis Warszona, Juana Belgrave, Benson Holmes, Jama Doc, Rebecca Niestrath

**Sunday 6pm, The Chosen**